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# **XIII. Amendments to the UEFA Statutes**

Draft proposed by the UEFA Executive Committee (after consultation with the Legal Committee)

**Proposed amendments to the *UEFA Statutes* for approval at the Ordinary UEFA Congress on 8 February 2024**

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*NB: Proposed amendments are shown in bold italics.*

**INFORMATION:** The proposed amendments can be summarised as follows:

- 1) incorporation into the *UEFA Statutes* of a new provision regarding the UEFA Convention on the Future of European Football and bilateral platforms of engagement with stakeholders → *Article 3<sup>bis</sup>(2)*
- 2) clarification that the members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice and of the Committees are appointed (and not elected) by the UEFA Executive Committee → *Articles 7(d), 32(2) and 36(1)*
- 3) incorporation into the UEFA Statutes of a new provision according to which any member association placed under a normalisation committee by FIFA should not be entitled to exercise the rights to vote at the UEFA Congress, to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the UEFA Congress and to propose candidates for the elections of the UEFA President, the members of the UEFA Executive Committee and the European members of the FIFA Council → *Articles 7(2) and 18(5)*
- 4) clarification regarding the process to exclude a UEFA Member Association → *Article 8(3)*
- 5) clarification regarding the powers of the Congress → *Articles 13(2)(a-d, g and n)*
- 6) clarification regarding that the tellers, the delegates verifying the minutes and the Auditing Body are appointed (and not elected) by the Congress → *Articles 13(2)(a and i), 17(2) and 46(1)*
- 7) clarification of the majority rule and use of the casting vote for the decisions of the Congress → *Article 18(4)*
- 8) clarification that there can be more than one female member on the UEFA Executive Committee as well as on the FIFA Council → *Articles 21(2), 21(2bis) and 34<sup>quater</sup>(2)*
- 9) improvement of the balance between men and women on the UEFA Executive Committee by increasing the minimum number of reserved positions to female members from one to two and by ensuring that at least one female candidate must be elected on the UEFA Executive Committee every second year → *Articles 19(3), 21(1)(b) and 22(1)*
- 10) clarification that the election of the members of the UEFA Executive Committee and the European members of the FIFA Council is held the calendar year preceding or following the scheduled final round of the UEFA European Football Championship and that the appointment of the members of the Governance and Compliance Committee and other Committees is held the calendar year preceding the scheduled final round of the UEFA European Football Championship → *Articles 19(3-4), 35<sup>bis</sup>(2) and 36(1)*

11) clarification that the election of the European female member of the FIFA Council is held during the calendar year following the scheduled final round of the UEFA European Football Championship → *Article 19(4)*

12) clarification as to when the condition of active office must be met for a candidate to be elected on the UEFA Executive Committee or FIFA Council → *Articles 21(3) and 34<sup>quater</sup>(1)*

13) right for a UEFA Member Association to request UEFA to remove from office a female member of the UEFA Executive Committee or FIFA Council whom it proposed as a candidate if, during her term of office, she can no longer be considered as a representative of her member association → *Articles 21(3) and 34<sup>quater</sup>(1)*

14) removal of the age limit → *Articles 22(2) and 36(2)*

15) clarification regarding the non-transferable duties of the UEFA Executive Committee, the calculation of majorities and use of the casting vote when taking a decision within the same and other powers → *Articles 24(1)(d), 27(1) and 28(3)*

16) clarification regarding the independence requirements of the members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice → *Article 32(1)*

17) removal of the Professional Football Strategy Council from the list of UEFA's bodies and renumbering of the articles that follow accordingly → *Articles 35, 35<sup>bis</sup> and 35<sup>ter</sup>*

18) removal of the list of the standing committees from the UEFA Statutes so as to give more flexibility to the Executive Committee in the determination of such committees → *Article 35<sup>ter</sup>*

19) more flexibility for the Executive Committee regarding the issuance of specific regulations governing the implementation of TV rights → *Article 48(2)*

20) clarification on the scope of UEFA's jurisdiction to organise or authorise international competitions in UEFA's territory and participation of member associations, affiliated leagues or clubs outside of UEFA's territory → *Article 49(1)*

21) new name for the UEFA Europa Conference League (i.e. UEFA Conference League) following the decision of the UEFA Executive Committee dated 28 June 2023 → *Article 49(2)(b)*

22) clarification that UEFA has the authority to create or abolish UEFA competitions → *Article 49(2)(c)*

23) clarification of the approval process for international matches, competitions and tournaments not organised by UEFA → *Article 49(3-4)*



24) reiteration in the UEFA Statutes of the key principle of the European sports model according to which the entitlement of Member Associations and clubs to take part in UEFA competitions shall depend on sporting merit → *Article 50(1) and 51<sup>bis</sup>(1)*

25) new name for the club licensing system (i.e. club licensing and financial sustainability system) as approved by the UEFA Executive Committee on 7 April 2022; clarifications regarding the minimum criteria to be fulfilled by clubs in order to be admitted and once admitted to UEFA competitions, the club licensing and club monitoring process and the minimum requirements to be observed by the licensors and their decision-making bodies → *Article 50(1bis)*

26) clarification regarding the conditions of entry into UEFA competitions → *Article 50(2)*

27) clarification regarding the approval of combinations and/or alliances → *Article 51(1)*

28) definition of the obligation of a Member Association to take necessary measures against clubs to protect the integrity of a club competition and the club's history and legacy, prevent the circumvention of sporting merit principles or their licensing process → *Article 51<sup>bis</sup>(3)*

29) clarification regarding UEFA's ability to protect the principle of promotion and relegation → *Article 51<sup>bis</sup>(4)*

30) clarification regarding the scope of review of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) when acting as an appeal arbitration body → *Article 62(6)*

31) clarification regarding the law applicable to the merits before the CAS and the right to appeal a decision of the CAS, including to challenge its enforcement or recognition, or the right to file a case with the relevant competition authority → *Article 63(2-3)*

32) transitional rules with no remaining *raison d'être* to be removed and other to be clarified → *Articles 69(2), 69(3), 69(4), 69(5), 69(6), 69(7) and 69(9)*

33) "Chairman" and "Chairmen" to be changed into "Chair" and "Chairs" respectively (in English language only) throughout the *UEFA Statutes* and the *Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress*

34) "Turkey" to be changed into "Türkiye" (in English language only), "Czech Republic" to be changed into "Czechia", "Moldawien" to be changed into "Moldau" (in German language only) → last page of the *UEFA Statutes*

35) clarification of the process regarding the announcement of the result of the elections so as to reflect the current practice → *Articles 9(2) and 9(7) of the Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress*

36) clarification that the members of the UEFA Executive Committee or FIFA Council may no longer be appointed as a delegate of their association at the UEFA Congress → *Article 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress*

### Article 3<sup>bis</sup>(2) [new]

Current text		<b>Proposed text</b>	
Relationship with the Stakeholders in European Football	<p>UEFA, as the football governing body at European level, may recognise and involve in the consultation process in European football matters, groups representing the interests of the various stakeholders of European football (leagues, clubs, players, supporters), provided that they are:</p> <p>a) organised in accordance with UEFA's Statutes, regulations and values;</p> <p>b) constituted in a democratic, open and transparent manner.</p>	<p>Relationship with the Stakeholders in European Football</p> <p><b>UEFA Convention on the Future of European Football and platforms of engagement</b></p>	<p><sup>1</sup> UEFA, as the football governing body at European level, may recognise and involve in the consultation process in European football matters, groups representing the interests of the various stakeholders of European football (leagues, clubs, players, supporters), provided that they are:</p> <p>a) organised in accordance with UEFA's Statutes, regulations and values;</p> <p>b) constituted in a democratic, open and transparent manner.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> <b><i>The UEFA Convention on the Future of European Football gathers representatives of the various stakeholders of European football. Its role is to provide recommendations to UEFA on fundamental football-related topics. It is convened by the Administration. UEFA may also establish bilateral platforms of engagement with its stakeholders. Details on the composition, tasks and work of the Convention and platforms of engagement are set out in terms of reference drawn up by the Executive Committee.</i></b></p>

### **Reasons**

Given the fast pace of change of European football, as well as number and composition of different stakeholder groups, the UEFA Convention on the Future of European Football will be a necessary platform for UEFA to hold stakeholder dialogue and find swift responses to the variety of issues arising in European football. It will be the only forum within the UEFA



structure to include representatives from the leagues, clubs, players and supporters as well as other representatives of relevance for European football such as individual players, coaches or agents, thus ensuring that the needs of these stakeholders are properly taken into account, in accordance with UEFA's objective as set out in Article 2(1)(k) of the *UEFA Statutes*. Similarly, platforms of engagement may be established to discuss specific issues bilaterally with the relevant stakeholders.

