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**Re: FIFA's Support to Afghan women football players**

Dear Ms. Florence,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 10, 2025, regarding the Afghan women football players and the broader situation concerning Afghan female footballers. FIFA greatly values the work of the Sport & Rights Alliance and its commitment to safeguarding and promoting human rights in sport.

FIFA takes the challenges faced by Afghan women and girls—both those who remain in Afghanistan and those who have been evacuated—very seriously. Women's football is at the core of our mission, and we are committed to developing practical and sustainable measures that promote access to football for all Afghan women and girls to the greatest extent possible.

For the past years, FIFA has been actively engaged in addressing the evolving circumstances surrounding Afghan women in football. This includes playing a direct role in ensuring the evacuation and safe passage for many individuals from Afghanistan's football community. Among them are women and girls involved in football, including current and former players, staff, administrators, and their families.

We continue to engage with key stakeholders, including international organisations, Member Associations, and diplomatic partners, to explore pathways that can further promote participation and well-being of Afghan women in football. As such, we have developed a dedicated strategy and implementation plan which outline a structured and sustainable approach to providing football opportunities for Afghan women both within and outside the country.

We take this opportunity to provide further insight into the scope of the strategy and intended activities. The three pillars of the strategy are:

## 1. Pillar One: Project-specific support to women and girls in Afghanistan

Measures that focus on activities to promote the wellbeing of women and girls in Afghanistan, considering the current limitations of women's access to sport. This includes exploring support through in-country humanitarian organisations.

## 2. Pillar Two: Advocacy and diplomacy

Diplomatic dialogue with relevant actors in Afghanistan, international organisations, governments and other entities with a vested interest in this topic to explore ways to reduce the exclusion from sport of women and girls in Afghanistan over time.

## 3. Pillar Three: Support to players outside Afghanistan

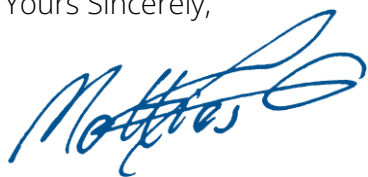
Measures to promote the provision of playing opportunities and other forms of support (e.g. organising friendly games, training camps, providing qualified coaches, technical and medical staff etc.) for those players who are currently outside of Afghanistan.

We are under no illusion that these efforts are difficult, and success is not self-evident and may take time to materialise. But we firmly believe we have a duty to do our best to use football's power to unite, inspire change and create opportunities.

We appreciate your continued engagement on this important matter and look forward to further collaboration as we work towards meaningful solutions that reflect our shared commitment to Afghan women and the global football community.

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Yours Sincerely,



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Secretary General

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