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STATUTES OF UEFA

I. DEFINITION OF TERMS

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| 1. 'UEFA': Union des associations européennes de football. | UEFA |
| 2. 'FIFA': Fédération Internationale de Football Association. | FIFA |
| 3. 'Member Association': a national football association which is a member of UEFA. | Member Association |
| 4. 'League': a combination of clubs within the territory of a Member Association and which is subordinate to and under the authority of that Member Association. | League |
| 5. 'Executive Committee': the UEFA Executive Committee, as it exists from time to time, in accordance with these Statutes. | Executive Committee |
| 6. 'Administration': the UEFA Administration, as it exists from time to time, in accordance with these Statutes. | Administration |

II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Legal Form and Headquarters

Article 1

¹ UEFA shall be a society entered in the register of companies under the terms of Art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. UEFA shall be neutral, politically and religiously.

² UEFA's headquarters shall be situated in Switzerland. The Executive Committee shall determine the location of the registered office of UEFA.

Objects

Article 2

The objects of UEFA shall be:

- a) to deal with all questions relating to European football;
- b) to promote football in Europe in a spirit of peace, understanding and fair play, without any discrimination as to politics, gender, religion or race;
- c) to safeguard the overall interests of Member Associations;
- d) to respect the interests of Member Associations, and to settle disputes between Member Associations;
- e) to promote unity among Member Associations in matters relating to European and world football;

- f) to ensure that its representatives within FIFA loyally represent the views of UEFA and act in the spirit of European solidarity;
- g) to organise and conduct international football competitions and international tournaments at European level;
- h) to hold courses and conferences;
- i) to disseminate information on UEFA activities;
- j) to maintain contact and cooperation with FIFA and the Confederations recognised by FIFA.

Relationship with FIFA

Article 3

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| Confederation | 1 UEFA shall be a Confederation recognised by FIFA. |
| Relations with FIFA | 2 UEFA shall, if necessary, define its relations and respective jurisdictions with FIFA by contract. |

Official Languages

Article 4

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| Official Languages | 1 The official languages of UEFA shall be English, French and German. |
| Congress | 2 The official languages of Congress shall be English, French, German and Russian. |
| Official Documents, Records | 3 Official documents and official records of UEFA shall be published in English, French and German. In the event of any discrepancy, the English version shall be authoritative, subject to Art. 68 of these Statutes. |

III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership

Article 5

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| Members | 1 Membership of UEFA is open to national football associations situated in the continent of Europe, based in a country which is recognised by the United Nations as an independent state, and which are responsible for the organisation and implementation of football-related matters in the territory of their country. |
| Exceptions | 2 In exceptional circumstances, a national football association that is situated in another continent may be admitted to membership, provided that it is not a member of the Confederation of that continent, or of any other Confederation, and that FIFA approves its membership of UEFA. |

Admission and Admission Procedure

Article 6

¹ A national football association that wishes to become a member of UEFA shall submit a written application for admission.

Application
for Admission

² The Congress shall have the power in its discretion to accept or refuse an application for membership.

Power

³ The Executive Committee may admit a national football association into membership on a provisional basis. A decision on full admission must be taken at the next Congress.

Provisional
Admission

⁴ Details concerning the admission procedure shall be laid down in the 'Regulations governing the Implementation of the Statutes.'

Admission
Procedure

Rights and Obligations of Member Associations

Article 7

¹ Member Associations shall benefit from the rights granted to them by these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them. Entry into UEFA competitions shall be open only to representative teams of Member Associations and clubs affiliated to Member Associations.

Rights

² Member Associations shall observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the principles of fair play. Member Associations shall include these principles in their statutes, as well as a provision that clubs, players and officials shall observe these principles. A Member Association may be punished if it violates, contravenes or otherwise fails to abide by regulations and decisions made by the Organs.

Conduct

³ Member Associations shall:

- a) comply with these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them;
- b) comply with the Laws of the Game as decided by the International Football Association Board (IFAB).

Statutes,
Laws of the
Game

Member Associations shall include such obligations in their statutes.

⁴ Member Associations can be held liable for all financial commitments of their clubs towards UEFA.

Liability

⁵ The constitution of a Member Association must provide for the free election of its executive body. Where there is no such provision or where the Executive Committee considers an executive body of a Member Association not to have been established by free elections, the Executive Committee shall have the power to refuse to recognise an executive body, including an executive body set up on an interim basis.

Free Elections

Leagues,
Combinations

⁶ Leagues or any other groups of clubs at association level shall only be permitted with the association's express consent and shall be subordinate to it. The association's statutes shall define the powers apportioned to any such group, as well as its rights and obligations. The regulations of any such group shall be subject to the approval of the association.

Withdrawal and Termination of Membership, Exclusion, Dissolution of a Member Association

Article 8

Withdrawal

¹ A Member Association may withdraw its membership at the end of UEFA's financial year, provided that it has given a minimum of six months' written notice to the Administration sent by registered letter.

Dissolution

² If a Member Association is dissolved, its membership of UEFA shall terminate at the same time.

Exclusion

³ A Member Association may be excluded from UEFA if it has:
a) failed to settle its financial obligations towards UEFA;
b) seriously breached these Statutes or a regulation or decision made under them;
c) lost its qualifying status as a representative national football association.

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.

Financial
Obligations

⁴ A Member Association shall be obliged to settle all outstanding financial obligations due to UEFA prior to its withdrawal or dissolution and/or the termination of its membership.

Suspension

Article 9

Executive
Committee

¹ If in the opinion of the Executive Committee, a Member Association has repeatedly committed serious breaches of these Statutes or regulations or decisions made under them, the Executive Committee shall be entitled to suspend the membership of the Member Association with immediate effect.

Congress

² Any suspension shall be submitted to the next Congress for consideration as to whether or not the Member Association should be excluded, or the suspension lifted or continued. If the Congress does not consider the matter, the suspension shall cease.

