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TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

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Revised Rules Governing the Procedures of the Players' Status Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the FIFA Executive Committee approved a number of additions and amendments to certain provisions of the Rules Governing the Procedures of the Players' Status Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber (hereinafter: the rules) at its meeting on 27 May 2008. These additional and amended provisions will come into force on 1 July 2008.

We enclose an unbound version of the revised rules for your information and records. The revised rules are also available on FIFA's website (www.FIFA.com), from where they can of course be downloaded. Three copies of the rules in their usual booklet form will follow under separate cover within the next month.

From the enclosed rules, you will note that in addition to certain purely linguistic amendments, the revised rules also contain additions and amendments to their content. In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the three new provisions (articles 13, 15 and 17 of the rules) concerning proposals from the FIFA administration (cf. art. 13), decisions without grounds (cf. art. 15) and advance of costs (cf. art. 17) as well as to the amendments of the provision regarding the costs in connection with the proceedings (cf. art. 18).

In this respect, we would like to emphasise that art. 13 of the rules provides for the possibility for the FIFA administration to propose to the parties to a dispute, without prejudice, a settlement on the amount owed in relation to training compensation and solidarity contribution. This, however, is only in cases without complex factual or legal issues, or in cases in which the Dispute Resolution Chamber already has clear, established jurisprudence.

Moreover, we would like to draw your attention to art. 15 of the rules, according to which decisions, with the exception of those leading to sporting sanctions, may be issued without grounds. The parties will then have ten days to request the fully motivated decision, if they deem it appropriate, otherwise the decision will become final and binding. If the motivated decision is requested, the time limit to lodge an appeal begins upon receipt of the motivated decision. Equally, we would like to underline that no fees shall be charged if a party decides not to ask for the grounds of a decision once the findings have been communicated (cf. art. 18 par. 3).

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The other additions and amendments to the rules relate to the costs in connection with proceedings before the Players' Status Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber.

In this respect, we would like to inform you about the introduction of the obligation to pay an advance of costs (cf. art. 17), which needs to be paid by a party whenever it lodges a claim (or a counterclaim) with FIFA and is calculated according to the value of the dispute. Please note that an advance of costs is payable for proceedings before the Players' Status Committee, including its single judge (with the exception of proceedings relating to the provisional registration of players), as well as for proceedings before the Dispute Resolution Chamber in relation to disputes regarding training compensation and the solidarity mechanism. In order to ease the position of small training clubs, no advance of costs will be requested for disputes related to the solidarity mechanism and training compensation with an amount at dispute of less than CHF 50,000. The advance of costs paid is to be duly considered in the decision regarding the costs of the procedure.

Finally, we also refer you to art. 18 of the rules, which now stipulates that costs in the maximum amount of CHF 25,000 will also be levied in connection with proceedings before the Dispute Resolution Chamber, but only in relation to disputes regarding training compensation and the solidarity mechanism. Proceedings relating to disputes between clubs and players in relation to the maintenance of contractual stability as well as international employment-related disputes between a club and a player will remain free of charge.

We believe that the additions and amendments to the rules will ensure swifter processing of the cases related to disputes presented to the various competent bodies of FIFA by the different stakeholders, and that they will particularly contribute to a faster conclusion of the relevant investigations.

We thank you for taking note of the above.

Yours faithfully,
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Encl. as mentioned above

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