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RESOLUTION ON THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

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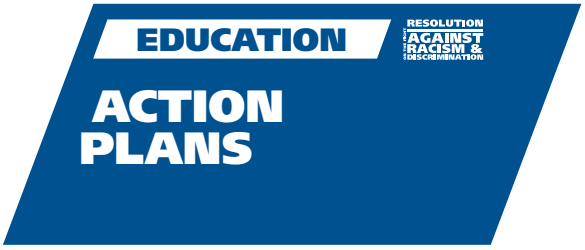
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- Having regard to FIFA's objective to improve the game of football constantly and promote it globally in the light of its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values;
- Having regard to FIFA's robust regulatory framework that is already 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:



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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.



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