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For the attention of
the president and the general secretary

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Russia and Ukraine: Decision of the UEFA Executive Committee

Dear Sir/Madam,

The crisis between Russia and Ukraine is evolving rapidly and UEFA must continue to follow the developments and assess the scope of the situation, including sanctions imposed by the international community, in order to take appropriate decisions. Security for all those involved is a priority for any football match staged under the UEFA umbrella, which needs to be guaranteed beyond reasonable risks.

Whilst UEFA will have to evaluate the dynamic framework and gather elements that may lead to additional decisions, UEFA needed to address some elements that required immediate consideration.

The 2022 UEFA Champions League Final (UCLF) is scheduled in St. Petersburg (Russia) on 28 May 2022. It is one of the UEFA flagship events, with huge planetary reach, celebrating the apical moment of the UEFA club competition season in a festive atmosphere. Staging the UCLF in a country involved in such a crisis is not compatible with UEFA's values and principles.

Likewise, and for the same reasons, it is incompatible to allow any UEFA competition matches to be played in the territory of Russia.

Taking into account the warnings issued by many governments for the attention of their citizens, strongly advising them against any travel to Ukraine because of the safety and security being at stake, and the fact that the country is currently subjected to martial law, conditions are not met to require any team participating in a UEFA competition to play matches in Ukraine.

Against this background, the UEFA Executive Committee met today, 25 February 2022, and took the following decisions, which are final and come into force with immediate effect:

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- To move the venue of the 2022 UEFA Champions League final scheduled in St. Petersburg on 28 May 2022 to Stade de France – St Denis (France)
 - No UEFA competition match shall be played on the territories of either Russia or Ukraine until further notice.

The UEFA Executive Committee will continue to assess the developments of the situation and may meet again in the following days to potentially take further decisions.

The UEFA administration remains at your disposal in case of any questions.

Yours faithfully,

UEFA



Theodore Theodoridis
General Secretary

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