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Situation of the Trinidad and Tobago Football Association

Dear Mr Hadad,

We are writing to inform you that the situation of the Trinidad and Tobago Football Association (hereinafter: TTFA) has been brought to the attention of the Bureau of the FIFA Council (hereinafter: the Bureau).

The Bureau was reminded that, on 17 March 2020, the Bureau of the FIFA Council decided, in accordance with article 8 paragraph 2 of the FIFA Statutes, to appoint a normalisation committee for the Trinidad and Tobago Football Association, whose tasks were to run the TTFA's daily affairs, to establish a debt repayment plan that could be implemented by the TTFA administration, to review and amend the TTFA Statutes (and other regulations where necessary) and ensure their compliance with the FIFA Statutes and requirements before duly submitting them for approval to the TTFA Congress, and to organise and conduct elections of a new TTFA Executive Committee for a four-year mandate.

In addition, the Bureau was reminded that, on 24 September 2020, the Bureau decided, in accordance with article 16 paragraph 1 of the FIFA Statutes, to suspend the TTFA with immediate effect due to the fact that members of the former TTFA Board of Directors had appealed the above-mentioned decision of the Bureau before the High Court of Trinidad and Tobago. On 16 November 2020, FIFA was informed that all claims against it before the ordinary courts of Trinidad and Tobago had been closed. Consequently, on 19 November 2020, the Bureau lifted the suspension of the TTFA with immediate effect

The Bureau took note that, due to the high amount of debts accumulated by previous TTFA administrations and given the number of unsecured creditors, on 8 November 2021, the normalisation committee decided to proceed on the basis of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act of Trinidad and Tobago and make a proposal to the various creditors to settle outstanding legitimate creditor balances (the "BIA process"). Due to the urgent and complex challenges that the TTFA was facing at the time, the Bureau decided on 17 December 2021 to extend the mandate of the normalisation committee until 31 March 2023.

Finally, the Bureau acknowledged that, with the primary objective of allowing the normalisation committee to fulfil one of its main tasks and with a view to preventing the TTFA's complete liquidation as well as avoiding significant long-term harm to the organisation and football in general in Trinidad and Tobago, FIFA decided to provide financial support to the TTFA to address its extreme situation. In this context, FIFA has now approved financial assistance to the TTFA subject to signing a strict financial agreement between FIFA and the TTFA. Furthermore, certain recent developments have delayed the BIA process. Consequently, and considering the backlog, the normalisation committee has not yet been able to begin revising the statutes, another of its main tasks.

Given the above circumstances and the fact that the BIA process, according to the proposal outlined to the creditors and the court, requires not only payment of the creditors but also that TTFA's governance be restructured, and its oversight strengthened, we consider that it is of the utmost importance that the normalisation committee complete the BIA process. Furthermore, due to the challenges that the TTFA continues to face and to ensure that the mandate of the normalisation committee (i.e. revision and amendment of the statutes and organisation and conduction of elections of a new TTFA Executive Committee for a four-year mandate) is carried out and fulfilled in strict compliance with the Bureau's decision, the Bureau decided on 27 February 2023 to extend the mandate of the normalisation committee until 31 March 2024 at the latest.

We thank you for taking note of the above and remain at your disposal in case of queries.

Yours sincerely,

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