### Articles 7(d) and 7(2) [new]

Current text		<b><i>Proposed text</i></b>	
Rights	Member Associations shall have the following rights: a) to take part in and exercise their voting rights at the Congress; b) to draw up proposals for the agenda of the Congress; c) to propose candidates for the election of the President of UEFA and to propose candidates from their own association for the election of the members of the UEFA Executive Committee and the European members of the FIFA Council, to the extent provided for in these Statutes and regulations made under them; d) to propose candidates for the election of the Chairmen and members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice and of the Committees; e) to take part in UEFA competitions with their representative teams and to enter their clubs for these competitions; f) to exercise all other rights granted to them by these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them.	Rights	<sup>1</sup> Member Associations shall have the following rights: a) to take part in and exercise their voting rights at the Congress; b) to draw up proposals for the agenda of the Congress; c) to propose candidates for the election of the President of UEFA and to propose candidates from their own association for the election of the members of the UEFA Executive Committee and the European members of the FIFA Council, to the extent provided for in these Statutes and regulations made under them; d) to propose candidates for the <b><i>appointment</i></b> <del>election</del> of the Chairmen and members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice and of the Committees; e) to take part in UEFA competitions with their representative teams and to enter their clubs for these competitions; f) to exercise all other rights granted to them by these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them.
		<b><i>Exception</i></b>	<sup>2</sup> <b><i>A Member Association placed under a normalisation committee by FIFA shall not</i></b>

			<b><i>have the right to (i) vote at the Congress, (ii) draw up proposals for the agenda of the Congress, and (iii) propose candidates for the election of the UEFA President, the members of the UEFA Executive Committee and the European members of the FIFA Council.</i></b>
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### **Reasons**

The amendment to Article 7(d) aims at clarifying that the members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice are appointed (and not elected) by the UEFA Executive Committee. The new paragraph 2 is aimed at clarifying that only UEFA member associations with a democratically elected or appointed executive body should be entitled to exercise the rights defined in Articles 7(a) *in fine*, 7(b) and 7(c) of the *UEFA Statutes* (i.e. the rights to (i) vote at the UEFA Congress, (ii) draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the UEFA Congress and (iii) propose candidates for the election of the UEFA President, the members of the UEFA Executive Committee and the European members of the FIFA Council), which is currently not the case of a member association placed under a normalisation committee by FIFA because the executive body of such a member association is appointed by FIFA (see Article 8(2) of the *FIFA Statutes* stating that “[e]xecutive bodies of member associations may under exceptional circumstances be removed from office by the Council in consultation with the relevant confederation and replaced by a normalisation committee for a specific period of time”). By depriving such a member association from exercising the aforesaid rights, the proposed amendment would strengthen key good governance principles by addressing the above-mentioned apparent lack of democratic legitimacy and independent decision-making. Furthermore, the proposed amendment would also remedy the inherent situation of conflict of interest in which members of the executive body of a member association under a normalisation committee would be in the context of UEFA Congresses. For the avoidance of any doubt, a member association under a normalisation committee would continue to benefit from the rights defined in Articles 7(a) *in initio*, 7(d), 7(e) and 7(f) of the *UEFA Statutes* (i.e. rights to (i) take part in the UEFA Congress as observer, (ii) propose candidates for the appointment of the Chairs and members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice and of the Committees, (iii) take part in UEFA competitions and (iv) exercise any further rights as provided for in the UEFA regulatory framework and decisions made under them).

### Article 8(3)

Current text		<i>Proposed text</i>	
Exclusion	<p><sup>3</sup> A Member Association may be excluded from UEFA if it has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) failed to settle its financial obligations towards UEFA;</li> <li>b) seriously breached these Statutes or a regulation or decision made under them;</li> <li>c) lost its qualifying status as a representative national football association;</li> <li>d) been refused membership of, or excluded from, FIFA.</li> </ul> <p>The exclusion of a Member Association shall be decided by Congress. The exclusion must be supported by three-quarters or more of the Congress, and at least half of the total number of Member Associations must be present.</p>	Exclusion	<p><sup>3</sup> A Member Association may be excluded from UEFA, <b>upon proposal of the Executive Committee</b>, if it has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) failed to settle its financial obligations towards UEFA;</li> <li>b) seriously breached these Statutes or a regulation or decision made under them;</li> <li>c) lost its qualifying status as a representative national football association;</li> <li>d) been refused membership of, or excluded from, FIFA.</li> </ul> <p>The exclusion of a Member Association shall be decided by Congress. The exclusion must be supported by three-quarters or more of the Congress, and at least half of the total number of Member Associations must be present.</p>

### Reasons

The proposed amendment aims at clarifying the exclusion process by specifying that the exclusion of a Member Association may only be decided by the Congress upon proposal of the Executive Committee. This would be in line with the wording of Article 13(2)(l) of the *UEFA Statutes*.

### Article 13(2)(a-d, g, i and n)

Current text		<i>Proposed text</i>	
Powers	<p><sup>2</sup> Matters within the power of Congress shall be the:</p> <p>a) election of tellers;</p> <p>b) election of three delegates to verify the minutes of Congress;</p> <p>c) receipt and consideration of the President's and Executive Committee's report;</p> <p>d) receipt and consideration of the Administration's report; [...]</p> <p>g) election of the members of the Executive Committee and ratification of the members of the Executive Committee elected by the ECA and the EL; [...]</p> <p>n) consideration of proposals for the dismissal of a member of the Executive Committee or the Organs for the Administration of Justice; [...]</p>	Powers	<p><sup>2</sup> Matters within the power of Congress shall be the: [...]</p> <p>a) <del>election of the tellers</del><b>approval of the agenda at the start of the Congress;</b></p> <p>b) <del>election</del><b>appointment of the tellers and of</b> three delegates to verify the minutes of Congress;</p> <p>c) <del>receipt and consideration</del><b>approval</b> of the President's and Executive Committee's report;</p> <p>d) <del>receipt and consideration</del><b>approval</b> of the Administration's report; [...]</p> <p>g) election of the members of the Executive Committee, and ratification of the members of the Executive Committee elected by the ECA and the EL, <b>as well as ratification of the members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice and the Governance and Compliance Committee;</b> [...]</p> <p>(i) <del>election</del><b>appointment</b> of the Auditing Body; [...]</p> <p>n) consideration of proposals for the dismissal of a member of the Executive Committee, <del>or</del> the Organs for the Administration of Justice <b>or the Governance and Compliance Committee;</b> [...]</p>

### Reasons

The newly introduced paragraph 2(a) is aimed at incorporating into the *UEFA Statutes* the rule (currently set out only in Article 3(1) of the *Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress*) according to which the agenda of the Congress needs to be approved at the start of the Congress. NB: In order not to change the entire numbering of paragraph 2, current letter a)

and letter b) have been merged in one single paragraph (i.e. letter b), which further clarifies that the tellers and the delegates verifying the minutes are appointed (not elected) by the Congress. The amendments to paragraphs 2(c) and 2(d) aim at clarifying the process to be followed by the Congress when considering the reports mentioned therein. Additionally, the amendment to paragraph 2(g) aims at reflecting the powers of the Congress as established in Articles 32(2) and 35<sup>bis</sup>(2) of the *UEFA Statutes*. Furthermore, the amendment to paragraph 2(i) aims at clarifying that the Auditing Body is appointed (not elected) by the Congress. Lastly, the amendment to paragraph 2(n) aims at aligning the process for the dismissal of Governance and Compliance Committee members with the ones for the Organs for the Administration of Justice.

