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WHEREAS

- (1) Each of the Member Leagues (the "Member") is one of Europe's principal premier professional football leagues and is duly authorised and mandated by the relevant competent bodies to enter into this Constitution.
- (2) Each Member has agreed with the other Members to form a non profit association pursuant to art. 60 ff of the Swiss Civil Code (the "Association") to create and/or increase co-operation amongst themselves in order to develop their own activities and to act as a whole whilst promoting professional football in accordance with the respective statutes and regulations of the Union des Associations Européennes de Football ('the UEFA') and the Federation Internationale de Football Association ('the FIFA').
- (3) This Constitution shall amend the Constitution of the EPFL dated 6th June 2005 (as amended in Nyon on 8th September 2005) which superseded the Accord entered into by the Member Leagues on 21 February 2000 which itself replaced and superseded the original Accord of 9 June 1998.
- (4) The Headings in this Constitution are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Constitution.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND DECLARED AS FOLLOWS

1. Identification of the Association

1.1 Name

The Association is organised under the name the "Association of European Professional Football Leagues" (the "EPFL").

1.2 Seat

The seat of the Association shall be at the location of its main premises in Switzerland. The General Assembly shall determine the exact location.

1.3 Purposes

The Association will have the following two objectives:

- a) To fulfil and comply with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the leagues and UEFA on 6 June 2005 and 1 July 2005 (respectively) and approved by FIFA in Marrakech on 10 September 2005. The leagues and the EPFL have the duty to notify to FIFA and UEFA any activity which may have an impact on the Memorandum of Understanding.
- b) To administer all rights and duties arising from the abovementioned Memorandum of Understanding.

In this respect, the Association will have the following purposes (none which shall be limited by, or be deemed to be merely subsidiary or auxiliary to any other purpose):



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- 1.3.1 To be the voice of professional football leagues in Europe on all matters of common interest;
- 1.3.2 To continue to operate with the full recognition of FIFA and UEFA;
- 1.3.3 To foster co-operation, friendly relations and unity between Member Leagues and Associate Member Leagues;
- 1.3.4 To participate in and appoint representatives to the UEFA and FIFA committees as may from time to time be agreed, including without limitation, the UEFA Professional Football Strategy Council;
- 1.3.5 To promote the game of professional association football in every way it deems fit and to safeguard the overall interests of Member Leagues and Associate Member Leagues;
- 1.3.6 To facilitate the collection and exchange of information and best practices between UEFA, Member Leagues and Associate Member Leagues and other football and non football organisations, in the latter case when appropriate;
- 1.3.7 To foster friendly relations between the Association and other professional football leagues which are affiliated to UEFA Member Associations and between the Association and organisations representing players operating within the territory of Member and Associate Member Leagues;
- 1.3.8 To consider Social Dialogue issues at a European level and act as a social partner;
- 1.3.9 To maintain a unified system in respect of the movement of players between Members and Associate Members of the Association;
- 1.3.10 To organise exhibitions, conferences, training courses and other collective events relating to the promotion of professional football, but not the organisation of football competitions;
- 1.3.11 To perform the economic activities necessary for the operation of the Association and for fulfilling its objectives including the rental or purchase of its premises;
- 1.3.12 To preserve the fundamental principles and positive values of football and protect the integrity of the game at all times;

Duration

The duration of the Association is indefinite.

2. Membership

2.1 Members

- 2.1.1 The Members shall be those Members who participate in this Constitution of the Association and have previously signed the Memorandum of Understanding as set out at Annex 1 and as amended from time to time.
- 2.1.2 The total number of Members shall never be less than three (3) Members.



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2.2 **Admission of New Members**

2.2.1 Applications for full membership of the Association shall be open to all national premier professional football leagues as defined in the official UEFA list of European Premier Professional League Organisations, and recognised by a national association or federation which is a member of UEFA which:

- (i) are recognised by their national association or federation as being the highest professional football league within that said national association;
- (ii) are duly authorised and mandated by the relevant competent bodies to enter into this Constitution as a Member; and
- (iii) have a legal personality or if it shall have no legal personality it shall be a Member of the Association through a duly appointed representative legal entity which shall have legal personality as so notified to the Chief Executive Officer and in the event that such third party legal entity shall at any time cease to represent the Member or have legal personality it shall by law resign from its representative position and the Member shall inform the Board of Directors accordingly.

2.2.2 Any league which is not a Member of the Association which wishes to be admitted to the Association as a Member shall file a written application for the purpose, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer which shall be in the manner and form as required by the Association from time to time, but as a minimum will include a declaration that the league will always comply with the Statutes, Regulations and Decisions of FIFA, UEFA and EPFL as well as the Memorandum of Understanding and ensure that these are also respected by its own members and affiliates; where applicable.

2.2.3 After the Chief Executive Officer has received the application of the applicant Member, he shall inform the Board of Directors of the possibility of the inclusion of a new Member.

2.2.4 If the Board of Directors approves the inclusion of the applicant as a Member, it shall submit a proposal to the General Assembly, for final approval.

2.2.5 A new Member can only be admitted to the Association if it shall receive at least 80% of the votes of all Members of the Association. A decision of the General Assembly to either admit or reject an applicant to membership of the Association shall, where the application is successful, specify the obligations of the new Member(s), including without limitation the entrance fee and ordinary annual fee to be paid by such new Member(s) in accordance respectively with Articles 6.2 and 6.3 respectively.

2.2.6 Each new Member shall supply to the Association all information so requested by the Association including but without limitation the name and address of the person to whom any official correspondence should be addressed and with whom any official matter should be discussed and shall bear any reasonable administrative costs resulting from its Admission as a Member.

2.2.7 Each new Member is entitled to the benefit of and is subject to the burden of all the provisions of this Constitution as well as to all the internal decisions or regulations which apply to all the Members.

2.2.8 This Article 2.2 together with the Admission Procedure for Member and Associate Members as attached at Annex 2 defines the procedures for Admission of new Members – no additional procedure or regulations shall be needed, unless specifically agreed by FIFA and UEFA.



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2.3 **Associate Membership**

2.3.1 Associate Membership of the Association shall be open to:

(a) all major non-premier professional football leagues which:

- (i) are members of a national association or federation which is affiliated to UEFA;
- (ii) are duly authorised and mandated by the relevant competent bodies to enter into this Constitution as an Associate Member; and
- (iii) have a legal personality or if it shall have no legal personality it shall be an Associate Member of the Association through a duly appointed representative legal entity which shall have legal personality as so notified to the Chief Executive Officer and in the event that such third party legal entity shall at anytime cease to represent the Associate Member or have legal personality it shall by law resign from its representative position and the Associate Member shall inform the Board of Directors accordingly.

and

(b) associations of clubs which are recognised by EPFL Member Leagues

2.3.2 Any league and/or recognised association of clubs that wish to be admitted to the Association as an Associate Member shall file a written application for the purpose, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer which shall be in the manner and form as required by the Association from time to time.

2.3.3 After the Chief Executive Officer has received the application of the applicant Associate Member, he shall inform the Board of Directors of the possibility of the inclusion of a new Associate Member.

2.3.4 If the Board of Directors approves the inclusion of the applicant as an Associate Member, it shall submit a proposal to the General Assembly, for final approval.

