

## THE SPORT AND RIGHTS ALLIANCE

16 April 2015

Mr  
**JOSEPH BLATTER**  
President of FIFA

- sent via email -

**RE: Commitment to upholding human rights, labour rights, anti-corruption and sustainability related to your next candidacy for FIFA President**

Dear Mr Blatter,

The undersigned groups have joined forces to form the **SPORT AND RIGHTS ALLIANCE (SRA)**, a coalition of leading global organisations working to improve human rights, labour rights, anti-corruption and sustainability in sport, in particular at mega sporting events (MSE) such as FIFA World Cups.

We are writing to you in view of your candidacy for the important role of president of the world football governing body FIFA, to learn about your views and positions related to the aforementioned areas. We strongly believe that human rights, labour rights, anti-corruption and sustainability must be a priority for the next FIFA president. Persistent concerns about human rights abuses in Qatar and Russia, the two host countries of the next FIFA World Cups, demonstrate the need for an urgent response.

International media are closely monitoring the FIFA presidential elections and the candidates' positions, as are millions of football supporters, politicians and activists. The next FIFA president should use his leadership and influence as a force for positive change. By committing to properly addressing these issues, you will be harnessing the power of football to ensure respect for human rights, transparency and sustainability.

Against this background, we request your response to the following questions. They have been sent to all candidates for the FIFA presidency. We would be grateful for your response by 30 April 2015.

### 1. Stakeholder Involvement

How important are civil society stakeholders for your leadership of FIFA?

*Very important, Somewhat important, Not very important, Irrelevant*

Will you commit to a systematic, continuous dialogue with civil society, also considering local host and bidding countries?

*YES/NO*

### 2. FIFA Reform

Will you continue the FIFA reform process, including the implementation of term limits, independent directors, integrity checks and transparency with regard to the remuneration of officials and to the decisions of the Ethics Commission, as a priority for your Presidency of FIFA?

*YES/NO*

### 3. FIFA World Cups Russian 2018 and Qatar 2022

In your first 100 days as FIFA President do you intend to address corruption, labour issues and other human rights concerns from sports, human rights, anti-corruption and trade union groups about the Russia 2018 and Qatar 2022 World Cups?

*YES/NO*

Will you as FIFA President put in place a human rights due diligence framework to prevent human rights and labour abuses linked to the construction of Qatar 2022 World Cup facilities and infrastructure?

*YES/NO*

As FIFA President, will you exert pressure on the Qatari authorities to bring Qatar's labour laws into line with international standards and reform the sponsorship system that gives rise to abuses, including forced labour?

*YES/NO*

### 4. Future Awarding of Football World Cups

In the redrawn bidding criteria will you require bidding countries to demonstrate how they will prevent corruption, labour and human rights abuses in the staging and hosting of the event, and will you ensure - including through contractual requirements - that these commitments are fulfilled in the delivery of the event?

*YES/NO*

Would you agree on having an external cross-sectoral group supporting the development of new bidding criteria?

*YES/NO*

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

**THE SPORT AND RIGHTS ALLIANCE – SRA**

- Amnesty International
- Football Supporters Europe
- Human Rights Watch
- International Trade Union Confederation
- Terre des Hommes
- Transparency International Germany