

LE PRÉSIDENT



TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Zurich, 5 June 2015

Dear friends of football,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the trust and appreciation you showed for my work on 29 May. It was a source of great pride for me to be re-elected into office. However, FIFA remained under a great deal of pressure following the Congress.

For that reason, on 2 June I took a decision – of which you were all informed on the same day – to step down from office, in order to take some pressure off FIFA. What matters to me is protecting FIFA as an institution and football in general. Further reforms are to be presented and a new President will be elected at an extraordinary Congress.

But I wish to stress that I will carry on working in the position of President until then with undimmed energy, strength and enthusiasm. FIFA's daily work continues: the development programmes are ongoing; we are in the middle of a great U-20 World Cup in New Zealand; and on 6 June a new era will begin with the opening match of the FIFA Women's World Cup in Canada.

I am proud that even in a time of crisis our organisation is able to continue operating so smoothly, and to provide a solid base for football.

In the meantime, I thank you once again for your support.

Kind regards, *Yours*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph S. Blatter".

Joseph S. Blatter