2.3.5 A new Associate Member can only be admitted to the Association if it shall receive at least 80% of the votes of all Members of the Association. A decision of the Members to either admit or reject an applicant to membership of the Association as an Associate Member, shall, where the application is successful, specify that the new Associate Member(s) shall be bound by the rights and obligations set out in Article 3 below.

2.3.6 Each new Associate Member shall supply to the Association all information so requested by the Association including but without limitation the name and address of the person to whom any official correspondence should be addressed and with whom any official matter should be discussed.

2.3.7 Each new Associate Member is entitled to the benefit of and is subject to the burden of all the provisions of this Constitution as well as to all the internal decisions or regulations which apply to all the Members but although it shall be entitled to attend at any General Assembly meeting, it shall have no right to vote at the same.



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2.4 **Cessation of membership**

2.4.1 **Principle**

When a Member or an Associate Member ceases to belong to the Association for any reason:

- (i) the Association will be continued by the remaining Members and Associate Members pursuant to Article 1.4 of this Constitution; and
- (ii) that Member or Associate Member shall cease to be classed as a Member or Associate Member of the Association under this Constitution.

2.4.2 **Expulsion**

2.4.2.1 Following a proposal from the Board of Directors, the General Assembly may from time to time and upon such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, expel any Member or Associate Member from the Association provided that any such resolution shall not be carried unless supported by at least 80% of all Members of the Association save that the Member whose membership is at stake shall be unable to take part in such a vote.

2.4.2.2 Provided always that such a decision is ratified in accordance with the procedures set out in Article 2.4.2.1 above, a Member or Associate Member, may be expelled from the Association if that Member or Associate Member, as a league, by its officers or other representatives:

- (i) commits a material and/or repeated breaches (which together in the opinion of the Board of Directors constitutes a material breach) of the terms of this Constitution which shall have not been remedied (if capable of remedy) within 30 days of notice from the Board of Directors;
- (ii) behaves in such a way that the image of the Association is likely to be brought into disrepute;
- (iii) seriously fails in its obligations or causes or threatens to cause serious disruption in the operation of the Association;
- (iv) enters into bankruptcy, insolvency, cessation of payments, judicial agreement or any other measure according to its national legislation in relation to it being unable to pay its debts as they fall due;
- (v) does not fulfil its economic obligations, or does not pay the ordinary or extraordinary fees as so required and three months has passed since such payment was due; or
- (vi) seriously violates the Statutes, Regulations or Decisions of FIFA, UEFA or EPFL or the Memorandum of Understanding.

In all cases the General Assembly and the Board of Directors shall hear the representations of the said Member or Associate Member before taking any decision.

2.4.2.3 As soon as the decision of expulsion is made by the General Assembly of the Members, the removed Member or Associate Member shall cease to be a Member or Associate Member as the case may be.

2.4.2.4 The expelled Member or Associate Member shall remain responsible for payment in full of the ordinary annual fee for the accounting year in which they are so expelled.

2.4.2.5 The provisions of Articles 4.1 and 4.2 shall continue to apply to the expelled Member or Associate Member in connection with the winding-up of the Association after such Member or Associate Member has been expelled from the Association.



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2.4.3 Resignation

2.4.3.1 Subject to the provisions of Articles 2.5.1 a Member or Associate Member must give at least 6 months notice of its intention to resign from the Association. Such notice must be given in writing to the Chief Executive Officer.

2.4.3.2 The resignation shall not affect compliance with the resigning Member's or Associate Member's economic obligations, which shall be met until the resignation has taken effect and further the resigning Member or Associate Member shall remain responsible for payment in full of the ordinary annual fee for the accounting year in which they so resign.

2.4.3.3 The provisions of Articles 4.1 and 4.2 shall continue to apply to the resigning Member or Associate Member in connection with the winding-up of the Association after such Member or Associate Member has resigned from the Association.

2.4.3.4 During the 6 month notice period, the resigning Member or Associate Member shall retain all of its rights and obligations relating to the Association.

2.4.3.5 The Member or Associate Member shall effectively cease to be a Member or Associate Member of the Association 6 months following receipt of such Member's or Associate Member's resignation by the Chief Executive Officer.

2.5 Minimum period of membership

2.5.1 Members and Associate Members undertake to maintain their membership for at least 3 years from the date upon which they respectively become Members and Associate Members.

2.6 Representatives of Members

2.6.1 Any director or secretary of a Member or an Associate Member duly appointed in accordance with the laws of that Member or Associate Member country shall be entitled to act as the representative of the Member or Associate Member. A Member or Associate Member may also authorise any other person as it thinks fit (not being a director or secretary as aforesaid) to act as the representative of the Member or Associate Member.

2.6.2 Each Member and Associate Member shall be required to notify the Chief Executive Officer of its representatives so that an official record can be maintained.

2.6.3 A representative of a Member or Associate Member shall be entitled to exercise all the powers of the Member or Associate Member for whom he represents.

2.6.4 There shall be a maximum limit of three (3) named representatives from each Member and Associate Member entitled to attend General Assembly meetings on that Member's or Associate Member behalf, although, for the avoidance of doubt:

- (i) each Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote only regardless of the actual number of representatives which may have attended any such meeting on its behalf;
- (ii) Associate Members and representatives of Associate Members shall be unable to vote whatsoever.



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3. **Rights and Obligations of the Members and Associate Members**

3.1 **Rights of Members**

The individual Members have the rights to participate in all activities organised by the EPFL, nominate representatives for the EPFL bodies and exercise all other rights arising from this Constitution. In particular, the individual Members shall have the following rights:

- (i) To participate in the activities organised by the Association to perform its purposes
- (ii) To take advantage of the opportunities and benefits that the Association may obtain
- (iii) To propose and vote upon nominations for membership of the Board of Directors
- (iv) To ratify the appointment of the Chairman and/or Deputy Chairman made by the Board of Directors at the General Assembly
- (v) To appoint the Chief Executive Officer at the General Assembly
- (vi) To make suggestions to the members of the Board of Directors to improve the performance of the purposes of the Association
- (vii) To be called to and attend the meetings of the General Assembly, with the right to speak and to vote
- (viii) To be informed of the state of the accounts of the Association
- (ix) To be entered on the register of Members
- (x) To be informed of any internal regulations of the Association
- (xi) To be informed of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and by the Board of Directors, when these relate to the Members and/or Associate Members
- (xii) To propose candidates to the Committees.
- (xiii) To propose representatives of the Association to external bodies, including without limitation UEFA and/or FIFA committees.

3.2 **Obligations of Members**

The individual Members shall have the following obligations:

- (i) To contribute financially by paying ordinary and extraordinary fees.
- (ii) To notify the Chief Executive Officer of all information reasonably required by the Board of Directors from time to time.
- (iii) To provide at least one representative at all meetings of the General Assembly
- (iv) To implement the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.
- (v) To aid at all times the development of the Association, contributing actively to the performance of its purposes.
- (vi) To discharge with due diligence all obligations inherent in their membership of the Association.
- (vii) To comply fully with the Statutes, Regulations and Decisions of FIFA, UEFA and EPFL as well as the Memorandum of Understanding and ensure that these are also respected by its own members and affiliates, where applicable,



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3.3 **Rights of Associate Members**

The individual Associate Members shall have the following rights:

- (i) To participate in the activities organised by the Association to perform its purposes.
- (ii) To take advantage of the opportunities and benefits that the Association may obtain.
- (iii) To make suggestions to the members of the Board of Directors to improve the performance of the purposes of the Association.
- (iv) To be called to, attend and speak at the meetings of the General Assembly, but without the right to vote.
- (v) To be informed of the state of the accounts of the Association.
- (vi) To be entered on the register of Associate Members.
- (vii) To be informed of any internal regulations of the Association.
- (viii) To be informed of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and by the Board of Directors, when these relate to the Members and/or Associate Members.

