



TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1716

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Holding the 70th FIFA Congress as a virtual meeting on 18 September 2020

Dear Sir or Madam,

We refer to circular letter no. 1711 dated 11 March 2020, wherein it was communicated that the 70th FIFA Congress, initially planned to take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 5 June 2020, would be postponed to 18 September 2020 due to concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since then, the situation has worsened and remains critical. Many authorities have declared a state of emergency and have enacted measures to reduce the risk of the virus being transmitted, for example, by requiring social distancing, restricting travel and limiting the number of people at gatherings.

In this context, on 13 March 2020, the Swiss Confederation issued the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Based on art. 6b of this ordinance, and as an entity headquartered in Switzerland subject to Swiss law, FIFA may, like other Swiss-based associations, organise its annual Congress remotely, and allow its member associations to exercise their rights, including voting rights, in writing or online.

As the health of the members of the football community is key to the decision-making process, and in view of the impracticability of holding a physical gathering with all of FIFA's member associations in the same place in September of this year, the Bureau of the Council took the decision, on 11 May 2020, to convene the 70th FIFA Congress as a virtual meeting on 18 September 2020.

Member associations will therefore receive the convocation to the 70th FIFA Congress, as well as a copy of the agenda and the FIFA Annual Report 2019, in due course. Should a member association wish to submit a proposal for the agenda of the 70th FIFA Congress, it should send it to the general secretariat in writing, with a brief explanation, at least two months before the date of the Congress, i.e. by 18 July 2020 (cf. art. 28 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes).

Further information regarding the organisation of the 70th FIFA Congress, particularly concerning the exercise of voting rights in writing or online, will be made available in due course.

If you have any questions regarding the 70th FIFA Congress, please do not hesitate to contact the FIFA general secretariat at congress@fifa.org.

Yours faithfully,

FIFA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'FSA', is written over two horizontal lines.

Fatma Samoura
Secretary General

cc: - FIFA Council
- Confederations