IV. HONORARY PRESIDENT AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Membership

Article 10

¹ UEFA may, on the proposal of the Executive Committee, bestow the status of Honorary President or Honorary Membership upon a person for especially meritorious services to European football.

Honorary
Membership

² Honorary Presidents may attend the Congress and the meetings of the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity, but shall have no vote.

Honorary
Presidents;
Advisory
Capacity

³ Honorary Members may attend the Congress in an advisory capacity, but shall have no vote.

Honorary
Members;
Advisory
Capacity

V. ORGANS

Organs

Article 11

The organs through which UEFA may act (the 'Organs') shall be:

Organs

- the Congress;
- the Executive Committee;
- the Chief Executive;
- the Organs for the Administration of Justice.

1. Congress

General/Decision-Making Powers

Article 12

¹ The Congress shall be the supreme controlling Organ of UEFA.

Supreme
Organ

² Only a duly convened Congress shall have the power to make decisions.

Decisions

Ordinary Congress: Powers, Notice, Agenda

Article 13

¹ An Ordinary Congress shall be held every two years, as a rule prior to the FIFA Congress.

Frequency

² Matters within the power of Congress shall be the:

Powers

- a) election of tellers;
- b) election of three delegates to verify the minutes of Congress;
- c) receipt and consideration of the Executive Committee's report;
- d) receipt and consideration of the Chief Executive's report;
- e) receipt and consideration of the auditors' report and of the annual accounts and annual budget;

- f) election of the President of UEFA;
- g) election of the members of the Executive Committee;
- h) election of the European members of the FIFA Executive Committee;
- i) election of the Auditing Body;
- j) amendment of the Statutes;
- k) consideration and taking of decisions on proposals;
- l) consideration of membership applications and the exclusion of a Member Association;
- m) decisions on the lifting or continuation of the suspension of a Member Association, Executive Committee member or a member of another body;
- n) consideration of proposals for the dismissal of a member of the Executive Committee or the Organs for the Administration of Justice;
- o) receipt and consideration of the agenda of the FIFA Congress;
- p) receipt and consideration of the minutes of the previous Congress in accordance with Art. 17, para. 2, if necessary;
- q) bestowal of honorary membership.

Time Limit,
Agenda,
Notice

³ Notice of an Ordinary Congress shall be given in writing at least three months in advance. The official invitation to attend the Congress shall be sent out at least four weeks before the Congress is due to take place, together with the agenda, which shall be drawn up by the Executive Committee.

Extraordinary Congress: Powers, Notice, Agenda

Article 14

Convocation

¹ An Extraordinary Congress may be convened by the Executive Committee, or at the written request of one fifth or more of the Member Associations, stating the items to be placed on the agenda.

Time Limit

² If convened by one fifth of the Member Associations, an Extraordinary Congress shall be held within three months of the date of the written request. Notice of the Extraordinary Congress shall be sent out at least two months before it is due to take place.

Agenda

³ The agenda, which shall be drawn up by the Executive Committee, shall be sent out together with the notice of the Extraordinary Congress. Items may also be placed on the agenda by the Executive Committee which fall within the power of an Ordinary Congress.

Proposals of Member Associations

Article 15

Deadline

A Member Association wishing to include a proposal on the agenda for an Ordinary Congress must submit it in writing to the

Administration at least two months before the Congress is due to take place. The proposal must be clearly formulated, together with brief reasons for the proposal.

Chairman of Congress, Acting Chairman, Casting Vote

Article 16

¹ The President or, in his absence, the first Vice-President shall be Chairman of Congress. If the first Vice-President is not present either, the longest-serving Vice-President shall chair the Congress. If no Vice-President is present, Congress shall elect a member of the Executive Committee as Chairman of Congress.

Chairman of Congress

² In the event of a tie in any vote, the Chairman of Congress shall have a casting vote. In elections, Art. 19 shall apply.

Casting Vote

Minutes

Article 17

¹ Minutes of all business at Congress shall be taken.

Minutes

² 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

Voting Rights

Article 18

¹ Each Member Association shall have one vote which shall be exercised on its behalf by one of its representatives.

Voting Rights

² Votes by proxy shall not be permitted.

Proxy

³ Voting shall be open, unless the Congress decides otherwise.

Open Voting

⁴ 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

⁵ Suspended Member Associations and national football associations admitted into membership on a provisional basis shall not have the right to vote.

Suspended & Provisional Members

Elections

Article 19

- Procedures ¹ In respect of elections, a person shall be elected in the first ballot if supported by an absolute majority of the valid votes cast (i.e. half of the votes plus one). If no election is made, there shall be a second ballot, in which the person supported by a simple majority (i.e. most votes) shall be elected. In the event of a tie in the second ballot, there shall be a third ballot, in which the person supported by a simple majority shall be elected. In the event of a tie in the third ballot, election shall be determined by the drawing of lots.
- Secret Ballot ² Elections shall be by secret ballot. If only one candidate stands for election, the Congress may decide to proceed otherwise.
- Other ³ In all other respects, Art. 18 shall apply by analogy.

Coming into Force of Decisions

Article 20

- Deadline Congress decisions shall be binding on all Member Associations. Unless otherwise stated, a decision shall come into force three months after the end of the Congress. The Congress may decide that a decision shall come into force at an earlier or later date.

2. Executive Committee

Composition

Article 21

- Composition ¹ The Executive Committee shall consist of the President and thirteen other members.
- Eligibility ² The Executive Committee shall not include more than one representative of the same Member Association.
- Conditions ³ Each member of the Executive Committee shall hold an active office within his Member Association. If this condition ceases to apply during his term of office, he shall no longer be eligible for re-election.
- Constitution ⁴ The Executive Committee shall elect a first, second, third and fourth Vice-President and an Honorary Treasurer. The President shall be entitled to propose candidates.