3.4 **Obligations of Associate Members**

The individual Associate Members shall have the following obligations:

- (i) To contribute financially by paying ordinary and extraordinary fees.
- (ii) To notify the Chief Executive Officer of all information reasonably required by the Board of Directors from time to time
- (iii) To provide at least one representative at all meetings of the General Assembly.
- (iv) To implement the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Board of Directors
- (v) To aid at all times the development of the Association, contributing actively to the performance of its purposes.
- (vi) To discharge with due diligence all obligations inherent in their membership of the Association.
- (vii) To fully comply with the Statutes, Regulations and Decisions of FIFA, UEFA and EPFL as well as the Memorandum of Understanding and ensure that these are also respected by its own members and affiliates, where applicable.

4. **Assets of the Association and liability of the Members**

- 4.1 The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its purposes as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to Members and/or Associate Members of the Association provided that nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Association as provided for in this Constitution. If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other entity, group or groups having purposes similar to the objects of the Association or other purposes in the interests of the development of professional football in Europe, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Association under or by virtue this Article 4 hereof. Such group or groups will be determined by the General Assembly at or before the time of dissolution.



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- 4.2 The Members and Associate Members have no financial obligations or liability other than the payment of the fees (ordinary and extraordinary). Any direct or indirect liability of the Members for financial obligations of the Association is expressly excluded.

5. **Bodies of Administration**

5.1 **General Assembly of Members**

5.1.1 **General**

5.1.1.1 The General Assembly is the governing body of the Association and shall be comprised of the Members.

5.1.1.2 The General Assembly determines the general policy of the Association and can give all powers and authority to the Board of Directors in that respect.

5.1.1.3 Any amendments to any parts of this Constitution as well as any regulation, directive or decision adversely affecting this Constitution have to be approved by FIFA and UEFA before they become valid. The EPFL has the duty to notify FIFA and UEFA of any proposed amendments to this Constitution, as well as of any regulations, directives and decisions adversely affecting it.

5.1.2 **Powers**

5.1.2.1 The General Assembly shall make all decisions necessary for the achievement of the purposes of the Association and in particular shall have the following powers:

- (a) Unanimous vote of all Members of the Association required:
 - (i) To transfer the seat of the Association with a change of applicable legislation as a consequence.
 - (ii) To alter, amend or supplement the Association's purposes.

- (b) 80% of votes of all Members of the Association required:
 - (i) To alter, amend or supplement the Constitution of the Association other than in respect to the modification of its purposes.
 - (ii) To wind-up the Association and decide upon distribution of any remaining property.
 - (iii) To admit new Members and Associate Members upon proposals made by the Board of Directors.
 - (iv) To remove any of the Members and/or Associate Members upon a proposal made by the Board of Directors.
 - (v) To ratify the appointment of the Chairman and/or Deputy Chairman made by the Board of Directors and dismiss them .
 - (vi) To appoint the Chief Executive Officer.
 - (vii) To approve any proposal made to it by the Board of Directors.
 - (viii) To approve the ordinary or extraordinary fees proposed by the Board of Directors as applicable respectively to Members and Associate Members.

- (c) Simple Majority of all Members of the Association required:



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- (i) To examine and approve the Association's annual accounts.
- (ii) To approve the annual budgets submitted to it by the Chief Executive Officer.
- (iii) To approve any internal regulations submitted to it by the Chief Executive Officer.
- (iv) To dismiss the Chief Executive Officer subject to compliance with Swiss law.
- (v) To appoint and dismiss the members of the Board of Directors.
- (vi) To set the powers of the Board of Directors.
- (vii) To appoint and dismiss the statutory auditor, on proposals submitted by the Board of Directors.
- (viii) To grant release to the members of the Board of Directors and the statutory auditor from their positions in the Association.
- (ix) To ratify the appointment made by the Board of Directors of the representatives of the Association to the UEFA Professional Football Strategy Council and other bodies of FIFA and UEFA.

5.1.2.2 Any and all resolutions which are put before the General Assembly which are not specified within Article 5.1.2.1 above shall require 80% of the votes of all Members of the Association to be passed.

5.1.3 Composition

5.1.3.1 The General Assembly shall consist of representatives of each of the Members in accordance with Article 2.6 above. The Chief Executive Officer shall also attend but without the right to vote.

5.1.3.2 The Chairman of the General Assembly shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the secretary shall be the person who has the position of Chief Executive Officer at the time. Should the Chief Executive Officer be unable to attend any of the meetings, other members of the Board of Directors shall select a replacement secretary for the purposes of that meeting, and should such replacement be unable to attend, the representative of the Members present shall elect from among themselves a secretary for the respective General Assembly.

5.1.4 Meetings

5.1.4.1 Meetings of the General Assembly may be called as follows:

- (i) The General Assembly shall meet at least 3 times each Year at times so decided by the Board of Directors. Provided that the General Assembly shall hold a meeting once every Year within the first quarter, to approve the budget of the Year in progress.
- (ii) In addition, the General Assembly may assemble to discuss any and all matters within its competence within 21 days of a written request to do so submitted to the Chief Executive Officer supported by not less than 20% of all Members of the Association.

5.1.4.2 The calls for meetings of the General Assembly shall contain all the items on the agenda to be discussed and the date and place of the meeting and they shall be sent by the Chief Executive Officer to all the Members and Associate Members in a duly attested manner (fax or e-mail) to the address as so notified from time to time by each Member and Associate Member, at least 14 calendar days in advance of the date on which the meeting is to be held. At least 10 calendar days in advance of the date on which the meeting is to be held, and with the support of at least 5% of all the Members, any Member and/or Associate Member may include in the agenda the matters that they consider should be discussed by the General Assembly and shall



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remit them in a duly attested manner to the Chief Executive Officer, who shall thereafter remit the full agenda, including all the proposals received (provided they shall have satisfied the conditions of this Article 5.1.4.2), to all the Members and Associate Members at least 8 calendar days in advance of the date on which the meeting is to be held.

5.1.5 Resolutions

5.1.5.1 The General Assembly shall be quorate when the number of attendees to the meeting, present or represented, represents at least a simple majority of all Members of the Association.

5.1.5.2 The resolutions provided for under 5.1.2.1(a) adopted by the General Assembly shall be valid when they are adopted by unanimous vote of all of the Members of the Association.

5.1.5.3 The resolutions provided for under 5.1.2.1(b) adopted by the General Assembly shall be valid when they are adopted by at least 80% of the votes of all Members of the Association.

5.1.5.4 The resolutions provided for under 5.1.2.1(c) adopted by the General Assembly shall be valid when they are adopted by a simple majority vote of all Members of the Association.

5.1.5.5 The resolutions provided for under 5.1.2.2 adopted by the General Assembly shall be valid when they are adopted by at least 80% of the votes of all Members of the Association.

