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TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

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Revised Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players – Protection of minors

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the FIFA Executive Committee approved a number of additions to the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (hereinafter: the regulations) at its meeting on 29 September 2009. These additional provisions came into force on 1 October 2009.

We enclose a copy of the revised regulations for your information and records. The revised regulations 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 be distributed in due course.

First of all, we would like to refer to the Circular n° 1190, by means of which we initially informed you about the amendments and additions to the regulations regarding the protection of minors, particularly to art. 19 par. 4 of the regulations, which also came into force as from 1 October 2009.

In this respect, we would like to emphasise that the appointed sub-committee of the Players' Status Committee, is in charge of the examination and the approval of every international transfer of a minor player, and every first registration of a minor player who is not a national of the country in which he wishes to be registered for the first time.

In view of the above, and in view of the fact that the aforementioned procedures will be managed through TMS, the revised regulations contain a new Annexe 2 which regulates the procedure governing the applications for first registration and international transfer of minors.

We refer to the enclosed regulations, in particular to its Annexe 2, and would like to draw your attention to the nine provisions that explain, and govern the procedure.

In principle, the existing Rules Governing the Procedures of the Players' Status Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber shall be applied in the application procedure,



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however, in order to accommodate the new computer-based process, you will note that some slight adjustments have been made.

Equally, we would like to underline that the sub-committee's approval must be obtained prior to any request from an association for an International Transfer Certificate and/or a first registration. In this context, it needs to be emphasised that once the sub-committee's approval has been obtained, the new association still needs to request the ITC during one of the two annual registration periods fixed by the relevant association (cf. art. 6 par. 1 of the regulations) and similarly, in the case of a first registration, the minor may only be registered during one of the two annual registration periods fixed by the relevant association.

Finally, we would like to inform you that during a transitional period, until the association concerned has access to the "Minors" section in TMS, the application procedures will be conducted via fax. However, we would like to emphasise that once an association has access to the "Minors" section in TMS, only applications entered through TMS by the association concerned will be considered.

We believe that the new additions to the regulations will improve the procedure in order to better monitor and control the observance of the rules concerning the protection of minors.

We thank you for taking note of the above.

Yours faithfully,

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Players' Status Committee
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