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Dear Sir/Madam,

The next Ordinary UEFA Congress will take place in Lisbon on Wednesday 5 April 2023, with an important agenda item being – in accordance with Articles 19(3) and 19(4) of the *UEFA Statutes*¹ – the elections of: (i) the UEFA President for a four-year term [see pt. A below], (ii) nine members of the UEFA Executive Committee (including at least one female), i.e. eight for a four-year term and one for a two-year term [see pt. B below] and (iii) four European members of the FIFA Council, i.e. two FIFA Vice-Presidents for a four-year term (one of whom to be proposed by the four British associations) and two ordinary members, i.e. one for a four-year term and one for a two-year term [see pt. C below].

Looking ahead to this event, we would like to provide you with the following information:

A. Candidates for the position of UEFA President

The term of office of the UEFA President, Aleksander Čeferin (Slovenia), will expire in 2023 and an election to fill this seat for a four-year term will be held at the next UEFA Congress in Lisbon.

¹ Article 19 of the *UEFA Statutes*: "[...] ³ The President and eight members of the Executive Committee to be elected by the Congress (including at least one female) shall be elected during the calendar year preceding the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. [...] ⁴ UEFA shall elect three FIFA Vice-Presidents (one of whom shall be proposed by the four British associations, i.e. England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales) and six members of the FIFA Council (including at least one female). The UEFA President shall be an ex-officio FIFA Vice-President. The two other FIFA Vice-Presidents and one member of the FIFA Council shall be elected during the calendar year preceding the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. [...]".

1. Deadline for submission of candidatures

In accordance with Article 4(1) of the *Regulations Governing the Implementation of the UEFA Statutes*, candidates for the position of President of UEFA must be proposed to the UEFA administration in writing at least three months before the date on which the UEFA Congress is scheduled to begin – i.e. **by 24.00 CET (midnight) on Thursday 5 January 2023 at the latest**. Proposals are to be submitted by email to UEFAelections.congress@uefa.ch (NB: The UEFA administration will acknowledge receipt of any candidacy).

2. Rules applicable to candidatures

The following provisions apply to the proposal of candidates for the position of UEFA President:

a) Article 7(c) of the *UEFA Statutes* stipulates that member associations have the right “to propose candidates for the election of the President of UEFA [...], to the extent provided for in these Statutes and regulations made under them” (not necessarily candidates from their own association).

b) Article 21(2) of the *UEFA Statutes* reads as follows: “The Executive Committee shall not include more than one representative of the same Member Association. This rule does not apply to [...] the female member of the Executive Committee [...]” and Article 21(2bis) of the *UEFA Statutes* states: “A Member Association may not have a representative on the UEFA Executive Committee and the FIFA Council at the same time, unless this Member Association is represented on these two bodies by different individuals. This rule does not apply to the President, the female member of the Executive Committee and the FIFA Vice-President representing the four British associations” (emphasis added).

c) Article 21(3) of the *UEFA Statutes* states: “Each member of the Executive Committee to be elected by the Congress, except for the President and any female member, shall hold an active office of president or vice-president within his Member Association. [...]” (emphasis added).

d) Article 21(3bis) of the *UEFA Statutes* states: “A candidacy for the office of UEFA President shall be valid only if supported by at least three Member Associations”.

e) Article 22(2) of the *UEFA Statutes* stipulates that “A person aged 70 or more shall not be eligible for election or re-election”.

f) In accordance with Article 21(6) of the *UEFA Statutes* and Article 4^{bis} of the *Regulations Governing the Implementation of the UEFA Statutes*, candidates for a seat on the UEFA Executive Committee, including for the position of UEFA President, are required to complete and sign the enclosed UEFA eligibility questionnaire and return it to the UEFA administration, along with a criminal record certificate and a copy of their passport (which must be valid). NB: Upon receipt of these documents, the UEFA administration will send candidates’ eligibility questionnaires, their criminal record certificates and copies of their passports to the chairman of the UEFA Governance and Compliance Committee, so that eligibility checks can be carried out.