5.1.5.6 Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this Article 5.1.5, any of the resolutions provided for under 5.1.2.1 adopted by the General Assembly shall also be valid and passed when they are unanimously adopted in writing and executed by or on behalf of each and every Member who would have been entitled to vote upon such resolutions as if they had been proposed at a meeting at which the Members were present. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for proposing such written resolutions and the Chief Executive Officer shall thereafter facilitate their due adoption in accordance with this Article 5.1.5, where there is unanimous agreement between the Members.

5.1.6 Proxies

5.1.6.1 Every Member can give a power of attorney by way of letter, facsimile transmission, e-mail or by all means in writing to another Member, to represent him and to vote on his behalf.

5.1.6.2 The proxies of the Members shall be delivered to the Chief Executive Officer at least 24 hours in advance of any meeting. Any proxies not sent within this time shall be discarded.

5.1.7 Minutes

5.1.7.1 Minutes shall be issued of each meeting of the General Assembly, such minutes being signed by the Chief Executive Officer and countersigned by the Chairman.



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5.1.7.2 Copies and abstracts to be submitted in legal or other proceedings can be signed by the Chairman, by one other member of the Board of Directors or by the Chief Executive Officer, each acting individually.

5.1.8 Voting Rights

5.1.8.1 Each Member in the General Assembly shall be entitled to one (1) vote with all votes being counted by way of either a show of hands or a secret ballot as so directed by the Chairman before such vote is taken.

5.1.9 Associate Members

5.1.9.1 Associate Members shall have the right to attend but not vote at General Assembly meetings.

5.1.9.2 Associate Members shall however have the power to propose agenda items for discussion at General Assembly meetings and to receive information in connection with the same.

5.1.10 UEFA and FIFA

UEFA and FIFA shall be entitled to be represented as observers (without the right to vote) at any General Assembly meeting by two members of its Executive Committee and two members of its Secretariat and they shall be provided in advance with details of any business to be considered at a General Assembly. Furthermore, a copy of the Minutes of the General Assembly shall be provided to UEFA and FIFA within 30 days.

5.2 **Chairman**

5.2.1 General

5.2.1.1 The Chairman shall be the primary spokesperson of the Association and shall have further powers and responsibilities as set out below.

5.2.2 Appointment

5.2.2.1 The Chairman shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from the members of the Board of Directors, following the nomination of at least one (1) member of the Board of Directors. This appointment shall then be ratified by at least 80% of the votes of all Members of the Association. The member of the Board which is proposing a candidate for the role of Chairman shall be entitled to vote in favour of its own nominee. This process shall be repeated on each occasion that a Chairman stands down from office.

5.2.2.2 All Chairmen shall serve a three (3) year term before standing down at which point a new chairman shall be appointed among the members of the Board of Directors by the Board of Directors, in accordance with Article 5.2.2.1.

5.2.2.3 A former Chairman can be re-appointed to the post in accordance with the provisions of Article 5.2.2.2

5.2.2.4 A Chairman may resign his office during his term upon the provision of 3 month's written notice to be given to the Chief Executive Officer. Upon the effective date of such resignation, a new Chairman shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and



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such appointment shall be ratified by the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Article 5.2.2.2 as if the Chairman had served his full term of office.

5.2.2.5 A Chairman may be dismissed by the General Assembly by at least 80% of the votes of all Members of the Association at which point a new Chairman shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and such appointment shall be ratified by the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Article 5.2.2.2 as if the Chairman had served his full term of office.

5.2.3 Powers

5.2.3.1 The Chairman shall have the following powers:

- (i) To be the nominated figure head and primary spokesperson of the Association.
- (ii) To be the nominated Chairman of the General Assembly.
- (iii) To be one of the Association's nominated representatives on the UEFA Professional Football Strategy Council and the FIFA Strategy Committee, if applicable.
- (iv) The power to represent the Association in all matters before public and/or private entities.
- (v) The power to call, preside over and adjourn the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors;
- (vi) The power to order payments and authorise documents with his signature provided that the Chairman's signature is supported at all times by the signature of at least one other member of the Board of Directors;
- (vii) The power to adopt all such urgent measures as may be necessary for the satisfactory progress of the Association providing always that such urgent measures are subsequently ratified at the next meeting of the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of Article 5.3.5; and
- (viii) The power to render accounts immediately to the other members of the Board of Directors.

5.2.4 **Deputy Chairman**

5.2.4.1 If, for any reason, the Chairman is absent or is unable to perform any or all of his functions in accordance with this Constitution, he may delegate any or all of the powers set out in Article 5.2.3.1 to the Deputy Chairman (whose appointment shall be governed by the procedures set out in Article 5.2.2) solely for the term of the Chairman's absence or inability to perform his functions.

5.3 **Board of Directors**

5.3.1 General

The Board of Directors shall be entrusted with the management of the Association.

5.3.2 Appointment and Composition

5.3.2.1 Subject to Article 5.3.2.11, the Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) members and each member of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of 3 years,

5.3.2.2 It is a condition for the appointment of each member of the Board of Directors and for the maintenance of such position that he/she shall continuously hold an active office of his/her respective Member league.



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5.3.2.3 The Association's representatives on the Board of Directors shall be appointed as follows:

- (a) Five (5) members of the Board shall be de facto appointments of one (1) nominated representative from each of the five (5) highest placed Member leagues in the UEFA Association Coefficient Rankings as at the date of their appointment;
- (b) The remaining four (4) members of the Board shall be elected from the remaining Member leagues in accordance with Article 5.3.2.8

For the avoidance of doubt, the Board shall not include more than one representative of the same Member.

5.3.2.4 The Chairman and Deputy Chairman shall be appointed from and by the nine members of the Board of Directors and such appointment shall be ratified by the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Article 5.2.2.

5.3.2.5 Appointments to the Board of Directors shall be for a term of 3 years but elections shall take place for the appointment of new members to the Board of Directors no later than 3 months prior to the expiry of the 3 year terms of the existing members of the Board of Directors.

5.3.2.6 An individual who has served on the Board of Directors can be re-appointed to that position in accordance with the terms of Article 5.3.2 upon the expiry of such individual's previous appointment, provided that the individual concerned continues to hold an active office for his/her Member at such time.

5.3.2.7 A member of the Board of Directors may resign his office during his term upon the provision of 3 month's written notice to be given to the Chief Executive Officer. Upon the effective date of such resignation, the General Assembly shall appoint a new member of the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of Article 5.3.2.10.

5.3.2.8 Subject to Article 5.3.2.3, a member of the Board of Directors may be appointed and/or dismissed by the General Assembly by a simple majority of all Members of the Association.

5.3.2.9 A member of the Board of Directors who ceases to be a representative of a Member and/or ceases to hold an active office of that Member shall forthwith resign his/her office as a member of the Board of Directors failing which he/she shall be dismissed by the General Assembly by way of a simple majority of all Members of the Association at which point a new member shall be appointed by the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Article 5.3.2 whose term of office shall be solely for the remaining unexpired duration of the 3 year term of his/her predecessor.

5.3.2.10 If for any reason, a vacancy of a member of the Board of Directors arises, a new member shall be appointed by the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of this Article 5.3.2 whose term of office shall be solely for the remaining unexpired duration of the 3 year term of his predecessor.

