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Enhanced cooperation between UEFA and CONMEBOL on coaching

Dear President, dear General Secretary,

We are pleased to inform you that after consultation with the UEFA Jira Panel and the UEFA Development and Technical Assistance Committee, UEFA and CONMEBOL have signed both an operational agreement on the mutual recognition of coaching qualifications and competences and a technical agreement on coach development. Both agreements were presented to the UEFA Executive Committee at its most recent meeting on 25 January 2023.

(i) Mutual recognition of coaching qualifications

The operational agreement sets out the minimum requirements and the procedure for the recognition by UEFA, on the one hand, of coaching qualifications issued in accordance with the CONMEBOL Coaching Convention and, on the other hand, by CONMEBOL, of coaching qualifications issued in accordance with the UEFA Coaching Convention. The key feature of the operational agreement is the expansion of the mutual recognition of coaching qualifications to three coaching licence levels: Pro licence, A licence and Goalkeeper A licence. Additionally, the required practical coaching experience for each licence at a defined level has been reduced from five to three years.

For the time being, the operational agreement embraces those UEFA member associations that are currently signatories of the UEFA Coaching Convention as well as four specified CONMEBOL member associations (i.e. Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay).

The newly introduced operational agreement has been attached to the existing UEFA Coaching Convention and is enclosed with this circular letter.

(ii) Coach development

The technical agreement outlines the principles of cooperation and aims to harmonise many of the criteria related to coach education and development. As a result, in addition to agreeing to exchange best practices and regularly inform each other on matters relating to coach education, UEFA and CONMEBOL will standardise minimum key requirements such as the admission criteria, standards, duration and content of all diploma courses delivered under their respective coaching conventions. Exchanges between coach educators and coaches, as well as conferences, workshops and webinars, will also be organised.

Please note that both the operational agreement on the mutual recognition of coaching qualifications and competences and the technical agreement for coach development are subject to regular review.

Please contact the UEFA technical development unit if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

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Theodore Theodoridis
General Secretary

Enclosure

- UEFA Coaching Convention and the UEFA/CONMEBOL operational agreement on the mutual recognition of coaching qualifications and competences

cc (with enclosure)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Jira Panel
- UEFA Development and Technical Assistance Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich