

Mr. Gianni Infantino

President

Fédération
Internationale de
Football Association
(FIFA)

FIFA-Strasse 20
Zurich, Switzerland

Re: Seeking Update on FIFA Safe Sport Entity Status and Timeline

Dear Mr. Infantino,

We are writing to request information on the status and next steps of FIFA's process for establishing an Independent Global Safe Sport Entity to address systemic sexual, emotional and physical abuse in sport, and to provide remedy and support to victims and survivors.

The consultation process for this Entity began in 2021 and included the creation of an Interim Steering Group (ISG), four thematic Expert Groups and an Athlete Survivor Advisory Group (ASAG). This process required significant time and resources from over 40 expert stakeholders – especially for survivors who endured great emotional burden and the risk of retraumatization to share their stories and feedback with FIFA. The consultation culminated in a final report which provided 25 concrete recommendations for FIFA's best course of action, and was delivered on 21 May, 2023.

The report highlights that consensus was reached on the critical need for an Entity that would provide support and care for victims and survivors of abuse in sport and conduct trauma-informed investigations. Due to the clear decisions by the **International Olympic Committee** and **International Federations** to address violence in sport [via different approaches at the local level](#), FIFA announced in April 2023 that it would move forward by focusing on a dedicated entity to tackle abuse cases in football, which we supported. However, FIFA has since caused concern by making [vague, public calls for global unity](#) while neglecting transparent stakeholder communication.

Given the extensive time, resources and dedication contributed in consultation by survivors and other stakeholders for nearly three years, we hereby request transparent and detailed information on the status, funding strategy and timeline for FIFA's Safe Sport Entity.

FIFA must take the required steps to fulfill its responsibility to respect the human rights of athletes and provide access to remedy when those rights have been violated in accordance with the [UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#), and as documented through our previous correspondence on the Safe Sport Entity, attached below.*

We look forward to your response and remain at your disposal if you have any questions or would like to schedule an online meeting with us. We can be contacted by email at rachel@sportandrightsalliance.org.

Yours sincerely,



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* Previous correspondence to FIFA sent [July 16, 2021](#), [February 10, 2022](#), [March 8, 2022](#) and [August 24, 2022](#).

About the Sport & Rights Alliance

The Sport & Rights Alliance's mission is to promote the rights and well-being of those most affected by human rights risks associated with the delivery of sport. Its partners include **Amnesty International, The Army of Survivors, Committee to Protect Journalists, Football Supporters Europe, Human Rights Watch, ILGA World – The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, the International Trade Union Confederation, Transparency International Germany, and World Players Association, UNI Global Union**. As a global coalition of leading NGOs and trade unions, the Sport & Rights Alliance works together to ensure sports bodies, governments and other relevant stakeholders give rise to a world of sport that protects, respects, and fulfils international standards for human rights, labor rights, child wellbeing and safeguarding, and anti-corruption.