RESOLUTION ON THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

in connection with Congress agenda item 11.2
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• Having regard to FIFA’s objective to improve the
game of football constantly and promote it
globally in the light of its unifying, educational,
cultural and humanitarian values;

• Having regard to FIFA’s robust regulatory framework
that is already in place to fight all kinds of racism
and discrimination, which was further
strengthened by the FIFA Congress with a Code of
Conduct;

• Having regard to FIFA’s responsibility to ensure
inclusivity and human dignity for everyone
involved in the beautiful game;

• Asserting that despite the various efforts that
have already been taken, the racism and
discrimination that occurs in today’s society is still
mirrored in football;

• Acknowledging that both prevention and sanctions
are key to tackling the issues at stake;

• Upholding and complementing the principles of
the FIFA Resolution Against Racism ratified by the
FIFA Congress in Buenos Aires in 2001;

• Reminding the member associations about their
obligation to apply the sanctions provided for in
the FIFA Statutes and the FIFA Disciplinary Code
(FDC);

• Reminding the member associations about their
responsibility to eliminate racism and
discrimination in football within their jurisdiction;

The following measures shall be implemented on a
global level in football:

SAY NO TO RACISM
Competition organisers shall establish a concrete action plan, showing their intention to fight all forms of racism and discrimination among their players, officials and supporters.

Competition regulations shall foresee a specialised official to be in the stadium to identify potential acts of racism or discrimination with the aim of easing the pressure on referees and facilitating the availability of evidence for judicial bodies to take decisions.

The sanctions provided for in the FDC, which are mandatory for all member associations in accordance with the FDC, offer the relevant judicial bodies the necessary discretion when deciding on specific cases of supporter misconduct. However, in order to harmonise the pronounced sanctions on a worldwide level, the sanctions imposed on a club or representative team shall in principle be issued in a two-stage approach:

- For a first or a minor offence, the sanctions of a warning, a fine and/or the playing of a match behind closed doors shall be applied.
- For reoffenders or for serious incidents, sanctions such as point deductions, expulsion from a competition or relegation should be applied.

Furthermore, any person (player, official, match official, etc.) who commits such an offence shall be suspended for at least five matches combined with a stadium ban as foreseen in the FDC.