Term of Office

Article 22

- Term, Re-election ¹ The term of office of the President and members of the Executive Committee shall be four years. Seven members, or six members and the President, shall be elected every two years. The President and other members shall be eligible for re-election.
- Age Limit ² A person aged 70 or more shall not be eligible for election or re-election.

³ If a vacancy occurs during the first half of the term of office of a member of the Executive Committee, the next Ordinary Congress shall elect a replacement for the remaining two years. If the vacancy occurs in the second half of the term of office of the member of the Executive Committee, no replacement shall be elected.

Vacancies

Powers of the Executive Committee

Article 23

¹ The Executive Committee shall have the power to make decisions on all matters which do not fall within the legal or statutory jurisdiction of the Congress or another Organ.

Jurisdiction

² The Executive Committee shall manage UEFA, except to the extent that it has delegated responsibility to the Chief Executive or Administration, or unless such responsibility is delegated by the Statutes.

Management

Duties of the Executive Committee

Article 24

¹ The Executive Committee shall have the following untransferable and irrevocable duties:

Un-transferable
Duties

- a) overall control of UEFA and the issue of necessary instructions;
- b) definition of the organisational structure;
- c) form and supervision of the book-keeping;
- d) election of two internal auditors and the issue of their terms of reference;
- e) appointment and recall of the Chief Executive and, at the request of the Chief Executive, of Directors;
- f) supervision of the managers, including the Chief Executive and Directors, especially in terms of observance of laws, the Statutes, regulations and orders;
- g) approval of the Chief Executive's annual business plan;
- h) compilation of a written report for presentation to the Ordinary Congress;
- i) examination of the Chief Executive's report to the Ordinary Congress.

² The Executive Committee may delegate the preparation and implementation of its decisions or the supervision of business to panels or individual members. It shall report adequately to its members.

Delegation of Management

Article 25

¹ In accordance with a set of organisational regulations issued by it, the Executive Committee shall be authorised to delegate management, either fully or partly, to panels composed exclusively

Delegation of
Management

from among its own members, to individual members or to the Chief Executive.

Organisational Regulations 2 This set of organisational regulations shall govern the management, define the necessary posts, outline the corresponding duties and govern reporting.

Powers and Duties of the President

Article 26

Representation 1 The President shall represent UEFA.
Chairman 2 The President shall chair the Congress, as well as meetings of the Executive Committee.

Casting Vote 3 In the event of a tie in any vote, the President shall have the casting vote.

Absence of President 4 In the absence of the President, the first Vice-President shall assume his powers and duties.

Frequency of Meetings and Quorum

Article 27

Meetings 1 The Executive Committee shall as a general rule meet once every two months. It shall be convened by the President. At the request of at least four members, the President shall convene a meeting of the Executive Committee within two weeks of such a request being made.

Quorum 2 The Executive Committee shall have a quorum of eight including the President or, in his absence, a Vice-President.

Exclusion from Meetings 3 A member of the Executive Committee or the President shall not take part in the deliberation of any matter or point of issue involving the Member Association and/or a club affiliated to the Member Association with which he is associated, or in any case in which a conflict of interest exists.

Coming into Force 4 Decisions of the Executive Committee shall come into immediate force, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.

Voting and Election Procedures, Minutes

Article 28

Majorities 1 A decision shall be made in elections and votes if supported by more than half of the votes cast. 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.

² Minutes of all business conducted at a meeting shall be taken. The minutes shall be sent to all members of the Executive Committee before the next meeting.

Minutes

Suspension of Members of the Executive Committee and Other Organs, as well as Removal of Members of Other Committees

Article 29

¹ The Executive Committee may suspend a member of the Executive Committee or a member of another Organ (see Art. 11) until the next Ordinary Congress where it considers that person to have committed a gross dereliction of duty or an act of improper conduct.

Dereliction of Duty, Improper Conduct

² Art. 9, para. 2 shall apply accordingly.

Approval

³ 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

⁴ Such decisions shall be made if supported by three-quarters or more of the total number of the Executive Committee. A member of the Executive Committee affected by the decision shall not be entitled to take part in the deliberations or vote.

Procedures

3. Chief Executive

Duties of the Chief Executive

Article 30

¹ The Chief Executive shall be the highest operational-management organ appointed by the Executive Committee.

Operational Management

² The following duties in particular shall be delegated to the Chief Executive:

- a) representation of UEFA, as delegated by the UEFA President;
- b) arrangement and management of the Administration;
- c) appointment, management and dismissal of staff, as well as the right to request the appointment and recall of Directors;
- d) submission of an annual business plan;
- e) compilation of a written report for presentation to the Ordinary Congress;

- f) drawing up of an estimate for income and expenditure;
 - g) initiation of expenditure within the framework of the budget.
- Further Duties ³ Further duties of the Chief Executive shall be defined by the Executive Committee in detail in a set of regulations.
- Delegation ⁴ The Chief Executive may delegate his duties to Directors. Such duties shall be governed by the Chief Executive in regulations to be approved by the Executive Committee.

Appointment, Employment, Meetings

Article 31

- Appointment, Employment ¹ The Executive Committee shall appoint the Chief Executive, who shall be employed by UEFA.
- Attendance of Meetings ² The Chief Executive shall attend meetings of Congress, conferences, the Executive Committee and its panels, as well as of Committees, and take an advisory part in the deliberations. If unable to attend, the Chief Executive may send a representative in his place.

4. Administration of Justice

Organs for the Administration of Justice

Article 32

- Organs for the Administration of Justice ¹ UEFA's Organs for the Administration of Justice are:
- a) the Control and Disciplinary Body;
 - b) the Appeals Body;
 - c) the Disciplinary Inspector.
- Members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice may not belong to the Executive Committee or to any other Committee of UEFA.
- Election, Term of Office ² The Chairmen and members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice shall be elected by the Executive Committee (from candidates proposed by the Member Associations) for a term of four years.
- Jurisdiction ³ The jurisdiction and proceedings of the Organs for the Administration of Justice shall be governed by the Disciplinary Regulations as shall be in force from time to time.

