

## TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

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### **Amendments to the FIFA Statutes: new official FIFA languages**

Dear Sir or Madam,

As part of the FIFA vision to make football truly global, on 31 March 2022, the 72<sup>nd</sup> FIFA Congress approved an expansion in the number of official languages, allowing FIFA to communicate directly with a wider football community than ever before.

The amended article 9 of the FIFA Statutes now recognises Arabic, Portuguese and Russian as official languages of FIFA, in addition to the existing official languages (English, French, German and Spanish).

According to the new statutory provision, all official FIFA documents – minutes, circulars, regulations, decisions and announcements – will be published in English, French and Spanish. Where appropriate, the FIFA administration will decide to also publish documents in Arabic, German, Portuguese and/or Russian. In this way, a great many more member associations and other football stakeholders will be able to access relevant information regarding FIFA's operations, and to communicate with FIFA allowing for greater understanding and cooperation across the world.

Please also note that this statutory change will be limited in terms of its application in the context of the respective provisions of the FIFA Disciplinary Code, FIFA Code of Ethics and FIFA Procedural Rules Governing the Football Tribunal.

The FIFA Statutes (May 2022 edition), which come into effect 60 days after the close of the 72<sup>nd</sup> FIFA Congress, are now available on [legal.fifa.com](https://www.fifa.com/legal) and will also be included in the annual edition of the FIFA Legal Handbook to be published in September 2022.

We thank you for taking note of the above and for your valuable cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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