5.3.2.11 In any situation where the total number of Members of the Association shall number five (5) or less, then the total membership of the Board of Directors as specified in Article 5.3.2.1 shall be reduced to a number which shall be equal to the total number of Members of the Association minus one (1). At such time, the General Assembly shall determine by way of a simple majority of the votes of all of the Members which



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members of the Board of Directors shall be removed in accordance with the principle set out in Article 5.3.2.2 above.

5.3.3 Powers

The powers of the Board of Directors shall include as a minimum:

- (i) To direct the activities of the Association and its economic and administrative functions.
- (ii) To submit proposals to the General Assembly as to the economic, political and administrative functions of the Association.
- (iii) Upon the formal final approval of the General Assembly the power to enter into legally binding relations on behalf of the Association.
- (iv) The power to represent the Association in accordance with Article 5.5.
- (v) To implement the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly.
- (vi) To submit to the General Assembly the proposal for the admission and removal of Members.
- (vii) To submit to the General Assembly the proposal for the admission and removal of Associate Members.
- (viii) To submit to the General Assembly for ratification the appointments of the Chairman and/or Deputy Chairman
- (ix) To collate nominations and/or applications for the role of Chief Executive Officer and submit to the General Assembly a proposal for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer.
- (x) To submit to the General Assembly the proposal for the appointment for the position of the Association's statutory auditor.
- (xi) To appoint, without the prior approval of the General Assembly, external consultants and professional advisors as it so considers to be reasonably necessary for the proper and efficient discharge of both its own functions and the Association's wider purposes.
- (xii) To appoint all other employees of the Association on the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer.
- (xiii) To dismiss the Chief Executive Officer where there is just cause to do so in accordance with Swiss law and where such a proposal is supported by at least 7 members of the Board of Directors as further provided for in Article 5.4.1.6 (i) and (ii) below.
- (xiv) To submit to the General Assembly the proposal for the ordinary and extraordinary fees to be applied respectively to Members and Associate Members.
- (xv) To draw up the financial accounts of the Association in accordance with Article 8.1.
- (xvi) To take or delegate the power to take all other measures which are necessary in connection with the management of the Association, including specifically opening and closing of bank accounts as well as designation of authorised signatories in connection therewith.
- (xvii) To create the EPFL Committees, appoint their respective members and approve the respective terms of reference.

5.3.4 Meetings

5.3.4.1 The Board of Directors shall assemble as follows:

- (i) as often as may be determined by the Chairman; or
- (ii) upon the request of four (4) of its members.



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5.3.4.2 All notices for meetings of the Board of Directors shall include a fixed agenda, the date and the place of the meeting and shall be sent by the Chief Executive Officer to all the Members and Associate Members, in a duly attested manner (fax or e-mail), at least ten (10) calendar days before the date on which the meeting is to be held. Within five (5) calendar days after the date of receipt of the notice, the Members and Associate Members may include in the agenda the items they may deem necessary to debate at the meeting of the Board of Directors and shall remit these in a duly attested manner to the Chief Executive Officer who, within the term of three (3) calendar days, shall send to all the Members and Associate Members the revised agenda, which shall include the proposals received.

5.3.4.3 The Chairman may invite third parties to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity.

5.3.4.4 The Board of Directors shall be quorate when at least six (6) members are present.

5.3.5 Voting & Resolutions

5.3.5.1 Each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

5.3.5.2 The resolutions of the Board of Directors shall only be valid when they are adopted by a simple majority of the members present or represented.

5.3.5.3 In the event that a decision cannot be made by simple majority e.g. in the case of a 50/50 vote the Chairman of the Board of Directors shall have the deciding vote.

5.3.6 Proxies

5.3.6.1 A member of the Board of Directors who is unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors is validly represented either by a proxy or by another member of the Board of Directors to represent him and to vote on his behalf. The proxy or member of the Board of Directors must produce a power of attorney given by way of letter, e-mail, facsimile transmission or by any other means in writing confirming his appointment.

5.3.6.2 The proxies of the members of the Board of Directors shall be delivered to the Chief Executive Officer at least 24 hours in advance of any meeting. Any proxies not sent within this time shall be discarded.

5.3.7 Minutes

5.3.7.1 Minutes shall be issued for each meeting of the Board of Directors to all Members and Associate Members.

5.3.7.2 Such minutes and the abstracts of those shall be signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Chief Executive Officer.

5.3.7.3 Copies and abstracts to be submitted in legal or other proceedings can be signed by the Chairman, by a member of the Board of Directors or by the Chief Executive Officer, each acting individually.

5.3.8 UEFA and FIFA

UEFA and FIFA shall be provided in advance with the agenda and the details of any business to be considered at the Board of Directors as well as with a copy of the Minutes within 30 days.



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5.4 The Chief Executive Officer

5.4.1 Appointment / Duration / Remuneration

5.4.1.1 The office of Chief Executive Officer shall be held by a person appointed by way of vote of at least 80% of votes of all Members of the Association.

5.4.1.2 The Board of Directors shall collate nominations and/or applications for the role of Chief Executive Officer and submit to the General Assembly a proposal for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer.

5.4.1.3 The Chief Executive Officer shall confirm immediately following his appointment, that throughout the duration of his appointment, he shall be independent of any Member, Associate Member, professional football club, football governing body including but without limitation UEFA and FIFA or any such other professional football representative grouping.

5.4.1.4 Upon his appointment, the Chief Executive Officer shall be unable to act in any other capacity within the Association including but without limitation being a representative of any Member and/or Associate Member, a member of the Board of Directors or Chairman.

5.4.1.5 The Chief Executive Officer shall receive a yearly remuneration to be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

5.4.1.6 The Chief Executive Officer may be dismissed in either of the following circumstance:

- (i) where this has been agreed by way of vote of a simple majority of all Members of the Association following a proposal of either the Board of Directors or seven (7) Members provided always that any such dismissal is carried out in accordance with Swiss law; or
- (ii) where there is just cause to do so in accordance with Swiss law and at least seven (7) members of the Board of Directors adopt a proposal to do so.

5.4.2 Powers

5.4.2.1 The Chief Executive Officer is entrusted with the daily management of the Association. Furthermore, he has the following specific rights and obligations:

- (i) To work with the Board of Directors and the General Assembly to develop and carry out the strategy necessary to meet the Association's objectives.
- (ii) To assist the Chairman in his day to day activities and to represent the interests of the Members and the Associate Members.
- (iii) To organise the preparations for the meetings of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.
- (iv) To attend, with the right to voice an opinion but not the right to vote, the meetings of the General Assembly and of the Board of Directors, preparing the respective minutes of each such meeting.
- (v) To administer and keep the accounts of the Association and submit them to the General Assembly for approval in accordance with Article 8.3.
- (vi) To administer and record the expenses of the Association.
- (vii) To prepare the annual budgets and submit them to the General Assembly for approval.
- (viii) To prepare any internal regulations of the Association and submit them to the General Assembly for approval.