Control and Disciplinary Body

Article 33

- Composition ¹ The Control and Disciplinary Body shall consist of a Chairman and nine members. It shall elect three Vice-Chairmen from amongst its members.

² The Control and Disciplinary Body shall as a general rule reach decisions in the presence of all members. Three members shall constitute a quorum. Exceptions shall be governed by the UEFA Disciplinary Regulations, which may provide for a judge sitting alone in special cases.

Quorum

Appeals Body

Article 34

¹ The Appeals Body shall consist of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and nine members.

Composition

² The Appeals Body shall have a quorum of three members. Exceptions shall be governed by the UEFA Disciplinary Regulations, which may also empower the Chairman or one of the Vice-Chairmen, sitting alone, to take a decision in writing on appeals which are obviously inadmissible, founded or unfounded.

Quorum

³ The Appeals Body shall have jurisdiction to hear appeals against decisions of the Control and Disciplinary Body pursuant to the Disciplinary Regulations in force from time to time.

Jurisdiction

VI. COMMITTEES, EXPERT PANELS, WORKING GROUPS

Committees

Article 35

The Committees shall be:

Committees

1. National Teams Committee
2. Club Competitions Committee
3. Assistance Programmes Committee
4. Professional Football Committee
5. Youth and Amateur Football Committee
6. Women's Football Committee
7. Futsal Committee
8. Technical Development Committee
9. Referees Committee
10. Stadium and Security Committee
11. Medical Committee

Composition

Article 36

¹ Based on proposals submitted by the Chief Executive, the Executive Committee shall elect the Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and the members of each Committee for a two-year term.

Term of Office, Chairman

² A person aged 70 or more shall not be eligible for election or re-election.

Age Limit

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| Observers | ³ A member of the Executive Committee may attend meetings as an observer. |
| Number of Members | ⁴ A Committee shall comprise 11 (eleven) members. |

Obligations

Article 37

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| Representation | ¹ The Chairman shall represent his Committee. In consultation with the Chief Executive, the Chairman of a Committee shall set the dates of meetings, be responsible for the proper conduct of business and regularly report to the Chief Executive on the Committee's work. |
| Bureau | ² Each Committee may set up a bureau. |
| Powers | ³ Committees advise the Chief Executive, who may delegate certain of his duties to a Committee. |
| Terms of Reference | ⁴ The Chief Executive shall draw up terms of reference for the work of each Committee. |

Expert Panels and Working Groups

Article 38

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| Appointment, Duties | ¹ The Chief Executive may, if necessary, appoint expert panels for special duties, and working groups for special limited (in time) duties. |
| | ² The members of the expert panels shall be exclusively appointed by the Chief Executive for a duration of two years. |
| Terms of Reference | ³ The Chief Executive shall draw up terms of reference as required. |

VII. ADMINISTRATION

Administration

Article 39

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| Duties | ¹ Under the supervision of the Chief Executive, the Administration shall conduct UEFA's business. |
| | ² Such duties shall include: |
| | a) implementation of decisions of Congresses, conferences and the Executive Committee; |
| | b) preparation of Congresses and conferences, as well as meetings of the Executive Committee and other Committees; |
| | c) taking minutes of Congresses and conferences, as well as of meetings of the Executive Committee and other Committees; |
| | d) execution of UEFA's operational business; |
| | e) keeping the books of UEFA; |
| | f) public relations work. |

Directors

Article 40

¹ Under the supervision of the Chief Executive, the Directors shall conduct specific aspects of UEFA's business.

Duties

² The Chief Executive shall govern their duties.

Appointment, Employment, Meetings

Article 41

¹ At the request of the Chief Executive, the Executive Committee shall appoint Directors, who shall be employed by UEFA.

Appointment,
Employment

² Directors shall, in principle, attend meetings of the Executive Committee dealing with their specific activities, and play an advisory part in the deliberations.

Attendance of
Meetings

VIII. ACCOUNTS

Revenue, Payment of Levies and Deductions from Match Receipts

Article 42

¹ UEFA's revenue shall consist of the following contributions, levies and additional revenue:

Revenue

- a) an annual contribution of CHF 300 payable by each Member Association on 1 January each year;
- b) competition entry fees in accordance with the UEFA competition regulations;
- c) ticket sales, television and advertising revenues and levies from UEFA competitions, in accordance with the financial provisions contained in UEFA competition regulations;
- d) levies from FIFA competition matches, in accordance with the financial provisions in FIFA competition regulations;
- e) levies from senior national representative team matches, in accordance with special implementing regulations;
- f) revenues from the exploitation of rights of any kind.

² Levies shall be calculated on the basis of gross receipts. Only taxes actually paid and stadium rent shall be deductible. The deductions taken together may not exceed 30% of the gross receipts from ticket sales.

Calculation of
Levies

³ Competition regulations shall govern the minimum levies for a match in the competition concerned.

Minimum
Levies

⁴ Levies shall be remitted to UEFA within sixty days of the match.

Deadline for
Payment

⁵ Member Associations shall be liable to UEFA for financial obligations of clubs to UEFA arising under Art. 42, para.1 above.

Liability

Budget and Closing of Accounts

Article 43

- Budget** ¹ A budget of income and expenditure shall be prepared for each financial year by the Chief Executive. Extraordinary expenditure not included in the budget shall be authorised by the Executive Committee by way of supplementary credits.
- Accounts** ² Books of account shall be kept. The accounts shall be closed annually.

Financial Year

Article 44

- Financial Year** The UEFA financial year shall begin on 1 August and end on 31 July of the following year.

