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Dear Mr. Bandurko,

We refer to the letter dated 24 January from FIFA regarding the current situation in the Football Federation of the Ukraine (FFU). As you know, that letter referred to evidence of interference by representatives of the state authorities in the affairs and activities of the FFU.

You should be aware that, just as Article 17 of the FIFA Statutes requires member associations to manage their affairs independently and without influence from third parties, Article 7bis paragraph 2 of the UEFA Statutes provides exactly the same. It follows that if there is interference by third parties in the affairs of the FFU, this constitutes a violation not only of the FIFA Statutes but also of the UEFA Statutes.

In these circumstances, and following the meeting of the UEFA Executive Committee on 27 January 2011 in Nyon, we are writing to inform you that the UEFA Executive Committee unanimously supports the position of FIFA in relation to this matter. Consequently, we also call for an end to any third party interference in the activities of the FFU and request that you take the necessary concrete steps and provide the relevant confirmations that this has ceased.

If the necessary measures are not taken and if the FFU is suspended from membership of FIFA, please be aware that in addition to the suspension from FIFA, the FFU will also be suspended from membership of UEFA.

For the avoidance of doubt, such suspension would entail, inter alia, the following consequences:

1. clubs affiliated to the FFU will no longer be eligible to participate in the UEFA club competitions;
2. national representative teams from the Ukraine will no longer be able to participate in UEFA competitions;

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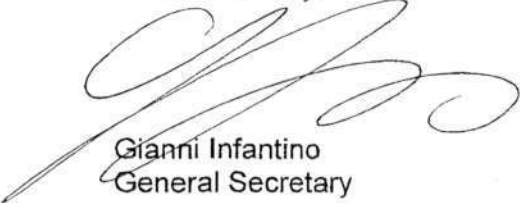
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In view of this second consequence, and for the purposes of the draw for the U21 tournament next week, Ukraine would therefore be put in a group of six rather than five, since we would have to anticipate the possible suspension of FFU and the consequent exclusion of Ukraine from this competition. Putting Ukraine in a group of six would minimise any potential disruption to the competition in the event that Ukraine may no longer participate in it.

Furthermore, we must also inform you that if the FFU is suspended from membership of UEFA, it was the unanimous view of the UEFA Executive Committee that it would not be tenable to play the final round of the UEFA European Football Championships in Ukraine in 2012.

We trust you will understand the gravity of the situation and look forward to receiving your written confirmation that the necessary corrective steps have been taken by 4 February 2011.

Yours sincerely,



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General Secretary