### Article 17(2)

Current text		<b><i>Proposed text</i></b>	
Approval	<sup>2</sup> The delegates elected to verify the minutes shall do so in order that minutes may be sent out to the Member Associations within 90 days of the Congress. The minutes shall be regarded as approved if, within 30 days of their dispatch, no objections are raised by registered letter to the Administration. In the event that any objections are received, the minutes shall be placed on the agenda of the next Ordinary Congress for consideration.	Approval	<sup>2</sup> The delegates <del>elected</del> <b>appointed</b> to verify the minutes shall do so in order that minutes may be sent out to the Member Associations within 90 days of the Congress. The minutes shall be regarded as approved if, within 30 days of their dispatch, no objections are raised by registered letter to the Administration. In the event that any objections are received, the minutes shall be placed on the agenda of the next Ordinary Congress for consideration.

### **Reasons**

See Article 13(2)(b) above.

### Articles 18(4) and 18(5)

Current text		<i>Proposed text</i>	
Majorities	<sup>4</sup> Unless otherwise prescribed in these Statutes, a proposal shall be passed if supported by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. Abstentions shall not be counted. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of Congress shall have a casting vote. A proposal for the dissolution of UEFA shall be passed if supported by four-fifths or more of all Member Associations. A proposal to amend the Statutes shall be passed if supported by two-thirds or more of the Member Associations present at the Congress.	Majorities	<sup>4</sup> Unless otherwise prescribed in these Statutes, a proposal shall be passed if supported by a <del>simple majority</del> <b>more than half</b> of the valid votes cast. Abstentions shall not be counted. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of Congress shall have a casting vote <b>which may be exercised by way of a drawing of lots</b> . A proposal for the dissolution of UEFA shall be passed if supported by four-fifths or more of all Member Associations. A proposal to amend the Statutes shall be passed if supported by two-thirds or more of the Member Associations present at the Congress.
Suspended & Provisional Members	<sup>5</sup> Suspended Member Associations and national football associations admitted into membership on a provisional basis shall not have the right to vote.	Suspended & Provisional Members <b>Exceptions</b>	<sup>5</sup> Suspended Member Associations, <b>Member Associations placed under a normalisation committee by FIFA</b> and national football associations admitted into membership on a provisional basis shall not have the right to vote.

### Reasons

The proposed amendment to paragraph 4 aims at bringing more clarity in the wording of this provision and giving more flexibility to the Chair of the Congress when exercising his casting vote (i.e. by providing him with the possibility to opt for a drawing of lots). For the amendment to paragraph 5, see new Article 7(2) above.



### Articles 19(3) and 19(4)

Current text		<i>Proposed text</i>	
Election of President and Executive Committee	<p><sup>3</sup> 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. The other eight members of the Executive Committee to be elected by the Congress shall be elected during the calendar year following the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The members of the Executive Committee to be elected by the ECA shall be ratified by the Congress during the same calendar year as the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The member of the Executive Committee to be elected by the EL shall be ratified by the Congress during the calendar year following the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.</p>	Election of President and Executive Committee	<p><sup>3</sup> 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 <b>scheduled</b> final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The other eight members of the Executive Committee to be elected by the Congress <b>(including at least one female)</b> shall be elected during the calendar year following the <b>scheduled</b> final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The members of the Executive Committee to be elected by the ECA shall be ratified by the Congress during the same calendar year as the <b>scheduled</b> final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The member of the Executive Committee to be elected by the EL shall be ratified by the Congress during the calendar year following the <b>scheduled</b> final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.</p>
Election of European members of FIFA Council	<p><sup>4</sup> 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</p>	Election of European members of FIFA Council	<p><sup>4</sup> 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</p>

	calendar year preceding the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The other five members of the FIFA Council shall be elected during the calendar year following the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.		elected during the calendar year preceding the <b>scheduled</b> final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The other five members of the FIFA Council <b>(including at least one female)</b> shall be elected during the calendar year following the <b>scheduled</b> final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.
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#### Reasons

The proposed amendment to paragraph 3 aims at increasing the balance between men and women on the UEFA Executive Committee by ensuring that at least one female candidate is elected every second year to the UEFA Executive Committee (i.e. increasing the minimum number of reserved positions to female members from one to two) and further clarifies that the election of the members of the UEFA Executive Committee takes place the year preceding or following the scheduled final round of the UEFA European Football Championship (i.e. irrespective of when it takes place effectively). The proposed amendment to paragraph 4 aims at clarifying that the European female member of the FIFA Council is elected during the calendar year following the scheduled final round of the UEFA European Football Championship and also clarifies that the election of the European members of the FIFA Council takes place the year preceding or following the scheduled final round of the UEFA European Football Championship (i.e. irrespective of when it takes place effectively).

### Articles 21(1)(b), 21(2), 21(2bis) and 21(3)

Current text		<i>Proposed text</i>	
Composit- ion	<p><sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee shall consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the President,</li> <li>b) sixteen other members (including at least one female) elected by a Congress, and</li> <li>c) two members elected by the ECA and one member elected by the EL, ratified by the Congress, all with the same rights and duties as the other Executive Committee members.</li> </ul> <p>Upon election or ratification by Congress, every member of the Executive Committee undertakes to act faithfully, loyally and independently, in the best interests of UEFA and the promotion and development of European football.</p>	Composit- ion	<p><sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee shall consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the President,</li> <li>b) sixteen other members (including at least <del>one</del> <b>two</b> female <b>members</b>) elected by a Congress, and</li> <li>c) two members elected by the ECA and one member elected by the EL, ratified by the Congress, all with the same rights and duties as the other Executive Committee members.</li> </ul> <p>Upon election or ratification by Congress, every member of the Executive Committee undertakes to act faithfully, loyally and independently, in the best interests of UEFA and the promotion and development of European football.</p>
Eligibility	<p><sup>2</sup> The Executive Committee shall not include more than one representative of the same Member Association. This rule does not apply to either the female member of the Executive Committee or the members of the Executive Committee elected by the ECA and the EL. The members of the Executive Committee elected by the ECA cannot belong to clubs affiliated to the same Member Association.</p>	Eligibility	<p><sup>2</sup> The Executive Committee shall not include more than one representative of the same Member Association. This rule does not apply to <del>either the</del> <b>any</b> female member of the Executive Committee <b>nor to</b> the members of the Executive Committee elected by the ECA and the EL. The members of the Executive Committee elected by the ECA cannot belong to clubs affiliated to the same Member Association.</p>
Dual represent- ation	<p><sup>2bis</sup> 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</p>	Dual represent- ation	<p><sup>2bis</sup> 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</p>

Conditions	<p>does not apply to the President, the female member of the Executive Committee and the FIFA Vice-President representing the four British associations.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> 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.</p>	Conditions	<p>individuals. This rule does not apply to the President, <del>the</del><b>any</b> female member of the Executive Committee and the FIFA Vice-President representing the four British associations.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Each <del>member of</del> <b>candidate for a seat on</b> 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 <b>at the time of the election</b>. 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; <b>if, during her term of office, a female member can no longer be considered as representing her Member Association, that Member association may request UEFA for her to be removed from office;</b> in <del>both</del><b>such</b> a cases, <del>the</del><b>his</b> position as Executive Committee member becomes vacant.</p>
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### Reasons

The proposed amendment to paragraph 1(b) aims at ensuring a better balance between men and women on the UEFA Executive Committee by increasing the minimum number of reserved positions to female members from one to two. The proposed amendments to paragraphs 2 and 2bis aim at clarifying that there can be more than one female member elected on the UEFA Executive Committee. The proposed amendments to paragraph 3 aim to ensure that a member association can request UEFA to remove from office a female member whom it proposed as a candidate if, during her term of office, she can no longer be considered as a representative of her member association, e.g. because she has left that

association; in such a case, her position would become vacant, which means that a replacement would have to be elected from candidacies of any member association at the next Ordinary Congress, if possible, in accordance with Article 22(3) of the *UEFA Statutes*. This clarification is deemed necessary, as female members do not have to fulfil the condition of active office as stipulated in the first sentence of this paragraph. The proposed amendments to paragraph 3 further aim at clarifying when the condition of active office must be met for a candidate to be elected on the UEFA Executive Committee, i.e. at the time of the election.