Internal Auditors

Article 45

- Duties** ¹ The internal auditors shall periodically examine different financial matters.
The Executive Committee shall issue corresponding regulations.
- Composition** ² The Executive Committee shall elect two internal auditors from different Member Associations. Both auditors shall be elected for four years, with one being replaced every two years.
- Reporting** ³ The internal auditors shall report to the Executive Committee in writing on every audit, copying each such report to the Chief Executive.

Auditing Body

Article 46

- Independence** ¹ The Auditing Body shall be an auditing company which is independent of UEFA. It shall be elected by the Ordinary Congress for a period of two years. It shall be eligible for re-election.
- Report** ² The Auditing Body shall audit the accounts and submit a written report to the Ordinary Congress.

IX. MEDIA

Exploitation of Rights

Article 47

¹ UEFA shall exploit all rights which it owns or shares with third parties, such as property rights of any type, intellectual property rights and rights for audio-visual and sound-broadcasting transmissions by picture or data carrier of any kind (including all means of transmitting computer images, with or without sound, such as Internet, on-line services or the like, whether existing already or not). This includes the production, duplication, dissemination and broadcasting of pictures, sound or data carriers of any kind by UEFA alone or with third parties.

Exploitation
of Rights

² For this purpose, UEFA alone, or with third parties, shall be entitled to form or operate companies, for which they may make use of any legal entities authorised under Swiss law.

Audio-visual and Radio Transmissions

Article 48

¹ UEFA and the Member Associations shall have the exclusive rights to broadcast and use, as well as authorise for broadcast and use, by picture, sound or other data carriers of any kind (including data carriers which have yet to be developed), matches which come within their jurisdiction, either live or recorded, in whole or as excerpts.

Exclusive
Rights

² The Executive Committee shall issue regulations governing the implementation of these rights.

Regulations

X. COMPETITIONS

Competitions

Article 49

¹ 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

² The current UEFA competitions shall be:

- a) For representative teams:
- European Championship
 - European Under-21 Championship
 - European Under-19 Championship
 - European Under-17 Championship
 - European Women's Championship
 - European Women's Under-19 Championship
 - European Futsal Championship
 - UEFA Regions' Cup

Representa-
tive Teams

- Club Teams
- b) For club teams:
- UEFA Champions League
 - UEFA Cup
 - UEFA Intertoto Cup
 - UEFA Super Cup
 - UEFA Futsal Cup
 - UEFA Women’s Cup
- Other Competitions, Abolition
- c) The Executive Committee shall decide whether to create or take over other competitions, as well as whether to abolish current competitions.
- Approval
- ³ International competitions and international tournaments which are not organised by UEFA shall require the approval of the latter. Short, regional competitions and tournaments shall be exempt from this requirement.

Competition Regulations

Article 50

- Conditions of Participation
- ¹ The Executive Committee shall draw up regulations governing the conditions of participation in and the staging of UEFA competitions.
- Entry
- ² 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.

Prohibited Combinations or Alliances

Article 51

- Prohibited Groupings
- ¹ No combinations or alliances may be formed without the permission of UEFA.
- Permission
- ² A Member Association may not play on the territory of another Member Association without the permission of that Member Association.

XI. DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

1. Disciplinary Jurisdiction, Disciplinary Measures and Directives

Disciplinary Jurisdiction

Article 52

- Unsportsmanlike Conduct, Violations of the Laws of the Game, Contravention
- Disciplinary measures may be imposed for unsportsmanlike conduct, violations of the Laws of the Game, and contravention of UEFA’s Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives as shall be in force from time to time.

Disciplinary Measures

Article 53

The following disciplinary measures may be imposed against Member Associations and clubs:

- a) a caution;
- b) a reprimand;
- c) a fine;
- d) the annulment of the result of a match;
- e) an order that a match be replayed;
- f) the deduction of points;
- g) awarding a match by default;
- h) staging of matches behind closed doors;
- i) ordering a ban on the use of a stadium;
- j) ordering a ban on the production of a television signal for one or more matches, and/or ordering that a television signal be ceded free of charge, or in return for payment, for one or more matches;
- k) ordering the playing of a match in a third country;
- l) disqualification from competitions in progress and/or exclusion from future competitions.

Disciplinary
Measures
against
Member
Associations
and Clubs

Disciplinary Measures against Individuals

Article 54

The following disciplinary measures may be imposed against individuals:

- a) a caution;
- b) a reprimand;
- c) a fine;
- d) suspension for a specified number of matches or for a specified or unspecified period;
- e) suspension from carrying out a function for a specified or unspecified period.

Disciplinary
Measures
against
Individuals

Disciplinary Measures and Directives

Article 55

¹ The Organs for the Administration of Justice shall have the power to impose disciplinary measures and issue directives.

² More than one disciplinary measure, together with more than one directive, may be imposed in relation to a particular matter.

³ A directive may be issued as an order ancillary to a disciplinary measure. It sets out how the disciplinary measure shall be carried out and/or may induce the party(ies) concerned to act in a certain manner.

Organs for the
Administration
of Justice

Accumulation,
Combination

Directives

2. Disciplinary Regulations

Disciplinary Regulations

Article 56

Disciplinary
Regulations

The Executive Committee shall have the power to issue regulations setting out procedures for the administration of justice and disciplinary codes (the 'Disciplinary Regulations').

Disciplinary Measures

Article 57

Disciplinary
Measures

¹ The following bodies only shall have power to impose disciplinary measures:

- a) The Control and Disciplinary Body;
- b) The Appeals Body.

Finality

² Decisions of the Appeals Body shall be final, subject to Art. 59 et seq. of the Statutes.

Disciplinary Inspector

Article 58

Disciplinary
Inspector

The Disciplinary Inspector shall represent UEFA in UEFA disciplinary proceedings.

