



FACSIMILE

Mr Georgios Gkirtzikis
President
Hellenic Football Federation

Fax no.: + 302 10930 6000

22 April 2015

Submission of the draft bill "*Emergency measures for the confrontation of violence in sports and other provisions*" to the Greek Parliament

Dear President,

We have learnt that the Deputy Minister of Culture, Education and Religious Affairs has officially submitted the draft bill "*Emergency measures for the confrontation of violence in sports and other provisions*" to the Greek Parliament and that a vote is expected to take place very soon.

We understand that despite the FIFA and UEFA mission which took place on 30 March 2015 and during which our representatives clearly expressed our concern about the new law, the Greek authorities have decided to go ahead without taking into account our comments with regard to specific provisions considered as going against the principle of autonomy required from the FIFA member associations. The adoption and application of the draft bill without amendments would indeed contravene the principle according to which all FIFA and UEFA member associations have to manage their affairs independently and without the influence of any third parties (as stipulated in article 13 paragraph 1i) and art. 17 of the FIFA Statutes, as well as in article 7bis paragraph 2) of the UEFA Statutes).

Given the circumstances, we hereby inform you that should the bill be adopted as proposed, we will have no option but to refer the case to the relevant FIFA and UEFA bodies for immediate sanctions, including the suspension of the Hellenic Football Federation (HFF).

We remind you that a suspension of the HFF would mean that the HFF would lose its FIFA and UEFA membership rights with immediate effect and, in particular, that no Greek team of any sort, including clubs, could take part in FIFA or UEFA competitions and that neither the HFF nor any of its members or



officials could continue to benefit from any development programmes, courses or training from FIFA or UEFA (cf. art. 14 par. 3 in connection with Article 12 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes and article 9 par. 1 in connection with Article 7 of the UEFA Statutes). In addition, the lifting of the suspension would be conditional upon the return to the previous situation, meaning through the abolition of the law.

We recommend that you contact the relevant authorities in order to brief them on the FIFA and UEFA stance and the adverse consequences of any ratification of the new law by the Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Jérôme Valcke.

Jérôme Valcke
Secretary General

UNION DES ASSOCIATIONS
EUROPÉENNES DE FOOTBALL

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Gianni Infantino.

Gianni Infantino
General Secretary