g) Furthermore, Article 30(5) of the *FIFA Statutes* stipulates that "Each confederation president shall be a vice-president ex-officio of the [FIFA] Council". For this reason, and in accordance with Article 30(6) of the *FIFA Statutes* as well as the relevant provisions of the *FIFA Governance Regulations*, candidates for the position of UEFA President are required to complete and sign the enclosed FIFA eligibility questionnaire and return it to the UEFA administration, along with a copy of their passport (which must be valid). **NB:** Once the deadline for the submission of candidatures has expired, the UEFA administration will send candidates' eligibility questionnaires and copies of their passports to FIFA, so that eligibility checks can be carried out.

B. Candidates for the position of UEFA Executive Committee member

1. Members whose mandate will end in 2023

The terms of office of the following UEFA Executive Committee members will expire in 2023 and elections to fill these seats for a four-year term will be held at the next UEFA Congress in Lisbon:

Vice-presidents ² (in alphabetical order):	Csányi, Sándor	Hungary
	Gomes, Fernando	Portugal
	Rubiales, Luis	Spain
Members (in alphabetical order):	Christensen, Jesper Møller	Denmark
	Duka, Armand	Albania
	Hardouin, Florence	France
	Pavelko, Andrii	Ukraine
	Šuker, Davor	Croatia

Furthermore, following a request from the German Football Association (DFB) to remove Rainer Koch from his position as UEFA Executive Committee member as from the beginning of 2023 due to him no longer holding an active office of president or vice-president within the DFB, this position will be considered vacant pursuant to Article 21(3) of the *UEFA Statutes*³ so that, in accordance with Article 22(3) of the *UEFA Statutes*⁴, a replacement will need to be elected at the next UEFA Congress in Lisbon for the remainder of his term of office, i.e. until 2025 (since he was elected at the 2021 UEFA Congress for a four-year term), from candidacies of any UEFA member association.

² For the avoidance of doubt, candidates for seats on the UEFA Executive Committee are to be elected by the Congress as members of the UEFA Executive Committee. After the elections and once the seats are filled, in accordance with Article 21(4) of the *UEFA Statutes*: "The Executive Committee shall elect a first Vice-President and four other Vice-Presidents from its members, upon proposal of the President. [...]".

³ Article 21(3) of the *UEFA Statutes*: "Each member of the Executive Committee to be elected by the Congress, except for the President and any female member, shall hold an active office of president or vice-president within his Member Association. If this condition is no longer met during his term of office, he may continue to hold his position as Executive Committee member for the remainder of his term of office, unless his Member Association requests UEFA for him to be removed from office; in such a case, his position as Executive Committee member becomes vacant".

⁴ Article 22(3) of the *UEFA Statutes*: "If a vacancy occurs, a replacement for the remaining term of office shall be elected [...], if possible, by the next Ordinary Congress. If the vacancy occurs in the final year of a term of office, no replacement shall be elected [...]".

Consequently, nine UEFA Executive Committee members will be elected at the UEFA Congress in Lisbon, i.e. eight for a four-year term and one for a two-year term.

In order to ensure that at least one female member will be elected to the UEFA Executive Committee, there will be three separate elections for seats on the UEFA Executive Committee, i.e.:

- (i) first, the election of a female member of the UEFA Executive Committee for a four-year term,
- (ii) second, the election of seven members of the UEFA Executive Committee for a four-year term, and
- (iii) third, the election of one member of the UEFA Executive Committee for a two-year term.

NB: For the avoidance of doubt, female candidates may participate in any of the afore-mentioned elections. Furthermore, in accordance with Articles 21(2), 21(2bis) and 21(3) of the *UEFA Statutes*, female candidates may be proposed by member associations who are already represented on the UEFA Executive Committee or on the FIFA Council, and it is not necessary for any female candidate to hold an active office of president or vice-president within her member association.

