

Address of Acting FIFA President Issa Hayatou at the Confederation Meetings

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Dear colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to welcome you all to Zurich for the Extraordinary FIFA Congress.

This promises to be one of the most important weeks in the history of FIFA, and global football.

This week, I am confident that we will make the right decisions together to help win back credibility as well as the confidence of those who participate in, and love, football.

This spirit of collective responsibility has always been vital for our organisation, and for the development of football around the world.

It is needed now, more than ever.

Because, together, we must do whatever is necessary to build a stronger FIFA.

At the Extraordinary Congress this week, you will vote on new FIFA Statutes reflecting proposed reforms that are designed to establish a system of stronger governance and greater diversity in decision-making.

These reforms, approved by the FIFA Executive Committee in December, are comprehensive and far-reaching:

- Separating business decisions from political decisions
- Enshrining principles of good governance across the football community
- And embedding greater accountability and transparency in our work

Each of these measures is critical for the future of FIFA, and global football.

I urge each of you to support the reforms in full here this week, and then to implement them to their entirety at home.

This will send a strong message that we have listened and that we are taking the action necessary to give football the foundation, and protection, it needs for the future.

This week, you will also choose a new FIFA President.

It is crucial that we all unite behind the successful candidate after the election.

I know that we will all support the new President and the proposed new FIFA Council in the hard work of restoring trust through the reform that lies ahead.

The eyes of the world are on us this week after one of the most challenging times in our shared history.

This is our opportunity to show the world that we are united in building a stronger FIFA.

The past few months have been extremely challenging for us all, but this Congress has the power to signal a new dawn for FIFA.

I look forward to playing my part alongside you in bringing the new reforms to life as we take this great organisation forward once again under new leadership.