XII. JURISDICTION

1. Recognition of the UEFA Statutes

Recognition of the UEFA Statutes

Article 59

Associations'
Statutes

¹ Each Member Association shall include in its statutes a stipulation whereby it, its clubs, players and officials agree to be bound by and observe the UEFA Statutes. Particular reference shall be made to Art. 59 to 63 of the UEFA Statutes, which state as follows:

- the Organs for Administration of Justice shall have exclusive jurisdiction to deal with all disputes of a sporting nature relating to UEFA matters which arise between UEFA and Member Associations, their clubs, players and officials.
- the Court of Arbitration in Lausanne, Switzerland (CAS) shall have exclusive jurisdiction to deal with all civil law disputes (of a pecuniary nature) relating to UEFA matters which arise between UEFA and Member Associations, clubs, players and officials, and between themselves, either in its capacity as an ordinary court of arbitration or as an appeals body.

Written
Declaration

² Each Member Association shall give express confirmation to UEFA in a written declaration that it has taken note of the provisions of Art. 59, para. 1 of the UEFA Statutes. Each club, player and official taking part in UEFA competitions shall also give express confirmation to UEFA in a written declaration that each has taken note of Art. 59, para. 1.

2. UEFA Organs for the Administration of Justice

Jurisdiction of UEFA

Article 60

¹ The Organs for the Administration of Justice shall have exclusive jurisdiction to deal with all disputes of a sporting nature relating to UEFA matters which arise between UEFA and Member Associations, clubs, players or officials.

Jurisdiction
in Disputes of
a Sporting
Nature

² The decisions of the Organs for the Administration of Justice shall be final and binding. There shall be no recourse to legal action in the ordinary courts of law in relation to such matters.

Finality

3. Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

Ordinary Court of Arbitration

Article 61

¹ CAS shall have exclusive jurisdiction to deal with all civil law disputes (of a pecuniary nature) relating to UEFA matters which arise between UEFA and Member Associations, clubs, players or officials, and between themselves.

Jurisdiction in
Civil Law
Disputes

² There shall be no recourse to legal action in the ordinary courts of law in relation to such disputes.

Ordinary
Courts of Law

³ Proceedings before CAS shall take place in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration of CAS.

Proceedings

Legal Challenge to Decisions of the Organs for the Administration of Justice

Article 62

¹ CAS shall have exclusive jurisdiction to deal with any challenge against a decision under civil law (of a pecuniary nature) of the Organs for the Administration of Justice. Any such challenge must be made at CAS within 10 days of the notification of the decision which is challenged.

Jurisdiction

² A decision of the Organs for the Administration of Justice of a sporting nature, or any part or parts of a decision that is of a sporting nature, may not be challenged in civil law.

Sporting
Nature

³ A civil law challenge through CAS may only be brought after UEFA's official internal procedures have been exhausted.

Official
Procedures

⁴ There shall be no recourse to legal action in the ordinary courts of law in relation to such matters.

Ordinary
Courts of Law

⁵ A civil law challenge shall not have any suspensory effect as a stay of execution of a disciplinary sanction, subject to the power of the President of the Division or the President of the Panel appointed to deal with the matter after hearing the parties, to order that any disciplinary sanction be stayed pending the arbitration.

Suspensory
Effect

Procedure ⁶ Proceedings before CAS shall take place in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration of CAS.

CAS Arbitrators

Article 63

European Members Only arbitrators who have their domicile in Europe shall be competent to deal with matters involving UEFA.

XIII. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

Governing Law and Legal Forum

Article 64

Swiss Law ¹ These Statutes shall be governed in all respects by Swiss law.

Legal Forum ² The legal forum shall be the headquarters of UEFA. Lausanne (Switzerland) shall be the legal forum for all cases which, in accordance with these Statutes, come under the jurisdiction of CAS.

Matters not Covered in the Statutes

Article 65

Executive Committee The Executive Committee shall have the power to decide on all matters not covered in these Statutes, such decisions to be made in accordance with relevant FIFA regulations. If no such regulations exist, the Executive Committee shall decide according to right and justice.

Dissolution of UEFA

Article 66

4/5 Majority ¹ A four-fifths majority of all Member Associations shall be required to dissolve UEFA.

Assets ² A four-fifths majority of all Member Associations shall be required for any decision as to the distribution of the assets of UEFA on dissolution. Without a decision as to such distribution, any resolution to dissolve UEFA shall have no effect.

Division of Assets ³ The assets of UEFA shall not under any circumstances be divided among the members and any resolution to this effect shall have no effect.

Equal Status of Men and Women

Article 67

Equal Status In these Statutes, the use of the masculine form shall be interpreted also to refer to the feminine.

German Version

Article 68

In the event of any discrepancy in interpretation between the official languages of UEFA in the wording of these Statutes, the German version shall be authoritative.

German
Version

Exceptional Provisions

Article 69

¹ Art. 5 does not apply to the following member associations: England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, Faroe Islands.

Exceptional
Provisions

² The age limit set out in Art. 22, para. 2, and Art. 36, para. 2, of these Statutes does not apply to the President of UEFA, the 13 members of the Executive Committee and the Committee members who are in office when these Statutes come into force.

XIV. COMING INTO FORCE OF THE STATUTES

Coming into Force

Article 70

These Statutes were adopted at the UEFA Congress on 24 September 1997 in Helsinki and came into force on 24 December 1997. They contain the amendments adopted by the UEFA Congress on 30 June and 1 July 2000 in Luxembourg, and on 11 October 2001 in Prague.

Coming into
Force

Nyon, 11 October 2001

For the UEFA Congress:

The President:
Lennart Johansson

The Chief Executive:
Gerhard Aigner

Considered and approved on behalf of the Member Associations
by:

[signatures of Member Associations]

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, F.Y.R. of Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, Northern Ireland, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Scotland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, Wales, Yugoslavia.

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE UEFA CONGRESS

Chairman of the Congress

Article 1

¹ The President or, in his absence, the first Vice-President shall chair the Congress. If the first Vice-President is not present either, the longest-serving Vice-President shall chair the Congress. If no Vice-President is present, the Congress shall elect a member of the Executive Committee as Chairman.

