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AGENDA POINT NO. 11 STRATEGIC AND SPORTS POLITICAL MATTERS

DECLARATION

Considering the necessity to safeguard the values of football and **protect the game and its players** with regard to the principles of the integrity of competitions, the unpredictability of results, sporting ethics and fair play in all areas and at all levels of the global football pyramid,

In their determination to make every effort to achieve these objects at the very time when the global financial situation renders it even more imperative to introduce solidarity mechanisms between the football family, development programmes and measures enabling everyone to take part in global, continental and national competitions,

Based on the principle of the autonomy of sport protected by the Olympic Charter and the FIFA Statutes that confer on FIFA the right and the duty to act in football's defence,

The member associations of FIFA, meeting at their 59th Congress,

- commit themselves **to the protection of players aged under 18** and confirm their full support for the measures decided by the FIFA Executive Committee in March 2009,
- request the FIFA President to continue the action he has taken regarding the **6+5 rule**, which is essential for the protection of national teams, the identity of clubs and the training of young players at said clubs, and confirm the mandate granted at the 58th FIFA Congress in Sydney,
- further underline their determination to continue to **combat doping** on a global level,
- encourage the efforts undertaken by several member associations and confederations to promote "**financial fair play**" in their competitions with a view to restoring and even guaranteeing a better balance between clubs,
- support an **in-depth reform of the players' agents system** through a new approach based on the concept of intermediaries,
- request FIFA to begin consultations with football family on any other subjects that will enable this **package of global football governance measures** to be completed.

Declaration adopted in Nassau, Commonwealth of the Bahamas on 3 June 2009.