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TTFA Membership

Subject: Clarification of the Financial Position of the TTFA

It has been brought to the attention of the Executive Committee that certain opinions are being expressed suggesting that there has been mismanagement of funds by the Officers of the Trinidad and Tobago Football Association (TTFA), particularly in light of the funding received from FIFA, Concacaf, and the Government, alongside the Association's outstanding obligations.

In the interest of transparency, accountability, and maintaining the confidence of our membership, we wish to provide a comprehensive overview of the financial position inherited by the current administration and the realities we continue to manage.

Upon assuming office in April 2024, the Executive Committee was confronted with a severely constrained financial position. The January 2024 FIFA tranche had already been fully expended, and there were no remaining funds from the Government's Sport Company grant for the Trinidad and Tobago Premier Football League (TTPFL) 2023–2024 season. Additionally, the Association inherited debts amounting to approximately TT\$6,000,000, owed to a wide range of stakeholders including service providers, staff, referees, national players, and airlines. These liabilities continued to surface for several months following the transition.

It is important to distinguish these liabilities from historical debts predating 2020, which were addressed through a FIFA-supported settlement arrangement. Under this arrangement, the TTFA is required to repay an interest-free loan of US\$3,000,000, with annual repayments of US\$300,000 (following an initial US\$200,000 payment in 2024). These obligations remain a significant and ongoing financial burden on the Association.

While the TTFA continues to receive funding from FIFA and Concacaf, these inflows are substantially offset by existing repayment obligations. For example, in January 2025, US\$300,000 from the FIFA tranche was allocated directly to loan repayment, while an additional US\$200,000 was applied toward legal expenses arising from contractual matters inherited from the previous administration. Similarly, Concacaf funding is reduced annually by US\$100,000 to service long-standing obligations related to the 2006 FIFA World Cup team.

The Association also relies on Government support, particularly for the operation of the TTPFL. While such support has been pledged, disbursement is contingent on compliance requirements and the availability of funds. Delays in these disbursements have contributed to ongoing financial pressures, including outstanding payments such as referees' fees for recent months.

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Notwithstanding these challenges, the TTFA has ensured that all of our National Teams, across all age groups, have participated in their respective regional and international competitions. Additionally, in relation to the settlement of our outstanding debts, we have engaged and continue to liaise with our major stakeholders, including FIFA, Concacaf, and the Government. Based on these ongoing discussions and anticipated funding timelines, we are optimistic that all outstanding debts will be settled by December 31st, 2026, with a concerted effort being made to substantially clear these obligations by September 30th, 2026.

The current administration has taken deliberate steps to reduce outstanding debts and stabilize the financial position of the TTFA. Payments have been made progressively to creditors, and efforts continue to ensure that all obligations are addressed in a structured and responsible manner.

We also wish to emphasize the robust governance and audit framework currently in place. Following the intervention by FIFA and the appointment of the Normalisation Committee, strict financial oversight mechanisms were instituted. The TTFA is subject to annual independent audits presented to Congress, as well as periodic audits conducted directly by FIFA. These reviews have consistently returned satisfactory results, with only minor recommendations for improvement.

Members can therefore be assured that the Association's financial operations are conducted with transparency, accountability, and strict adherence to governance standards. Any suggestion of financial impropriety would be thoroughly examined under these rigorous audit protocols.

Colleagues, while the financial challenges we inherited have been significant, we are beginning to see tangible progress. There are encouraging signs that, with continued discipline and support, the Association will move toward a more stable financial footing in the near future.

We thank you for your continued support, understanding, and commitment to the development of football in Trinidad and Tobago.

Sincerely,

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