### Articles 22(1), 22(2) and 22(3)

Current text		<i>Proposed text</i>	
Term, Re-election	<sup>1</sup> The term of office of the President and members of the Executive Committee elected by a Congress shall be four years. Eight members, or eight members (including at least one female) and the President, shall be elected every two years. The term of office of the members of the Executive Committee elected by the ECA and the EL shall be four years. No person may serve as President or member of the Executive Committee for more than three terms of office (whether consecutive or not). Any partial term of office shall count as one full term. [...]	Term, Re-election	<sup>1</sup> The term of office of the President and members of the Executive Committee elected by a Congress shall be four years. Eight members <b>(including at least one female)</b> , or eight members (including at least one female) and the President, shall be elected every two years. The term of office of the members of the Executive Committee elected by the ECA and the EL shall be four years. No person may serve as President or member of the Executive Committee for more than three terms of office (whether consecutive or not). Any partial term of office shall count as one full term. [...]
Age Limit	<sup>2</sup> A person aged 70 or more shall not be eligible for election or re-election.	<del>Age Limit</del>	<del><sup>2</sup> A person aged 70 or more shall not be eligible for election or re-election.</del>
Vacancies	<sup>3</sup> If a vacancy occurs, a replacement for the remaining term of office shall be elected or ratified, 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 or ratified.	Vacancies	<sup>23</sup> If a vacancy occurs, a replacement for the remaining term of office shall be elected or ratified, 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 or ratified.

### Reasons

For the amendment to paragraph 1, see Article 21(1)(b) above. With regard to paragraph 2, the proposed amendment aims at removing the age limit as a requirement to stand for (re-)election to the Executive Committee since the existence of term limits is deemed sufficient in this regard.



### Article 24(1)(d)

Current text		<i>Proposed text</i>	
Non-transferable Duties	<sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee shall have the following non-transferable and irrevocable duties: [...] d) appointment of the members of the Governance and Compliance Committee and the issue of their terms of reference; [...].	Non-transferable Duties	<sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee shall have the following non-transferable and irrevocable duties: [...] d) appointment of the members of <b>the Organs for the Administration of Justice as well as the members of the Governance and Compliance Committee and other Committees</b> and the issue of their terms of reference; [...].

### Reasons

The amendment to this provision is aimed at adding the appointment of the members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice (as set out in Article 32(2) of the *UEFA Statutes*) and of the Committees (as provided for in Article 36(1) of the *UEFA Statutes*) to the list of non-transferable duties of the Executive Committee.

## Article 27(1)

Current text		<i>Proposed text</i>	
Majorities	<sup>1</sup> Unless decided otherwise, and subject to para. 2 below, a decision shall be made in elections and votes if supported by more than half of the votes cast by the voting members present. In the event of a tie in votes, the President shall have the casting vote. Votes shall be open and elections shall be secret, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise. In the event of a tie in an election, a person shall be elected by the drawing of lots.	Majorities	<sup>1</sup> Unless decided otherwise, and subject to para. 2 below, a decision shall be made in elections and votes if supported by more than half of the <b>valid</b> votes cast by the voting members present. <b>Abstentions shall not be counted.</b> In the event of a tie in votes, the President shall have the casting vote <b>which may be exercised by way of a drawing of lots.</b> Votes shall be open and elections shall be secret, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise. In the event of a tie in an election, a person shall be elected by the drawing of lots.

### Reasons

The proposed amendments aim at aligning the definition of majorities for decisions taken by the Executive Committee with the ones taken by the Congress, i.e. invalid votes and abstentions do not count when calculating the required majority (see Article 18(4)). Moreover, this amendment aims at aligning this provision with Article 18(4) by giving more flexibility to the President when exercising his casting vote (i.e. by providing him with the possibility to opt for a drawing of lots).

### Article 28(3)

Current text		<i>Proposed text</i>	
Removal from Office	<sup>3</sup> The Executive Committee may remove from office a member of a Committee and appoint a replacement for the remaining period of the term of office where it considers that person to have committed a gross dereliction of duty or an act of improper conduct.	Removal from Office	<sup>3</sup> The Executive Committee may remove from office a member of a Committee <b>or expert panel</b> and appoint a replacement for the remaining period of the term of office <b>upon a reasoned request of a member association or</b> where it considers that person to have committed a gross dereliction of duty or an act of improper conduct.

### Reasons

This amendment aims at clarifying that the Executive Committee may also remove from office a member of an expert panel. The proposed amendment finally enshrines in the Statutes the current practice of an annual option to update UEFA committee and panel members with the view to streamlining the overall membership in accordance with any leadership changes within the UEFA member associations and to maintain an up-to-date cooperation on issues that are crucial to football operations and development.

## Articles 32(1) and 32(2)

Current text		<i>Proposed text</i>	
Organs for the Administration of Justice	<p><sup>1</sup> UEFA's Organs for the Administration of Justice are:</p> <p>a) the UEFA disciplinary bodies, i.e. the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body and the Appeals Body;</p> <p>b) the Ethics and Disciplinary Inspectors;</p> <p>c) the Club Financial Control Body. Members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice are independent and may not belong to any other organ or Committee of UEFA. They shall not take any measure nor exercise any influence in relation to a matter where any conflict of interests exists or is perceived to exist. They are bound exclusively by the UEFA Statutes, rules and regulations and the law.</p>	Organs for the Administration of Justice	<p><sup>1</sup> UEFA's Organs for the Administration of Justice are:</p> <p>a) the UEFA disciplinary bodies, i.e. the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body and the Appeals Body;</p> <p>b) the Ethics and Disciplinary Inspectors;</p> <p>c) the Club Financial Control Body. Members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice are independent and may not belong to any other organ, <del>or</del> Committee <b>or expert panel</b> of UEFA. They shall not take any measure nor exercise any influence in relation to a matter where any conflict of interests exists or is perceived to exist. They are bound exclusively by the UEFA Statutes, rules and regulations and the law.</p>
Election, Term of Office	<p><sup>2</sup> Members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice shall be elected by the Executive Committee for a term of four years. The elected members of the UEFA's Organs for the Administration of Justice shall be presented to the Congress for ratification.</p>	<b>Appointment</b> Election, Term of Office	<p><sup>2</sup> Members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice shall be <b>appointed</b><del>elected</del> by the Executive Committee for a term of four years. The <b>appointed</b><del>elected</del> members of the UEFA's Organs for the Administration of Justice shall be presented to the Congress for ratification.</p>

### Reasons

The amendment to paragraph 1 aims at specifying the scope of the independence requirements of the members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice by adding expert panels to the list of bodies to which they cannot be a member of. For the amendment to paragraph 2, see Article 7(d) above.

### Articles 34<sup>quater</sup>(1) and 34<sup>quater</sup>(2)

Current text		Proposed text	
Conditions	<p><sup>1</sup> 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. If this condition is no longer met during his term of office, he may continue to hold his position as FIFA 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.</p>	Conditions	<p><sup>1</sup> Each member of <b>candidate for a seat on</b> 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 <b>at the time of the election</b>. If this condition is no longer met during his term of office, he may continue to hold his position as FIFA Council member for the remainder of his term of office, unless his Member Association requests UEFA for him to be removed from office; <b>if, during her term of office, a female member can no longer be considered as representing her Member Association, that Member Association may request UEFA for her to be removed from office; in both</b> such a cases, <b>then</b> his position as FIFA Council member becomes vacant.</p>
Dual representation	<p><sup>2</sup> 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.</p> <p>[...].</p>	Dual representation	<p><sup>2</sup> 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, <b>the any</b> female member of the FIFA Council and the FIFA Vice-President representing the four British associations.</p> <p>[...].</p>

### **Reasons**

For the amendment to paragraph 1, see Article 21(3) above. The proposed amendment to paragraph 2 aims at clarifying that there can be more than one female member elected on the FIFA Council.