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- (ix) To organise and keep the files and other documents of the Association.
- (x) To send the correspondence and monitor the relations between the Association and the Members and Associate Members.
- (xi) To coordinate the Association with the FIFA, the UEFA and any other sports institutions or football leagues or other political institutions and non governmental entities organised at a national and European level as authorised by the Board of Directors.
- (xii) To manage and supervise other Association employees.
- (xiii) To perform any and all tasks that may be entrusted to him by the Board of Directors which are not expressly reserved for the General Assembly.
- (xiv) To recommend the employees of the Association to be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- (xv) To coordinate the activities of the Committees and report periodically and regularly to the Board of Directors
- (xvi) To submit the Annual Business Plan for the approval of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly

5.5 Standing Committees, Working Groups and other bodies (the “Committees”)

- 5.5.1 From time to time the Board of Directors will resolve to create certain Committees.
- 5.5.2 Based on proposals submitted by the Chairman and/or Chief Executive Officer, the Board of Directors shall elect the chairman, one or more vice-chairmen and the members of each Committee for a 3 year term.
- 5.5.3 The Board of Directors shall determine the number of members of each Committee.
- 5.5.4 The chairman of each Committee shall represent that Committee. In consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, the chairman of a Committee shall set the dates of Committee meetings, be responsible for the proper conduct of business and regularly report to the Board of Directors on the Committee’s work
- 5.5.5 The role of the Committees is to advise the Board of Directors with regard to its purpose as detailed in its terms of reference.
- 5.5.6 The Board of Directors shall draw up terms of reference for the work of each Committee.
- 5.5.7 The Board of Directors, the Chairman and/or the Chief Executive Officer may, if necessary, appoint sub-committees for special duties, and working groups for specific short term duties.

5.6 Representation of the Association

- 5.6.1 The Association is represented towards third parties and in court by the Chairman and one member of the Board of Directors acting jointly or, by four (4) members of the Board of Directors acting jointly who do not have to show a decision of the Board of Directors.
- 5.6.2 The Chairman shall be entitled to order payments and authorise documents with his signature provided that the Chairman’s signature is supported at all times by the signature of at least one other member of the Board of Directors. Alternatively, five (5) members of the Board of Directors acting jointly, shall be entitled to order payments and authorise documents.
- 5.6.3 The Chief Executive Officer represents the Association towards third parties and in court with respect to the daily management of the Association.



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5.6.4 The Association shall further be validly represented by special proxy holders within the limits of their mandate arising from the commissions or delegations of work entrusted to them by the Board of Directors or General Assembly.

6. **Membership Fees**

6.1 **General**

6.1.1 The economic resources of the Association consist of the entrance fees, ordinary annual fees and the extraordinary fees.

6.2 **The Entrance Fee**

6.2.1 Each new Member and/or Associate Member League shall pay a once only entrance fee in accordance with a sum decided by the Board of Directors within 30 days of the approval by the General Assembly of its admission.

6.3 **The Ordinary Annual Fee**

6.3.1 An ordinary annual fee shall be payable by Members and Associate Members in accordance with the provisions of this Article 6.3.

6.3.2 At the date of this Constitution and for financial purposes, Members shall be responsible for the ordinary annual fee in accordance with the banding system as set out in more detail in Annex 2

6.3.3 The ordinary annual fee for Associate Members shall be designated as Band D.

6.3.4 The respective bands (A to D) shall be set annually by the General Assembly at the beginning of Year.

6.3.5 Subject to Article 6.3.6, the ordinary annual fee shall be paid annually in two equal instalments the first instalment being paid within one month of the commencement of the first semester of the corresponding Year (i.e. 1 July – 31 December) and the second instalment being paid within one month of the commencement of the second semester of the respective Year (i.e. 1 January- 30 June).

6.3.6 If a new Member is admitted to the Association during the second semester of a particular Year, it will only be responsible for the payment of 50% of the ordinary annual fee, payable as set out in Article 6.3.5 above.

6.3.7 In the event that a Member or an Associate Member does not fulfil its obligations to make payment of the entrance fee and/or ordinary annual fee within 3 months of the due date for payment, in addition to the obligation to pay interest (at a proportionate rate to be determined by the Board), the Member or Associate Member can be expelled from the Association by the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Article 2.4.2 above. Expulsion shall be without prejudice to the obligation of such expelled Member or Associate Member to remain liable for payment in full of the ordinary annual fee for the Year in which they are so expelled.



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6.4 **Extraordinary Fees**

- 6.4.1 Extraordinary fees shall be paid when the General Assembly, upon proposal made by the Board of Directors, understands that it is necessary for the Members and/or Associate Member to make a financial contribution to meet items not included in the ordinary expenses of the Association.
- 6.4.2 The amount of such extraordinary fees and the due dates for payment thereof shall be determined by the General Assembly based upon a scale equivalent to the contributions which each Member and Associate Member make in respect of the ordinary annual fee at such time.
- 6.4.3 In the event that a Member or an Associate Member does not fulfil its obligations to make payment of any extraordinary fee within 3 months of the due date for payment, in addition to the payment of interest (at a proportionate rate to be determined by the Board) the Member or Associate Member can be expelled from the Association by the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Article 2.4.2 above.

7 **Winding up of the Association**

- 7.1 Subject to the provisions of Article 7.2, the Association can be wound up by at least 80% of votes of all Members of the Association.
- 7.2 The Association may not be wound up and it shall continue performing its activities when so requested by 10 of its Members.
- 7.3 In the event of a winding up, the Board of Directors shall become the Liquidating Committee and, after the debts have been settled, should any assets remain, the Liquidating Committee shall allocate the balance in accordance with the provisions of Article 4.1.

8 **Accounting and financial year (“Year”)**

- 8.1 Each Year the Board of Directors draws up the financial accounts in respect of the legal term and in accordance with the established accounting practices of Switzerland.
- 8.2 The Year shall run from July 1 to June 30 of the next year in harmony with the football season.
- 8.3 The Chief Executive Officer shall submit the Association’s accounts to the General Assembly after they have been audited by an auditor. The General Assembly may approve or reject the accounts. If they are rejected, they shall be returned to the Board of Directors for revision as so directed by the General Assembly. The Chief Executive Officer shall thereafter re-submit such revised accounts to an auditor for approval prior to re-submission to the General Assembly until such time as they are approved.

9 **Financial Audit**

- 9.1 An audit of the Association’s financial position, of the annual accounts and of the compliance with the present agreement shall be executed in accordance with Swiss law.



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9.2 The Association shall have its accounts audited by an independent and professionally qualified auditor to be appointed by the General Assembly.

10 **Expenses**

10.1 The Board of Directors, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer shall all be entitled to be paid any and all travelling, hotel, and other expenses reasonably and properly incurred in connection with the fulfilment and discharge of their respective duties under this Constitution.

10.2 Provision for such expenses shall be included in the annual budget approved by the General Assembly and any variations required to the budgeted provision for expenses will require the further approval of the General Assembly.

11 **Official Languages**

11.1 The official languages of the Association shall be the English, French and German languages.

11.2 All the official documents of the Association shall be worded in the said languages.

11.3 This Constitution is made in the English language. If there is any conflict in meaning between the French language version of this Constitution and any other version or translation of this Constitution in any other language including English and German, the English language version shall prevail. This rule applies equally to all official documents of the Association.

12 **Applicable law and Jurisdiction**

12.1 The Association shall be governed by the laws of Switzerland.

12.2 Any dispute controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with this Constitution between Members or between Members and the Association shall exclusively be settled by final and binding arbitration in accordance with the rules of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) then in force.