2. Deadline for submission of candidatures

In accordance with Article 4(2) of the *Regulations Governing the Implementation of the UEFA Statutes*, candidates for seats on the UEFA Executive Committee must be proposed to the UEFA administration in writing at least two months before the date on which the UEFA Congress is scheduled to begin – i.e. **by 24.00 CET (midnight) on Sunday 5 February 2023 at the latest**. Proposals are to be submitted by email to UEFAelections.congress@uefa.ch (NB: The UEFA administration will acknowledge receipt of any candidacy).

3. Rules applicable to candidatures

The following provisions apply to the proposal of candidates for membership of the UEFA Executive Committee:

a) Article 7(c) of the *UEFA Statutes* stipulates that member associations have the right “[...] to propose candidates from their own association for the election of the members of the UEFA Executive Committee [...], to the extent provided for in these Statutes and regulations made under them”.

b) Article 21(2) of the *UEFA Statutes* reads as follows: “The Executive Committee shall not include more than one representative of the same Member Association. This rule does not apply to [...] the female member of the Executive Committee [...]”.

c) Article 21(2bis) of the *UEFA Statutes* states: “A Member Association may not have a representative on the UEFA Executive Committee and the FIFA Council at the same time, unless this Member Association is represented on these two bodies by different individuals. This rule does not apply to the President, the female member of the Executive Committee and the FIFA Vice-President representing the four British associations”.

d) Article 21(3) of the *UEFA Statutes* states: "Each member of the Executive Committee to be elected by the Congress, except for the President and any female member, shall hold an active office of president or vice-president within his Member Association. [...]".

e) Article 22(2) of the *UEFA Statutes* states: "A person aged 70 or more shall not be eligible for election or re-election".

f) In accordance with Article 21(6) of the *UEFA Statutes* and Article 4^{bis} of the *Regulations Governing the Implementation of the UEFA Statutes*, candidates for a seat on the UEFA Executive Committee are required to complete and sign the enclosed eligibility questionnaire and return it to the UEFA administration, along with a criminal record certificate and a copy of their passport (which must be valid). **NB:** Upon receipt of these documents, the UEFA administration will send candidates' eligibility questionnaires, their criminal record certificates and copies of their passports to the chairman of the UEFA Governance and Compliance Committee, so that eligibility checks can be carried out.

C. Candidates for the position of European member of the FIFA Council

1. Members whose mandate will end in 2023

The terms of office of the following European members of the FIFA Council will expire in 2023 and elections to fill these seats for a four-year term will be held at the next UEFA Congress in Lisbon:

Vice-Presidents (<i>in alphabetical order</i>):	Čeferin, Aleksander*	Slovenia
	Csányi, Sándor	Hungary
	Martin, David**	Northern Ireland
Member:	Le Graët, Noël	France

* In accordance with Article 19(4) of the *UEFA Statutes*, the elected UEFA President becomes an *ex officio* FIFA Vice-President.

** In accordance with Article 19(4) of the *UEFA Statutes* and Article 4(3) of the *Regulations Governing the Implementation of the UEFA Statutes*, the FIFA Vice-President whose seat is reserved for the four British associations (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales) is elected by the UEFA Congress. Each of these four may propose a candidate from its own association for this seat.

Furthermore, following a request from the German Football Association (DFB) to remove Peter Peters from his position as European member of the FIFA Council as from the beginning of 2023 due to him no longer holding an active office of president or vice-president within the DFB, this position will be considered vacant pursuant to Article 34^{quater}(1) of the *UEFA Statutes*⁵ so that, in accordance with Article

⁵ Article 34^{quater}(1) of the *UEFA Statutes*: "Each member of the FIFA Council to be elected by the Congress, except for the President and any female member, shall hold an active office of president or vice-president within his Member Association. If this condition is no longer met during his term of office, he may continue to hold his position as FIFA

33(8) of the *FIFA Statutes*⁶, a replacement will need to be elected at the next UEFA Congress in Lisbon for the remainder of his term of office, i.e. until 2025 (since he was elected at the 2021 UEFA Congress for a four-year term), from candidacies of any UEFA member association (except the four British associations⁷).