### Article 35

Current text		Proposed text	
Composition	<p><sup>1</sup> The Professional Football Strategy Council is composed of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) four Vice-Presidents of the UEFA Executive Committee;</li> <li>b) representatives elected by any such group recognised by UEFA as representing the interests of the European professional football leagues;</li> <li>c) representatives elected by any such group recognised by UEFA as representing the interests of the clubs participating in the UEFA competitions;</li> <li>d) representatives elected by any such players' union recognised by UEFA as representing the interests of the professional players in Europe.</li> </ul>	Composition	<p><del><sup>1</sup> The Professional Football Strategy Council is composed of:</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>a) four Vice Presidents of the UEFA Executive Committee;</del></li> <li><del>b) representatives elected by any such group recognised by UEFA as representing the interests of the European professional football leagues;</del></li> <li><del>c) representatives elected by any such group recognised by UEFA as representing the interests of the clubs participating in the UEFA competitions;</del></li> <li><del>d) representatives elected by any such players' union recognised by UEFA as representing the interests of the professional players in Europe.</del></li> </ul>
Terms of reference	<p><sup>2</sup> Details concerning the composition and organisation of the Professional Football Strategy Council, including the setting up of sub-committees or working groups to deal with specific topics, and the more detailed tasks assigned to it shall be set out in terms of reference drawn up by the Executive Committee from time to time.</p>	Terms of reference	<p><del><sup>2</sup> Details concerning the composition and organisation of the Professional Football Strategy Council, including the setting up of sub-committees or working groups to deal with specific topics, and the more detailed tasks assigned to it shall be set out in terms of reference drawn up by the Executive Committee from time to time.</del></p>
Tasks	<p><sup>3</sup> The Professional Football Strategy Council shall, in particular, be in charge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) identifying solutions to improve collaboration between the various stakeholders of European football;</li> <li>b) dealing with problems pertaining to the social dialogue in European professional football matters;</li> </ul>	Tasks	<p><del><sup>3</sup> The Professional Football Strategy Council shall, in particular, be in charge of:</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>a) identifying solutions to improve collaboration between the various stakeholders of European football;</del></li> <li><del>b) dealing with problems pertaining to the social dialogue in European professional football matters;</del></li> </ul>

Function	c) dealing with questions related to the UEFA club competitions and their calendars. <sup>4</sup> The Professional Football Strategy Council reports directly to the Executive Committee and exercises a major influence on the decision-making of the Executive Committee.	Function	<del>c) dealing with questions related to the UEFA club competitions and their calendars.  <sup>4</sup> The Professional Football Strategy Council reports directly to the Executive Committee and exercises a major influence on the decision-making of the Executive Committee.</del>
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### **Reasons**

The rules governing the Professional Football Strategy Council (PFSC) can be deleted since the PFSC has been in fact replaced by the UEFA Convention on the Future of European Football (see Article 3<sup>bis</sup>(2) above).

### Article 35<sup>bis</sup>(2) – Article 35(2)

Current text		<i>Proposed text</i>	
Composi- tion	<sup>2</sup> The Executive Committee shall appoint seven members of the Governance and Compliance Committee, four of them from different Member Associations and the other three to be independent. The chairman of the Governance and Compliance Committee and two vice-chairmen shall be designated by the Executive Committee upon proposal of the President. All members of the Governance and Compliance Committee shall be appointed for four years. These appointments shall be made after the electoral Congress held during the calendar year preceding the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The appointed members of the Governance and Compliance Committee shall be presented to the Congress for ratification.	Composi- tion	<sup>2</sup> The Executive Committee shall appoint seven members of the Governance and Compliance Committee, four of them from different Member Associations and the other three to be independent. The chairman of the Governance and Compliance Committee and two vice-chairmen shall be designated by the Executive Committee upon proposal of the President. All members of the Governance and Compliance Committee shall be appointed for four years. These appointments shall be made after the electoral Congress held during the calendar year preceding the <b>scheduled</b> final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The appointed members of the Governance and Compliance Committee shall be presented to the Congress for ratification.

### Reasons

See Article 19(3) above. Article 35<sup>bis</sup> is renumbered Article 35.

### Article 35<sup>ter</sup> – Article 35<sup>bis</sup>

Current text		Proposed text	
Com- mit- tees	<p>The Committees shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. National Associations Committee</li> <li>2. Finance Committee</li> <li>3. Referees Committee</li> <li>4. National Team Competitions Committee</li> <li>5. Club Competitions Committee</li> <li>6. Youth and Amateur Football Committee</li> <li>7. Women's Football Committee</li> <li>8. Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee</li> <li>9. HatTrick Committee</li> <li>10. Development and Technical Assistance Committee</li> <li>11. Club Licensing Committee</li> <li>12. Stadium and Security Committee</li> <li>13. Medical Committee</li> <li>14. Players' Status, Transfer and Agents and Match Agents Committee</li> <li>15. Legal Committee</li> <li>16. Marketing Advisory Committee</li> <li>17. Media Committee</li> <li>18. Fair Play and Social Responsibility Committee</li> <li>19. Football Committee</li> </ol>	Com- mittees	<p><b><i>The list of Committees shall be determined by the Executive Committee as deemed necessary.</i></b></p> <p><del>The Committees shall be:</del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>1. National Associations Committee</del></li> <li><del>2. Finance Committee</del></li> <li><del>3. Referees Committee</del></li> <li><del>4. National Team Competitions Committee</del></li> <li><del>5. Club Competitions Committee</del></li> <li><del>6. Youth and Amateur Football Committee</del></li> <li><del>7. Women's Football Committee</del></li> <li><del>8. Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee</del></li> <li><del>9. HatTrick Committee</del></li> <li><del>10. Development and Technical Assistance Committee</del></li> <li><del>11. Club Licensing Committee</del></li> <li><del>12. Stadium and Security Committee</del></li> <li><del>13. Medical Committee</del></li> <li><del>14. Players' Status, Transfer and Agents and Match Agents Committee</del></li> <li><del>15. Legal Committee</del></li> <li><del>16. Marketing Advisory Committee</del></li> <li><del>17. Media Committee</del></li> <li><del>18. Fair Play and Social Responsibility Committee</del></li> <li><del>19. Football Committee</del></li> </ol>

### Reasons

This amendment aims at giving more flexibility to the Executive Committee in the determination of the standing committees, which are listed and regulated in the *UEFA Organisational Regulations* (as adopted by the Executive Committee). With this amendment, the Executive Committee will have the discretion to rename, abolish or merge some of the currently existing Committees or create new ones as deemed appropriate and without the need for the *UEFA Statutes* to be amended beforehand. Article 35<sup>ter</sup> is renumbered Article 35<sup>bis</sup>.

### Articles 36(1), 36(2) and 36(3)

Current text		<b>Proposed text</b>	
Term of Office	<sup>1</sup> Based on proposals submitted by the President, the Executive Committee shall elect the Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and the members of each Committee for a four-year term. These appointments shall be made after the electoral Congress held during the calendar year preceding the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.	Term of Office	<sup>1</sup> Based on proposals submitted by the President, the Executive Committee shall <b>appoint</b> elect the Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and the members of each Committee for a four-year term. These appointments shall be made after the electoral Congress held during the calendar year preceding the <b>scheduled</b> final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.
Age Limit	<sup>2</sup> A person aged 70 or more shall not be eligible for election or re-election.	Age Limit	<del><sup>2</sup> A person aged 70 or more shall not be eligible for election or re-election.</del>
Number of members	<sup>3</sup> The Executive Committee shall determine the number of members of each Committee.	Number of members	<sup>23</sup> The Executive Committee shall determine the number of members of each Committee.

#### **Reasons**

For the amendments to paragraph 1, see Articles 7(d) and 19(3) above, respectively. For the amendment to paragraph 2, see Article 22(2) above.

### Article 46(1)

Current text		<b>Proposed text</b>	
Independence	<sup>1</sup> The Auditing Body shall be an auditing company which is independent of UEFA. It shall be elected by the Ordinary Congress for the financial year immediately following the Congress. It shall be eligible for re-election.	Independence	<sup>1</sup> The Auditing Body shall be an auditing company which is independent of UEFA. It shall be <del>elected</del> <b>appointed</b> by the Ordinary Congress for the financial year immediately following the Congress. It shall be eligible for re-election <b>appointment</b> .