² The Chairman shall ensure that the rules of procedure are observed. He shall open, conduct and close the Congress. He shall give speakers permission to take the floor.

³ The Chairman shall keep order at the Congress. He may take the following measures against Congress participants who disrupt the proceedings:

- a) call to order;
- b) reprimand;
- c) exclusion from the Congress.

Congress Bureau

Article 2

The tellers, together with the Chief Executive, shall form the Congress Bureau.

Agenda

Article 3

¹ The agenda shall be approved at the start of the Congress.

² The agenda may be amended at any time if supported by two-thirds or more of the Member Associations present.

³ The Congress may not consider a proposal to amend the Statutes unless it is included as an item of business on the agenda sent out with the notice of Congress.

Discussion

Article 4

¹ Each agenda item shall be introduced with a brief report:

- a) by the Chairman or a member of the Executive Committee;
- b) by a representative designated for that purpose by a Committee;
- c) by the Member Association which had the item in question placed on the agenda.

² The item shall then be opened to the floor for general discussion.

Permission to Take the Floor

Article 5

¹ Delegates shall be given permission to take the floor in the order that requests have been made to do so. A speaker may not take the floor unless and until he has been given permission to do so. A speaker shall speak from the place designated for that purpose.

² A speaker may only be given the floor for a second time on the same matter when all other Congress participants who have requested to take the floor have had a chance to speak on the matter in question.

³ The Chairman may set a time limit for speakers.

Motion on a Point of Order

Article 6

¹ A motion on a point of order shall be dealt with forthwith. Any other discussion shall be immediately suspended.

² If a motion on a point of order is adopted, only Congress participants who requested to do so before the vote shall be given the floor.

³ The Chairman shall decide when to close the discussion unless more than half of the Member Associations present and voting decide on a vote to do otherwise.

Motions, Motions to Amend an Agenda Item and Motions to Delete an Agenda Item

Article 7

All motions, motions to amend, and motions to delete an agenda item shall be made in writing.

Votes

Article 8

¹ Voting shall be open, unless the Congress decides otherwise.

² Voting shall be by show of hands (voting card).

³ A vote may be taken by roll call, if 10 or more Member Associations present and eligible to vote so request.

⁴ No one shall be forced to vote.

⁵ Before each vote, the Chairman, or a person designated by him for the purpose, shall read the proposal and explain the voting procedure to the Congress.

⁶ Proposals shall normally be voted on in the order in which they are introduced in the discussion.

⁷ A proposal to amend a proposed amendment shall be voted on before the proposed amendment. A proposed amendment shall be voted on before the original proposal.

⁸ Proposals which are unopposed shall be taken as adopted.

⁹ The Chairman shall satisfy himself as to, and announce, the result of the vote.

¹⁰ No one shall be given the floor during a vote or until the result of a vote has been announced.

Elections

Article 9

¹ Elections shall take place by written secret ballot, unless the Congress decides otherwise. The Congress Bureau shall distribute, count and verify the ballot papers.

² Before the votes are counted, the Chairman shall announce the number of ballot papers distributed.

³ If more ballot papers are handed in than were distributed, the election shall be null and void and shall be repeated forthwith.

⁴ In the first ballot, a person shall be elected if supported by an absolute majority of the valid votes cast (i.e. half of the votes plus one). If no election is made, there shall be a second ballot, in which the person supported by a simple majority (i.e. most votes) shall be elected. In the event of a tie in the second ballot, there shall be a third ballot, in which the person supported by a simple majority shall be elected. In the event of a tie in the third ballot, election shall be determined by the drawing of lots.

⁵ Only valid ballot papers handed in shall be counted for the calculation of the absolute majority mentioned in para. 4 above.

⁶ 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.

⁷ The Chairman shall announce the result.

⁸ The ballot papers cast, counted and verified shall be placed by the Congress Bureau in envelopes prepared for that purpose, which shall be immediately sealed. The UEFA Administration shall keep the sealed envelopes and destroy them 100 days after the close of the Congress.

Interpreters

Article 10

The UEFA Administration shall be responsible for simultaneous translation into the official languages of the Congress. Qualified interpreters shall be used for the purpose.

Minutes

Article 11

The UEFA Administration shall be responsible for taking minutes of the business conducted at the Congress.

Representation

Article 12

¹ Each Member Association shall have one vote.

² A Member Association may be represented at the Congress by a maximum of three delegates.

³ Delegates' travel expenses shall be borne by the Member Association concerned. However, their accommodation expenses shall be covered by UEFA.

Coming into Force

Article 13

These Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress were adopted by the UEFA Congress on 24 September 1997 in Helsinki and came into force on 24 December 1997. They contain the amendments adopted by the UEFA Congress on 30 June and 1 July 2000 in Luxembourg, and on 11 October 2001 in Prague.

Nyon, 11 October 2001

For the UEFA Congress:

The President:
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REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATUTES

1. Application for Admission to UEFA

Article 1

A national football association that wishes to become a member of UEFA shall submit a written application to the UEFA Administration, for submission to the UEFA Congress.

Article 2

The UEFA Executive Committee may provisionally admit a national football association into membership. A national football association admitted on a provisional basis shall have the same rights and obligations as a Member Association, subject to Art. 18, para. 5 of the Statutes.

The application for admission must include the following:

- a) the statutes and regulations of the association;
- b) a declaration whereby the association submitting the application undertakes to observe UEFA's Statutes, regulations and decisions at all times;
- c) documents giving information about the internal organisation of the association submitting the application, as well as the competitions staged by the association;
- d) names of the members of all association organs.

Article 3

Provisional admission shall continue until the next UEFA Congress, which shall decide whether to admit or not as a Member Association a national football association that has been admitted provisionally.

2. Elections

Election of the President and Members of the UEFA Executive Committee and European Members of the FIFA Executive Committee

Article 4

¹ Candidates for the position of President of UEFA shall be proposed in writing to the UEFA Administration at least three months before the date set for the opening of the Congress.