The arbitral tribunal shall consist of one sole arbitrator who shall be appointed by the CAS.



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List of Member Leagues

- 1. ÖSTERREICHISCHE FUSSBALL BUNDESLIGA**
 - Legal Form: Association
 - Address: Ernst Happel Stadion
Sektor A, Meiereistraße 7
A-1020 Wein – Austria
 - Number and place of registration: (same as address)
 - Represented by: Martin Pucher (President)
Georg Pangl (CEO)

- 2. LIGUE PROFESSIONNELLE DE FOOTBALL**
 - Legal Form: Association sans but lucratif
 - Address: Avenue Houba de Strooper 145
1020 Bruxelles Belgium
 - Number and place of registration: No. 471473251 – Registered in Bruxelles, Belgium
 - Represented by: Ludwig Sneyers (CEO)
Robert Sterckx (General Secretary)

- 3. DIVISIONFORENINGEN**
 - Legal Form: Association
 - Address: Livjaegergade 17
2100 Kobenhavn
Denmark
 - Number and place of registration: (same as address)
 - Represented by: Thomas Christensen (Chairman of the Board)

Torben Oldenborg (Member of the Board)
Claus Thomsen (CEO)

- 4. THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE LIMITED**
 - Legal Form: Limited company
 - Address: 11 Connaught Place
London
W2 2ET England
 - Number and place of registration: No. 2719699 - Registered in London, England (UK)
 - Represented by: Sir David Richards (President)
Mike Foster (General Secretary)



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5. EIRCOM LEAGUE OF IRELAND

- Legal Form:
- Address: 80 Merrion Square
Dublin 2
Republic of Ireland
- Number and place of registration:
- Represented by: Fran Gavin (Director)
Eamon Naughton (Chairman)

6. VEIKKAUSLIIGA

- Legal Form: Association
- Address: Urheilukatu 5 PL 191
00251 Helsinki
Finland
- Number and place of registration: No. 154563 – Registered in Helsinki, Finland
- Represented by: Hannu Rautiainen (President)
Jan Walden (CEO)
Peter Lundström

7. LIGUE DE FOOTBALL PROFESSIONNEL

- Legal Form: Association déclarée - loi du 1er juillet 1901
- Address: Rue Léo Delibes 6
75116 Paris
France
- Number and place of registration: No. 7408 – Registered in Paris, France
- Represented by: Frédéric Thiriez (President)

8. DIE LIGA – FUßBALLVERBAND E.V. (LIGAVERBAND)

- Legal Form: Verein (registered Association)
- Address: Guilletstraße 44-46
60325 Frankfurt – Main,
Germany
- Number and place of registration: No. 12031 - Registered in Frankfurt am
Main,
Germany
- Represented by: Reinhard Rauball (President)
Holger Hieronymus (COO)
Holger Blask (Lawyer)

9. SUPER LEAGUE GREECE

- Legal Form: Cooperation
- Address: 1st Astronafton Str.
151 25 Marousi, Attica
Greece
- Number and place of registration: No. 998826421 – Registered in Marousi,
(Athens – Attica) Greece
- Represented by: Yannis Vardinoyannis (President)
George Stratos (Member of the Board)
George Kyriakos (General Manager)



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10. LEGA NAZIONALE PROFESSIONISTI

- Legal Form: Association represented legally by Lega Calcio Service SPA (in accordance with Article 2.2.1(iii) below)
- Address: Via Rosellini 4
20124 Milano
Italy
- Number and place of registration: Codice Fiscale e Partita IVA: 00905410155 –
Registered in Milan, Italy
- Represented by: Antonio Matarrese (President)
Marco Brunelli (CEO)

11. EREDIVISIE CV

- Legal Form: Limited partnership
- Address: Woudenbergseweg 50
3953 MH Maarsbergen
Netherlands
- Number and place of registration: No. 30199585 – Registered in Utrecht,
The Netherlands
- Represented by: Alex Tielbeke (CEO)
Frank Rutten (CEO)
Mark Boetekees (CEO FBO)

12. LIGA PORTUGUESA DE FUTEBOL PROFISSIONAL

- Legal Form: Association of Private law
- Address: Rua da Constituiçao 2555
4250 – 173 Porto
Portugal
- Number and place of registration: Pessoa colectiva No. 502136219 –
Registered
in Portugal
- Represented by: Herminio Loureiro (President)
Tiago Craveiro (General Secretary)
Antonio Carlos Ramos (Marketing Director)

13. THE SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE LIMITED

- Legal Form: Limited company
- Address: Hampden Park
Glasgow G42 9DE
Scotland
- Number and place of registration: No. SC175364 - Registered in Edinburgh,
Scotland (UK)
- Represented by: Lex Gold (Executive Chairman)



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14. LIGA NACIONAL DE FÚTBOL PROFESIONAL

- Legal Form: Sports Association
- Address: Hernández de Tejada, 10
28027 Madrid
Spain
- Number and place of registration: No. 13.933, page147, Registered in the Registry of Sports Associations of Madrid, Spain, C.I.F. G-78069762
- Represented by: José Luis Astiazarán Iriondo (President)
Carlos del Campo Colás (General Secretary)
Francisco Roca Pérez (General Manager)

15. FÖRENINGEN SVENSK ELITFOTBOLL

- Legal Form: Association
- Address: Box 16103
200 25 Malmö
Sweden
- Number and place of registration: No. 825001-5065 - Registered in Sweden
- Represented by: Bo Lundquist (President)
Tommy Theorin (CEO)
Ambjörn Wahlberg (Lawyer)

16. RUSSIAN FOOTBALL PREMIER LEAGUE

- Legal Form: Non-profit Partnership
- Address: Kutuzovskiy prospekt, 12
121248, Moscow
Russia
- Number and place of registration: No. 002069042 - Registered in Moscow, Russia
- Represented by: Mikhail Vorontsov (President)
Igor Dmitriev (CEO)
Ivan Antipov (manager of international dep.)

17. PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE OF UKRAINE

- Legal Form: Non-Profit
- Address: Pereulok Muzeyniy 2B
UA-01001 Kyiv
Ukraine
- Number and place of registration: No. 24089944 – Registered in Kiev, Ukraine
- Represented by: Ravil Safiullin (President)
Sviatoslav Syrota (Secretary Executive)
Pavel Cherepin (Marketing Director)



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18. EKSTRAKLASA SA

- Legal Form: Limited Company
- Address: ul. Wyrzeże Gdyńskie 6d
01-531 Warszawa
Poland
- Number and place of registration: No. 0000239140 - Registered in Warsaw, Poland
- Represented by: Rusko Andrzej (President of the Board)

Basalaj Bogdan (CEO)
Stefanski Marcin (Head of Competition Dept.)