#### **Reasons**

See Article 13(2)(i) above.

## Article 48(2)

Current text		<b>Proposed text</b>	
Regulations	<sup>2</sup> The Executive Committee shall issue regulations governing the implementation of these rights.	Regulations	<sup>2</sup> The Executive Committee <b>may</b> <del>shall</del> issue regulations governing the implementation of these rights.

### Reasons

Based on this provision, the Executive Committee must issue specific regulations governing the implementation of TV rights, which was made on 22 May 2003 with the adoption of the *Regulations governing the implementation of Article 48 of the UEFA Statutes*. The proposed amendment to this provision, i.e. to change the term “shall” into “may”, aims at giving more flexibility to the Executive Committee by allowing the latter to repeal the above-mentioned regulations should it so decide.

## Articles 49(1), 49(2)(b-c) and 49(3-4)

Current text		<b>Proposed text</b>	
Jurisdiction	<sup>1</sup> UEFA shall have the sole jurisdiction to organise or abolish international competitions in Europe in which Member Associations and/or their clubs participate. FIFA competitions shall not be affected by this provision.	Jurisdiction	<sup>1</sup> <b>To ensure the good functioning and the protection of the overall interests of European football,</b> UEFA shall have the sole jurisdiction to organise or <del>abolish</del> <b>authorise</b> international competitions in <b>UEFA's territory or the participation of member associations, or affiliated leagues or clubs in competitions outside of UEFA's territory</b> <del>Europe in which Member Associations and/or their clubs participate.</del> FIFA's competitions shall not be affected by this provision.
Club Teams	<sup>2</sup> The current UEFA competitions shall be: [...] b) For club teams: – UEFA Champions League – UEFA Europa League – UEFA Europa Conference League	Club Teams	<sup>2</sup> The current UEFA competitions shall be: [...] b) For club teams: – UEFA Champions League – UEFA Europa League – UEFA <del>Europa</del> Conference League



Other Competitions, Abolition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– UEFA Super Cup</li> <li>– UEFA Youth League</li> <li>– UEFA Futsal Champions League</li> <li>– UEFA Women's Champions League</li> </ul> <p>c) The Executive Committee shall decide whether to create or take over other competitions, as well as whether to abolish current competitions.</p>	Other Competitions, Abolition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– UEFA Super Cup</li> <li>– UEFA Youth League</li> <li>– UEFA Futsal Champions League</li> <li>– UEFA Women's Champions League</li> </ul> <p>c) The Executive Committee shall decide whether to create <del>or take over</del> other <b>UEFA</b> competitions, as well as whether to abolish current <b>UEFA</b> competitions.</p>
Approval	<p><sup>3</sup> International matches, competitions or tournaments which are not organised by UEFA but are played on UEFA's territory shall require the prior approval of FIFA and/or UEFA and/or the relevant Member Associations in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches and any additional implementing rules adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Approval <b>on UEFA's Territory</b></p> <p>Approval <b>outside of UEFA's Territory</b></p>	<p><sup>3</sup> International matches, competitions or tournaments which are not organised by UEFA but are played on UEFA's territory shall require the prior approval of FIFA and/or UEFA and/or the relevant Member Associations in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches, <b>the UEFA Authorisation Rules governing International Club Competitions</b> and any additional implementing rules adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> <b>A Member Association, or its affiliated leagues and clubs, may only play or organise international matches, competitions or tournaments outside UEFA's territory with the prior approval of UEFA and the relevant Member Association in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing Matches, the UEFA Authorisation Rules governing International Club Competitions and any additional implementing rules adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee. FIFA's competitions shall not be affected by this provision.</b></p>

## Reasons

The proposed amendments to paragraph 1 aim at clarifying the scope of UEFA's jurisdiction to organise or authorise international competitions in UEFA's territory and participation of member associations, affiliated leagues or clubs outside of UEFA's territory. The proposed amendment to paragraph 2(b) is aimed at reflecting the decision of the UEFA Executive Committee dated 28 June 2023 to change the name of the UEFA Europa Conference League to UEFA Conference League from the start of the 2024/25 season to enable its further development as a stand-alone competition. The proposed amendment to paragraph 2(c) seeks to clarify that this provision only applies to UEFA competitions. The amendments to paragraphs 3 and 4 aim at clarifying that the approval process for international matches, competitions and tournaments not organised by UEFA but falling under its jurisdiction is regulated under the *FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches*, the *UEFA Authorisation Rules governing International Club Competitions* and any additional implementing rules adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee. Paragraph 4 incorporates the contents of Article 51(2).

## Articles 50(1), 50(1bis) and 50(2)

Current text		Proposed text	
Conditions of Participation	<sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee shall draw up regulations governing the conditions of participation in and the staging of UEFA competitions. These regulations shall set out a clear and transparent bidding procedure for all UEFA competitions, including competition finals.	Conditions of Participation	<sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee shall draw up regulations governing the conditions of participation in and the staging of UEFA competitions. These regulations shall <b>ensure that the participation in UEFA competitions is based on sporting merit. The Executive Committee shall also draw up regulations that</b> set out a clear and transparent bidding procedure for <b>all the finals and final phases of</b> UEFA competitions, <del>including competition finals.</del>
Club Licensing System	<sup>1bis</sup> The Executive Committee shall define a club licensing system and in particular: a) the minimum criteria to be fulfilled by clubs in order to be admitted to UEFA competitions;	Club Licensing <b>and Financial Sustainability</b> System	<sup>1bis</sup> The Executive Committee shall <b>also</b> define a club licensing <b>and financial sustainability</b> system and in particular: a) the minimum criteria to be fulfilled by clubs in order to be admitted to UEFA competitions;

Entry	<p>b) the licensing process (including the minimum requirements for the licensing bodies);</p> <p>c) the minimum requirements to be observed by the licensors.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> It shall be a condition of entry into competition that each Member Association and/or club affiliated to a Member Association agrees to comply with the Statutes, and regulations and decisions of competent Organs made under them</p>	Entry	<p>b) <b>the requirements to be fulfilled by clubs admitted to UEFA competitions;</b></p> <p><del>b</del>c) the <b>club</b> licensing <b>and club monitoring</b> process—(including the minimum requirements for the licensing bodies);</p> <p><del>e</del>d) the minimum requirements to be observed by the licensors <b>and their decision-making bodies.</b></p> <p><sup>2</sup> It shall be a condition of entry into <b>UEFA</b> competitions that each Member Association and/or club affiliated to a Member Association agrees to comply with <b>these</b> Statutes, and regulations and decisions of competent Organs made under them.</p>
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### Reasons

The proposed amendment to paragraph 1 aims at reiterating in the *UEFA Statutes* the key principle of the European sports model according to which the entitlement of Member Associations and clubs to take part in UEFA competitions shall depend on sporting merit as provided for in the competition regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee. The proposed amendment aims also at acknowledging the existence of the *UEFA Bid Regulations UEFA Finals and Final Phases* and reflecting the terminology in use in the same for the sake of consistency.

The proposed amendment to paragraph 1bis aims at aligning this provision with the new name for the club licensing system (i.e. club licensing and financial sustainability system) as approved by the UEFA Executive Committee on 7 April 2022, as well as clarifying:

- (i) that the requirements to be fulfilled by clubs in order to be admitted must also be met once admitted to UEFA competitions,
- (ii) the distinction between club licensing and club monitoring process, and
- (iii) that the minimum requirements shall not only be observed by the licensors but also by their decision-making bodies.

Finally, the proposed amendments to paragraph 2 aim at clarifying the conditions for the entry into UEFA competitions.