² Candidates for positions on the FIFA Executive Committee and the UEFA Executive Committee shall be proposed in writing to the UEFA Administration at least two months before the date set for the opening of the UEFA Congress.

³ If the President or a member of the Executive Committee does not offer himself for re-election, that person and his Member Association shall inform the UEFA Administration in writing at least four months in advance of the next Congress. The UEFA Administration shall immediately inform the other Member Associations.

Election of European Vice-Presidents and Members of the FIFA Executive Committee

Article 5

If a Vice-President or a person elected to the FIFA Executive Committee vacates the position during his term of office, the UEFA Executive Committee shall elect a replacement for the remaining period until the next UEFA Congress. Any such replacement may not take over the office of Vice-President of FIFA.

Election of the Chairmen and Members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice, as well as the Chairmen and Members of Committees

Article 6

¹ Member Associations shall be entitled to propose candidates for the election of the Chairmen and members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice and Committees.

² The Member Associations shall submit proposals in writing to the UEFA Administration for the election of the Chairmen and members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice and Committees. The UEFA Administration shall set an appropriate deadline for the submission of proposals.

3. Coming into Force

Article 7

These Regulations were approved by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting of 5 December 1997 in Geneva and came into force on 24 December 1997. They were revised on 7 July 2000, and came into force immediately.

Nyon, 7 July 2000

For the UEFA Executive Committee:

The President:
Lennart Johansson

The Chief Executive:
Gerhard Aigner

REGULATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EMERGENCY PANEL

Based on Art. 25, paras 1 and 2, of the UEFA Statutes of 11 October 2001.

1. Authority

¹ The Emergency Panel is authorised, between meetings of the Executive Committee, to take and execute final decisions on urgent matters that fall under the authority of the Executive Committee.

² The Emergency Panel may also assist with the preparation of business to be dealt with by the Executive Committee.

2. Reporting

The Executive Committee must be regularly informed in writing – once a fortnight as a rule – on all decisions of the Emergency Panel and the execution of those decisions.

3. Composition

The Emergency Panel will comprise at least the UEFA President, the first Vice-President and the Treasurer, as well as one other, freely-elected member of the Executive Committee. In the event of the absence of any of the aforementioned, the most senior available UEFA Vice-President will deputise for the absent member.

4. Voting Rights, Minutes

¹ Votes are decided by simple majority. In the event of a tie, the UEFA President will have the casting vote. In the case of a tie in elections, the outcome will be determined by the drawing of lots.

² Minutes of the deliberations will be kept and will be sent to all members of the Executive Committee before its next meeting.

5. Coming into Force

The present rules were adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting in Nyon on 7 July 2000 and come into force on 1 August 2000.

Nyon, 7 July 2000

For the UEFA Executive Committee:

The President:
Lennart Johansson

The Chief Executive:
Gerhard Aigner

REGULATIONS FOR THE INTERNAL AUDITORS

Based on Art. 45, para. 1, of the UEFA Statutes of 11 October 2001.

1. Duties

The internal auditors periodically examine various financial areas in terms of efficiency and compliance with the UEFA Statutes and any applicable rules and regulations. The whole financial sector must be examined at least once in the course of a two-year period. The corresponding planning of this procedure will be established in co-operation with the competent member of the UEFA Administration and in co-ordination with the external auditors.

2. Superior Authority

¹ The internal auditors are answerable to the UEFA Executive Committee.

² The Executive Committee appoints from among its ranks one member to represent it in all dealings with the internal auditors. That member will have the authority to issue instructions to the internal auditors.

3. Co-operation with the External Auditors

In order to avoid the duplication of effort, the internal auditors must co-ordinate their work with the external auditors.

4. Co-operation with the Chief Executive and UEFA Administration

¹ The internal auditors can make use of the human and material resources of the UEFA Administration for their work.

² The Chief Executive appoints a member of the UEFA Administration to be responsible for co-operation with the internal auditors and with whom they deal exclusively. This co-ordinator will instruct the UEFA Administration to allow the internal auditors to work independently, undisturbed and effectively.

5. Right of Examination

The internal auditors will be guaranteed unrestricted access to all UEFA financial documents, books, etc.

6. Reporting

¹ The internal auditors must report to the Executive Committee periodically and regularly, in writing, about their audits. A copy of such reports must be submitted to the Chief Executive.

² The reports of the internal auditors to the Executive Committee must be sent to the external auditors for information, once approved by the Executive Committee.

7. Coming into Force

The present rules were adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting in Nyon on 7 July 2000 and come into force on 1 August 2000.

Nyon, 7 July 2000

For the UEFA Executive Committee:

The President:
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The Chief Executive:
Gerhard Aigner

Distribution

– External auditors

REGULATIONS FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (without Schedule of Conditions)

Based on Art. 30, para. 3, of the UEFA Statutes of 11 October 2001.

1. Duties

The Chief Executive is the highest operational management organ of UEFA. He organises and runs the UEFA Administration. In addition, he fulfils the duties assigned to him in the UEFA Statutes (Art. 30, para. 2) and schedule of conditions (attached to these rules as Annexe I).

2. Superior Authority

The Chief Executive is answerable to the Executive Committee.

3. Line Management

The Chief Executive is the direct superior of seven directors (Professional Football and Marketing, Competition Operations, Football Development, Services, Finances, Legal Services and Assistance Programmes, Communication and Public Affairs).

4. Reporting

The Chief Executive reports periodically and regularly to the Executive Committee.

5. Delegation

The Executive Committee may delegate its authority over the Chief Executive to the Emergency Panel.

6. Rules of Signature

The Chief Executive establishes rules of signature.

7. Coming into Force

The present rules were adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting in Nyon on 7 July 2000 and come into force on 1 August 2000.

Nyon, 7 July 2000

For the UEFA Executive Committee:

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