Dear Sir or Madam,

As the COVID-19 pandemic started to impact football worldwide in early 2020, the FIFA administration swiftly took important steps to help alleviate the resulting financial burden on the member associations in the most effective and measured way possible.

One of those steps entailed the waiving of all the conditions stipulated in article 6 paragraph 3(b) of the Forward 2.0 Regulations and to release any remaining entitlement to operational costs funding for 2019 and 2020. This enabled the timely release of funds to provide immediate liquidity to member associations during the initial months of the pandemic.

Almost one year later, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a detrimental effect on football worldwide, and the challenges for member associations in terms of delivering fundamental football activities remain. Therefore, FIFA understands that it is unrealistic to expect that member associations have a fair opportunity to meet the conditions outlined in article 6 paragraph 3(b) of the Forward 2.0 Regulations in 2021. Meeting these conditions would have entitled each member association to receive the full second operational costs funding instalment of USD 500,000 as of July 2021.

Accordingly, with the objective of continuing to provide financial support to our member associations during this pandemic, the FIFA administration devised the proposal to have the conditions in article 6 paragraph 3(b) of the Forward 2.0 Regulations waived and the second instalment of the 2021 operational costs funding to be released in full as of July 2021 subject to member associations completing an online survey on their football activities.

This proposal was approved by the FIFA Finance Committee on 16 March 2021, as well as by the FIFA Development Committee by correspondence on 7 May 2021.

Having a detailed understanding of the status quo of each member association is important to allow FIFA to effectively manage the remaining duration of the ongoing Forward development programme cycle and to plan for future development initiatives. Therefore, the member associations are requested...
to submit the completed online survey on their football activities by 30 June 2021 in order for FIFA to ensure the timely release of funding as of July 2021.

The FIFA Member Associations Division will provide information on accessing the online survey directly to each member association and shall remain at your disposal for any queries and/or support required in this respect.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
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