### Articles 51(1) and 51(2)

Current text		Proposed text	
Prohibited Groupings	<sup>1</sup> No combinations or alliances between UEFA Member Associations or between leagues or clubs affiliated, directly or indirectly, to different UEFA Member Associations may be formed without the permission of UEFA.	Prohibited Groupings <b>Combinations or Alliances</b>	<sup>1</sup> — <del>No</del> <b>Any</b> combinations or alliances <b>relating directly or indirectly to the organisation of an international competition</b> between UEFA Member Associations or between leagues or clubs affiliated, <del>directly or indirectly,</del> to different UEFA Member Associations may <b>only</b> be formed without the <b>prior approval</b> <del>permission</del> of UEFA.
Permission	<sup>2</sup> A Member Association, or its affiliated leagues and clubs, may neither play nor organise matches outside its own territory without the permission of the relevant Member Associations.	Permission	<sup>2</sup> — <del>A Member Association, or its affiliated leagues and clubs, may neither play nor organise matches outside its own territory without the permission of the relevant Member Associations.</del>

### Reasons

The amendments to paragraph 1 aim at clarifying that the scope of this provision is limited to the organisation of an international competition (as opposed to any other alliance or combination which are already dealt with under Article 3bis of the *UEFA Statutes*). Paragraph 2 is no longer needed as its substance has been transferred into Article 49(4) above. **NB:** Because of the deletion of paragraph 2, the remaining paragraph of this provision will be a standalone paragraph, which will be reflected accordingly by removing its numbering and the title of this provision will be updated as well to reflect its content (i.e. “Combinations or Alliances”).

### Articles 51<sup>bis</sup>(1), 51<sup>bis</sup>(3) and 51<sup>bis</sup>(4)

Current text		Proposed text	
Principle	<sup>1</sup> A club's entitlement to take part in a domestic league championship shall depend principally on sporting merit. A	Principle	<sup>1</sup> A club's entitlement to take part in a domestic league championship shall depend <del>principally</del> on sporting merit. A

Prohibited Measures	<p>club shall qualify for a domestic league championship by remaining in a certain division or by being promoted or relegated to another at the end of a season.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Altering the legal form or company structure of a club to facilitate its qualification on sporting merit and/or its receipt of a licence for a domestic league championship, to the detriment of the integrity of a sports competition, is prohibited. This includes, for example, changing the headquarters, changing the name or transferring stakeholdings between different clubs. Prohibitive decisions must be able to be examined by the Member Association's body of appeal.</p>	Prohibited Measures <b>Alterations</b>	<p>club shall qualify for a domestic league championship by remaining in a certain division or by being promoted or relegated to another at the end of a season.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p><sup>3</sup> <b>Member Associations shall take the necessary measures to ensure that clubs do not</b> <del>altering their legal form, or company</del> <b>their legal group structure or their identity</b> of a club to facilitate its qualification on sporting merit and/or its receipt of a licence for a domestic league championship, to the detriment of the integrity of a <del>clubs</del> sports competition; <b>and/or to the detriment of the club's history and legacy; and/or to circumvent sporting merit principles and/or to improperly obtain a licence,</b> is prohibited. This includes, for example, changing the headquarters, changing the name or transferring stakeholdings between different clubs. Prohibitive decisions must be able to be examined by the Member Association's body of appeal.</p>
Jurisdiction	<p><sup>4</sup> Concerning the application of this article, each Member Association is responsible for deciding national issues, which may not be delegated to the leagues. UEFA is responsible for deciding issues involving more than one Member Association concerning its own territory. FIFA is responsible for deciding</p>	Jurisdiction	<p><sup>4</sup> Concerning the application of this article, each Member Association is responsible for deciding national issues, which may not be delegated to the leagues. <b>UEFA may act on its own initiative to protect the principle of promotion and relegation, in particular to ensure sporting merit for the qualification to UEFA</b></p>

	international issues involving more than one Confederation.		<b>competitions.</b> UEFA is <b>also</b> responsible for deciding issues <b>within UEFA's territory</b> involving more than one Member Association <del>concerning its own territory.</del> FIFA is responsible for deciding international issues involving more than one Confederation.
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### Reasons

For the proposed amendment to paragraph 1 see Article 50(1) above. The proposed amendments to paragraph 3 defines the obligation of a Member Association to take necessary measures against clubs; to protect the integrity of a club competition and the club's history and legacy and prevent the circumvention of sporting merit principles or their licensing process. Finally, the last proposed amendment aims at clarifying UEFA's ability to protect the principle of promotion and relegation.

### **Article 62(6)**

Current text		<b>Proposed text</b>	
Scope of Review	<sup>6</sup> The CAS shall not take into account facts or evidence which the appellant could have submitted to an internal UEFA body by acting with the diligence required under the circumstances, but failed or chose not to do so.	Scope of review	<sup>6</sup> The CAS shall not take into account facts or evidence which the <del>appellant</del> <b>parties</b> could have submitted to an internal UEFA body by acting with the diligence required under the circumstances, but failed or chose not to do so.

### Reasons

The proposed amendment aims at clarifying that this provision – stating that CAS shall not consider facts and evidence that the appellant could have submitted to an UEFA internal body, but failed to do so or chose not to do so – does apply not only to the appellant but to both parties to the proceedings, i.e. also to UEFA, in line with the case law of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS 2016/A/4676, pt. 52).

## Articles 63(2) and 63(3) [new]

Current text		Proposed text	
Procedure	<p><sup>2</sup> Moreover, proceedings before the CAS shall take place in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration of the CAS.</p>	<p>Procedure <b>and Applicable Law</b></p> <p><b>Finality of CAS awards</b></p>	<p><sup>2</sup> Moreover, proceedings before the CAS shall take place in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration of the CAS. <b>CAS shall primarily apply the UEFA Statutes, rules and regulations and, subsidiarily, Swiss law. In addition, any party before CAS shall be entitled to raise mandatory provisions of foreign law in accordance with Article 19 of the Swiss Private International Law Act, which may include European Union public policy laws.</b></p> <p><sup>3</sup> <b>CAS awards shall be final and binding to the exclusion of jurisdiction of any ordinary court or any other court of arbitration. This is without prejudice to the right to file an appeal against a CAS award before the Swiss Federal Tribunal in accordance with Swiss law and the right to challenge the enforcement or recognition of a CAS award on grounds of public policy (which may include European Union public policy laws) in accordance with any applicable national or European Union procedural laws or the right to file a case before a competent competition authority.</b></p>



### **Reasons**

The amendment to paragraph 2 aims at clarifying the law applicable to the merits before the CAS, namely the *UEFA Statutes*, rules and regulations, which are supplemented by Swiss law. The amendment further enshrines in the *UEFA Statutes* the principle of Article 19 of the *Swiss Private International Law Act* regarding the application of mandatory provisions of foreign law in CAS proceedings. The new paragraph 3 aims at clarifying that decisions of the CAS can be exclusively appealed to the Swiss Federal Tribunal as well as the grounds on which their enforcement or recognition can be challenged. Moreover, through this amendment the right to file a case with the relevant competition authorities is enshrined in the *UEFA Statutes*.

## Article 69

Current text	<i>Proposed text</i>
<p><sup>2</sup> By exception to Art. 19, para. 3, and Art. 22, para. 1, the term of office of the two ECA representatives on the Executive Committee to be ratified at the 2021 UEFA ordinary Congress shall last until the 2024 UEFA ordinary Congress.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Terms of office served before 1 July 2017 shall not be taken into account for the purposes of the term limits set out in Art. 22, para. 1.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> By exception to Art. 19, para. 3, and Art. 22, para. 1, the member of the Executive Committee elected by the EL shall be ratified for the first time at the UEFA ordinary Congress in February 2018 and his term of office shall last until the 2021 UEFA electoral Congress.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> By exception to Art. 32, para. 2, the term of office of any member of the Club Financial Control Body elected by the Executive Committee to start on 1 July 2021 shall last until 30 June 2023.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> By exception to Art. 32, para. 2, the term of office of any member of the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body or Appeals Body elected by the Executive Committee to start on 1 July 2020 shall last until 30 June 2023.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> By exception to Art. 35<sup>bis</sup>, para. 2, the term of office of the two members of the Governance and Compliance Committee appointed by the Executive</p>	<p><del><sup>2</sup> By exception to Art. 19, para. 3, and Art. 22, para. 1, the term of office of the two ECA representatives on the Executive Committee to be ratified at the 2021 UEFA ordinary Congress shall last until the 2024 UEFA ordinary Congress.</del></p> <p><sup>23</sup> Terms of office <b>started or</b> served before 1 July 2017 shall not be taken into account for the purposes of the term limits set out in Art. 22, para. 1.</p> <p><del><sup>4</sup> By exception to Art. 19, para. 3, and Art. 22, para. 1, the member of the Executive Committee elected by the EL shall be ratified for the first time at the UEFA ordinary Congress in February 2018 and his term of office shall last until the 2021 UEFA electoral Congress.</del></p> <p><del><sup>5</sup> By exception to Art. 32, para. 2, the term of office of any member of the Club Financial Control Body elected by the Executive Committee to start on 1 July 2021 shall last until 30 June 2023.</del></p> <p><del><sup>6</sup> By exception to Art. 32, para. 2, the term of office of any member of the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body or Appeals Body elected by the Executive Committee to start on 1 July 2020 shall last until 30 June 2023.</del></p> <p><del><sup>7</sup> By exception to Art. 35<sup>bis</sup>, para. 2, the term of office of the two members of the Governance and Compliance Committee</del></p>

