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Slovak Football Association
General Secretary

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National Dispute Resolution Chamber of the Slovak Football Association

Dear General Secretary,

We acknowledge receipt of correspondence from the Únia futbalových profesionálov (UFP) dated 11 February 2020. A copy is enclosed for your perusal.

The correspondence highlights proposed amendments to the "*Statutes of the Slovak FA [SFZ] regarding election of President and Vice President of the NDRC*". It is disappointing that this information was not provided directly to FIFA, taking note of the involvement of the Slovak Football Association (SFZ) in the FIFA NDRC Pilot Project since June 2017.

We kindly remind you that a national dispute resolution chamber (NDRC) must comply with specific principles to be considered an "*independent arbitration tribunal that has been established at national level...[which] guarantees fair proceedings and respects the principle of equal representation*" for the purposes of art. 22 b) of the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (RSTP). As stated previously, those principles are found in FIFA Circular 1010 dated 20 December 2005 and the FIFA NDRC Standard Regulations, which are both enclosed for your perusal.

To comply with art. 22 b), an NDRC must respect, *inter alia*, the principle of equal representation of players and clubs: art. 3.1 and art. 4 of the FIFA NDRC Standard Regulations. This includes the nomination process of the chairperson and deputy chairperson. Pertinently, art. 3.1 a) of the FIFA NDRC Standard Regulations states that an NDRC shall be composed of a chairperson and deputy chairperson chosen by consensus by player and club representatives from a list of at least 5 persons drawn up by the association executive committee.

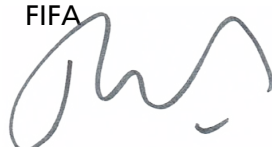
Given the above, it appears that the proposals contained in the correspondence received by FIFA do not comply with that FIFA NDRC Standard Regulations.

As such, we kindly request that you clarify the proposed amendments to the SFZ Statutes regarding the selection of the chairperson and deputy chairperson of SFZ NDRC **by latest 21 February 2020**.

We thank you for in advance for your valuable cooperation in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

FIFA



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Encl. as mentioned

Cc. Únia futbalových profesionálov (UFP)