19. THE WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE

- Legal Form: Limited Company
- Address: 11/12 Neptune Court
Vanguard Way
Cardiff CF24 5PJ
UK
- Number and place of registration: No. 02927547 – Registered in Cardiff, Wales (UK)
- Represented by: Philip Woosnam (Chairman)
John Deakin (Secretary)
David Griffiths (Director)

20. UNION OF 1.SNL

- Legal Form: Society (under the Slovenian Law of Society)
- Address: Parmanova Ulica 53,
1000 Ljubljana,
Slovenija
- Number and place of registration: No. 5993920 – Registered in Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Represented by: Branko Florjanič (President)
Stane Oražem (President of NK Domžale)
Mitja Hlastec

21. BULGARIAN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

- Legal Form: Non Profit Legal Entity
- Address: 139, Evlogi Georgiev Blvd.
1408 Sofia
Bulgaria
- Number and place of registration: No. 28581/1992 – Registered in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Represented by: Valentim Mihov (President)
Ivaylo Ivkov (Legal Adviser)
Viktor Kirkov (Marketing Manager)



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22. NORSK TOPPFOTBALL

- Legal Form: Association
- Address: Sognsveien 75F,
0806 Oslo,
Norway
- Number and place of registration: No.971497343 Registered in Brønnøysund,
Norway
- Represented by: Niels Skutle (Member of the Board)
Niels Røine (Chief Executive Officer)
Ernst Ravnaas (President)

23. SWISS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

- Legal Form: Association
- Address: Worbstrasse 48
Postfach,
3000 Bern 15,
Switzerland
- Number and place of registration: No registration
- Represented by: Werner Edelmann (Board Member)
Edmond Isoz (Senior Manager)
Peter Stadelmann (President)

24. ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

- Legal Form: Association
- Address: 14/2, Solyanka Str.
109240, Moscow
Russia
- Number and place of registration: No. 1027739331960 – Registered in Moscow,
Russia
- Represented by: Andrei Sokolov (General Director)
Nikolai Tolstykh (President)
Vassili Pishiulin (Vice-President)

25. THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE LIMITED

- Legal Form: Limited Company
- Address: Edward VII Quay,
Navigation Way,
Preston PR2 2YF
UK
- Number and place of registration: No. 80612 - Registered in London, England
(UK)
- Represented by: Lord Brian Mawhinney (Chairman)
Andy Williamson (Chief Operating Officer)



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26. FEDERATIE BETAALD VOETBAL ORGANISATIES

- Legal Form: Association
- Address: Postbus 50
3950 AB Maarn
The Netherlands
- Number and place of registration: No. 40478645 – Registered in Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Represented by: Mark Boetekees (General Manager)
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Martin Strurkenboom (Chairman)



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Annex 2

Admission Procedure for Members and Associate Members

I. Application

The Application to become New Member and Associate Members have to be sent by fax to the number: 0041 22 308 5101 and by mail addressed to the "Chief Executive Officer *Mr Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros*, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of the European Professional Football Leagues, "Le Martinet", Chemis du Canal 1, CH-1260 Nyon, Switzerland".

The Application must include:

1. The Official name of the Applicant League or recognised Association of Clubs.
2. An organisational chart.
3. The name, the address and the other contact details of the person whom any official correspondence should be addressed and with whom any official matter should be discussed.
4. A list of the competitions it organises.
5. A list of its member clubs.
6. The following documents:
 - i) For a New Member:
 - Official recognition by its National Association, member of UEFA, as being the highest professional football league within that National Association;
 - The legal form, if a company the registration number, tax number and the address;
 - If it does not have a legal personality it shall be required to become a Member of the Association through a duly appointed representative legal entity which shall have legal personality and shall be notified to the Chief Executive Officer.
 - Annex 1 duly signed by the President or any other legal representative.
 - A list of a maximum of three representatives of the League duly appointed which will be entitled to exercise all the powers of the New Member.



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ii) For an Associate Member:

- Official recognition by its National Association, member of UEFA, as being a non-premier professional football league within that National Association, as well as by the respective Premier League, in the case of recognised Associations of Clubs;
- The legal form, if a company the registration number, tax number and the address;
- If it does not have a legal personality it shall be required to become a Member of the Association through a duly appointed representative legal entity which shall have legal personality and shall be notified to the Chief Executive Officer.
- Annex 1 duly signed by the President or any other legal representative.
- A list of maximum three representatives of the League or recognised associations of clubs duly appointed which will be entitled to exercise all the powers of the Associate Member.

II. Admission – Board of Directors

The Application shall be presented by the Chief Executive Officer to the Board of Directors in the first meeting following the date in which the application was received by the EPFL secretariat which, on condition of approval, shall submit a proposal to the EPFL General Assembly at its first meeting for final approval of the Application.

III. Admission – Applicant Member and Associate Member

1. A copy of the Constitution will be sent by the EPFL secretariat to the Applicant Member or Associate Member together with the fee to be paid within 30 days after the signature of the Constitution.
2. If the relevant body of the Applicant Member or Associate Member approves the Constitution as signed in London on 6 June 2005 and amended in Nyon on 8 September 2005 and in Madrid on 14 November 2007, the Applicant Member or Associate Member must send its authorisation and mandate to enter into the Constitution to the EPFL secretariat.

IV. Admission – General Assembly

1. The Applicant Member or Associate Member shall be admitted if the proposal from the Board of Directors receives 80% of the votes of all Members of the Association.
2. If the Applicant Member or Associate Member shall be admitted then the following shall occur:
 - The Chief Executive Officer will officially send an invitation to the Applicant Member or Associate Member to attend the next following EPFL General Assembly meeting to sign the Constitution;



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- The person who is duly authorised on behalf of the Applicant Member or Associate Member to sign the Constitution shall to bring on the date of signature:
 - his/her Passport;
 - a certified copy of his/her passport to be retained by the EPFL secretariat.

- 3. If the Applicant League shall not receive 80% of the votes of all Members of the Association then the application shall be deemed unsuccessful and the Chief Executive Officer shall inform the Applicant Member or Associate Member accordingly within 7 days.



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DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE

(TO BE PRINTED ON THE OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE APPLICANT MEMBER OR ASSOCIATE MEMBER)

TheLeague/Association of Clubs, represented by Mr/Mrs
....., in his/her capacity as....., hereby declares that it will comply
with the Constitution of **Association of European Professional Football Leagues** signed in
London on 6 June 2005 and amended in Nyon on 8 September 2005 and in Madrid on 14
November 2007, with the Statutes, Regulations and Decisions of FIFA, UEFA and EPFL
where applicable, as well as the Memorandum of Understanding agreed between UEFA and
the Leagues.

Date & Place _____

Signature _____



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The FA Premier League Limited	England
Ligue de Football Professionnel	France
Die Liga – Fussballverband e.V.	Germany
Lega Nazionale Professionisti	Italy
Liga Nacional de Fútbol Profesional	Spain
Russian Football Premier League	Russia

Band B

Ligue Professionnelle de Football	Belgium
Super League Greece	Greece
Eredivisie CV	Netherlands
Liga Portuguesa de Futebol Profissional	Portugal
The Scottish Premier League Limited	Scotland
Professional Football League of Ukraine	Ukraine
Bulgarian Professional Football League	Bulgaria
Polish Professional Football League/Ekstraklasa SA	Poland

Band C

Osterreichische Fussball Bundesliga	Austria
Divisionforeningen	Denmark
Veikkausliiga	Finland
Eircom League of Ireland	Republic of Ireland
Foreningen Svensk Elitfotbol	Sweden
Welsh Premier League	Wales
Union of 1.SNL	Slovenia
Norsk Toppfotball	Norway
Swiss Football League	Switzerland

Band D (ASSOCIATE MEMBERS)

Association Professional Football League	Russia
The Football League	England