	<p>Committee to start on 1 July 2020 shall last until 30 June 2023.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Art. 21, para. 2bis, and Art. 34<sup>quater</sup>, para. 2, do not apply to the members of the UEFA Executive Committee and European members of the FIFA Council in office on 20 April 2021.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> Notwithstanding Article 70 below, Article 34<sup>ter</sup> exceptionally comes into effect as from 1 July 2021.</p>		<p><del>appointed by the Executive Committee to start on 1 July 2020 shall last until 30 June 2023.</del></p> <p><del><sup>38</sup> Art. 21, para. 2bis, and Art. 34<sup>quater</sup>, para. 2, do not apply to the members of the UEFA Executive Committee and European members of the FIFA Council in office on 20 April 2021</del></p> <p><del><sup>9</sup> Notwithstanding Article 70 below, Article 34<sup>ter</sup> exceptionally comes into effect as from 1 July 2021.</del></p>
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### **Reasons**

The transitional rules in the current paragraphs 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 of Article 69 can be deleted as they have no remaining *raison d'être*. Paragraphs 3 and 8 are renumbered accordingly. The proposed amendment to current paragraph 3 aims at clarifying that terms of office served by any member of the Executive Committee before 1 July 2017 as well as those started before this date shall not be taken into account when calculating the number of terms as defined in Article 22(1) of the *UEFA Statutes* (i.e. no more than three terms – whether consecutive or not – and any partial term to be counted as one full term) in accordance with the legal principle of non-retroactivity.

## Article 70

Current text		<b>Proposed text</b>	
Coming into Force	These Statutes were originally adopted at the UEFA Congress on 24 September 1997 in Helsinki and came into force on 24 December 1997. They were subsequently amended by the UEFA Congress on 30 June and 1 July 2000 in Luxembourg, on 11 October 2001 in Prague, on 25 April 2002 in Stockholm, on 27 March 2003 in Rome, on 22/23 April 2004 in Limassol, on 21 April 2005 in Tallinn, on 23 March 2006 in Budapest, on 25/26 January 2007 in Düsseldorf, on 28 May 2007 in Zurich, on 25 March 2010 in Tel Aviv, on 22 March 2012 in Istanbul, on 27 March 2014 in Astana, on 25 February 2016 in Zurich, on 3 May 2016 in Budapest, on 5 April 2017 in Helsinki, on 20 September 2017 in Geneva, on 26 February 2018 in Bratislava, on 3 March 2020 in Amsterdam and on 20 April 2021 in Montreux. The current version of these Statutes comes into force on 20 April 2021.	Coming into Force	These Statutes were originally adopted at the UEFA Congress on 24 September 1997 in Helsinki and came into force on 24 December 1997. They were subsequently amended by the UEFA Congress on 30 June and 1 July 2000 in Luxembourg, on 11 October 2001 in Prague, on 25 April 2002 in Stockholm, on 27 March 2003 in Rome, on 22/23 April 2004 in Limassol, on 21 April 2005 in Tallinn, on 23 March 2006 in Budapest, on 25/26 January 2007 in Düsseldorf, on 28 May 2007 in Zurich, on 25 March 2010 in Tel Aviv, on 22 March 2012 in Istanbul, on 27 March 2014 in Astana, on 25 February 2016 in Zurich, on 3 May 2016 in Budapest, on 5 April 2017 in Helsinki, on 20 September 2017 in Geneva, on 26 February 2018 in Bratislava, on 3 March 2020 in Amsterdam, <del>and</del> on 20 April 2021 in Montreux <b>and on 8 February 2024 in Paris</b> . The current version of these Statutes comes into force on <del>20 April 2021</del> <b>1 July 2024</b> .

### Reasons

This version of the *UEFA Statutes*, to be adopted on 8 February 2024 in Paris, will come into force on 1 July 2024.

## Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress

### Articles 9(2), 9(6) and 9(7)

Current text		<i>Proposed text</i>	
Elections	<p><sup>2</sup> Before the votes are counted, the Chairman shall announce the number of ballot papers distributed. [...].</p> <p><sup>6</sup> Blank or spoiled ballot papers shall be ignored in the counting of votes. If two or more votes for one candidate are on the same ballot paper, neither shall be valid.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> The Chairman shall announce the result.</p>	Elections	<p><sup>2</sup> <del>Before the votes are counted, the Chairman shall announce the number of ballot papers distributed. [...].</del></p> <p><sup>56</sup> Blank or spoiled ballot papers shall be ignored in the counting of <b>the valid</b> votes <b>cast</b>. If two or more votes for one candidate are on the same ballot paper, neither shall be valid.</p> <p><sup>67</sup> <b>Before announcing the result,</b> <del>the</del> the Chairman shall announce the result <b>number of ballot papers distributed, the number of ballot papers received, any abstention or invalid ballot papers and the relevant majority for a candidate to be elected.</b></p>

### Reasons

The proposed amendments aim at aligning this provision with the practice applied during the Congress. NB: Because of the deletion of paragraph 2, the further paragraphs of this provision will need to be renumbered accordingly.

### Article 12

Current text		<i>Proposed text</i>	
Representation	<p><sup>2</sup> A Member Association may be represented at the Congress by a maximum of three delegates.</p>	Representation	<p><sup>2</sup> A Member Association may be represented at the Congress by a maximum of three delegates, <b>who cannot at the same time be a member of the UEFA</b></p>

			<b><i>Executive Committee or of the FIFA Council.</i></b>
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### **Reasons**

The proposed amendment aims at strengthening key good governance principles by addressing the separation of powers between the Executive Committee and the Congress. During their term of office, the members of the Executive Committee and of the FIFA Council can no longer be appointed as delegates for their Member Association.

### **Article 13**

Current text		<b><i>Proposed text</i></b>	
Coming into Force	These Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress were originally adopted by the UEFA Congress on 24 September 1997 in Helsinki and came into force on 24 December 1997. They were subsequently amended by the UEFA Congress on 30 June and 1 July 2000 in Luxembourg, on 11 October 2001 in Prague, on 28 May 2007 in Zurich, on 22 March 2012 in Istanbul, on 27 March 2014 in Astana, on 5 April 2017 in Helsinki and on 3 March 2020 in Amsterdam. The current version of these Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress comes into force on 1 July 2020.  Amsterdam, 3 March 2020	Coming into Force	These Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress were originally adopted by the UEFA Congress on 24 September 1997 in Helsinki and came into force on 24 December 1997. They were subsequently amended by the UEFA Congress on 30 June and 1 July 2000 in Luxembourg, on 11 October 2001 in Prague, on 28 May 2007 in Zurich, on 22 March 2012 in Istanbul, on 27 March 2014 in Astana, on 5 April 2017 in Helsinki, <del>and</del> on 3 March 2020 in Amsterdam <b><i>and on 8 February 2024 in Paris.</i></b> The current version of these Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress comes into force on 1 July 2020 <del>4</del> . <del>Amsterdam, 3 March 2020</del> <b><i>Paris, 8 February 2024.</i></b>

### **Reasons**

This version of the *Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress*, to be adopted on 8 February 2024 in Paris, will come into force on 1 July 2024.





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