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Dear President, *dear friend Samir,*

I would like to join your country and the football family in mourning the death of the dozens of Egyptian football fans and others at last night's match in Port Said.

My thoughts are with the families of all those who have lost their lives yesterday evening and I fully understand the country's shock and anger that such a disaster could have come to pass.

Today is a black day for football and we must take steps to ensure that such a catastrophe never happens again. Football is a force for good, and we must not allow it to be abused by those who mean evil. As discussed by telephone this morning, I await further news from you concerning the circumstances of this tragedy.

As always, FIFA stands by your side at this difficult time and is ready to provide you with any support you may need.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Issa Hayatou, CAF President
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