Consequently, there will be four separate elections for seats on the FIFA Council at the UEFA Congress in Lisbon, i.e.:

- (i) first, the election of one FIFA Vice-President for a four-year term;
- (ii) second, the election of the FIFA Vice-President proposed by the four British associations for a four-year term;
- (iii) third, the election of one ordinary member of the FIFA Council for a four-year term, and
- (iv) fourth, the election of one ordinary member of the FIFA Council for a two-year term.

2. Deadline for submission of candidatures

In accordance with Article 27(3) of the *FIFA Statutes*, candidates for seats on the FIFA Council must be proposed to the UEFA administration in writing at least three months before the date on which the UEFA Congress is scheduled to begin – i.e. **by 24.00 CET (midnight) on Thursday 5 January 2023 at the latest**. Proposals are to be submitted by email to UEFAelections.congress@uefa.ch (NB: The UEFA administration will acknowledge receipt of any candidacy).

3. Rules applicable to candidatures

The following provisions apply to the proposal of candidates for membership of the FIFA Council:

a) Article 7(c) of the *UEFA Statutes* stipulates that member associations have the right "[...] *to propose candidates from their own association for the election of [...] the European members of the FIFA Council, to the extent provided for in these Statutes and regulations made under them*".

b) Article 4(3) of the *Regulations Governing the Implementation of the UEFA Statutes* stipulates that, on account of their guaranteed vice-presidency of the FIFA Council, the four British associations (i.e. England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales) "*may not propose any candidate for either of the two other FIFA Vice-Presidents to be elected by the UEFA Congress, nor may they propose any other candidate (other than for the female position) to be elected by the UEFA Congress as an ordinary member of the FIFA Council*".

Council member for the remainder of his term of office, unless his Member Association requests UEFA for him to be removed from office; in such a case, his position as FIFA Council member becomes vacant".

⁶ Article 33(8) of the *FIFA Statutes*: "Any [...] member of the Council who is permanently [...] prevented from performing his official function shall be replaced by the members of the relevant confederation which elected such [...] member for the remaining period of office".

⁷ See pt. C.3.b below.

c) Article 34^{quater}(1) of the *UEFA Statutes* states: "Each member of the FIFA Council to be elected by the UEFA Congress, except for the President and any female member, shall hold an active office of president or vice-president within his Member Association. [...]".

d) Article 34^{quater}(2) of the *UEFA Statutes* states: "A Member Association may not have a representative on the FIFA Council and the UEFA Executive Committee at the same time, unless this Member Association is represented on these two bodies by different individuals. This rule does not apply to the President, the female member of the FIFA Council and the FIFA Vice-President representing the four British associations".

e) In accordance with Articles 27(5) and 30(6) of the *FIFA Statutes*, as well as the relevant provisions of the *FIFA Governance Regulations*, candidates for membership of the FIFA Council are required to complete and sign the enclosed eligibility questionnaire and return it to the UEFA administration, along with a copy of their passport (which must be valid). NB: Once the deadline for the submission of candidatures has expired, the UEFA administration will send candidates' eligibility questionnaires and copies of their passports to FIFA, so that eligibility checks can be carried out.

We hope this information is useful to you. If you have any questions, please send an email to UEFAelections.congress@uefa.ch.

Yours faithfully,

UEFA



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Enclosures

- Eligibility questionnaire to be completed by candidates for seats on the UEFA Executive Committee
- Eligibility questionnaire to be completed by candidates for seats on the FIFA Council

cc (with enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- UEFA honorary members
- UEFA Governance and Compliance Committee
- FIFA, Zurich