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**Situation of the Brazilian Football Association**

Dear Mr Mattos,

We acknowledge receipt of your e-mail dated 12 December 2025 and take note of the concerns raised by the Brazilian Football Association (CBF) regarding reported judicial decisions which, in CBF's view, may jeopardise the autonomy and institutional stability of organised football in Brazil.

In this context, CBF reports that, in two cases involving regional associations – namely the Maranhão and Piauí Football Federation – decisions rendered by the judicial authorities have called into question CBF's authority potentially and may potentially lead to undue state interference in its affairs and the affairs of its own members. CBF submits that it acted in accordance with its Statutes and governance standards to address potential irregularities and safeguard the autonomy of the institution. CBF further underlines that such developments threaten the principles of independence, self-regulation and democratic governance of football.

In this regard, we remind you that CBF, as a member of FIFA, is obliged to manage its affairs independently and without undue influence by any third parties, in accordance with Article 14, paragraph 1, i) and Article 19 of the FIFA Statutes. Moreover, we would like to stress that any violation of Article 14, paragraph 1, i) of the FIFA Statutes may give rise to sanctions, even if the third-party influence was not the fault of the member association concerned (cf. art. 14, paragraph 3 of the FIFA Statutes).

Failure to respect the aforementioned provisions may result in the imposition of sanctions on CBF under the FIFA Statutes, including a potential suspension (cf. art. 14, paragraph 2 of the FIFA Statutes).

Finally, we would also like to point out that the CBF Statutes stipulate that members of CBF must also ensure that they manage their affairs independently and without any third parties influence (cf. art. 18 par. xi) of the CBF Statutes; 2017 edition).



We kindly invite you to inform all relevant stakeholders in Brazil of the content of the present communication and appreciate your continued efforts in keeping us informed of any further developments in this matter. We trust that our communication provides the needed clarity to CBF and its members.

We thank you for taking note of the above and remain at your disposal should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,  
FIFA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. J.", with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

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