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The Football Association Ltd
Wembley Stadium
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Dear Mr Bernstein,


Transparency International is the civil society organisation leading the global fight against corruption. As its national chapter in the UK, we are part of a worldwide movement dedicated to promoting transparency and accountability in all parts of society, including sport. We are writing to you to draw your attention to a set of anti-corruption recommendations for FIFA and to seek your support for these and the reform process we hope they will spark.

In the last twelve months, FIFA has been hit by a series of corruption allegations that have so far led to the suspension of three active and two former members of its executive committee, as well as to the forced resignation of another active member. This is not the first time that suspicions of corruption and abuse have undermined the reputation of world football. Scandals like this threaten football's potential for bringing positive change to people's lives around the globe and supporting the ethical development of young people. A vigorous debate on the governance of football and how the current crisis can be overcome.

Transparency International has drafted the report attached to this letter to point the way forward and facilitate an open discussion about good governance in sport, drawing in all those involved. The recommendations have been discussed with FIFA, and we appreciate FIFA's openness and willingness to give us detailed information.

While our recommendations draw on years of experience helping private companies to combat corruption, Transparency International recognises that FIFA is a special case, as a non-political body answerable to football federations around the world. No reform of FIFA will succeed without your support and participation. We would welcome your continued participation in the debate that has started at global level and are available to discuss our approach with you further.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Barrington
Director of External Affairs