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# **FIFA World Cup 2030™ and FIFA World Cup 2034™**

**Bidding Regulations**

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# 1. Background

- i. Article 68 paragraph 2 of the FIFA Statutes establishes some principles for how FIFA shall decide on the venue for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup™, namely:
  - a) In deciding on the venue for the FIFA World Cup, the overriding objective is to secure the best possible hosting conditions in the host country/countries.
  - b) The FIFA Council shall issue specific regulations governing the bidding procedure for determining the host venue of the FIFA World Cup.
  - c) The FIFA general secretariat shall establish a fair and transparent bidding procedure in accordance with such regulations issued by the FIFA Council. The FIFA general secretariat will invite all qualified member association(s) to submit a bid to host the FIFA World Cup. It will also define in detail the requirements for the bidding and hosting of the FIFA World Cup, as well as the criteria for selecting the host venue.
  - d) The FIFA general secretariat shall submit to the FIFA Council a public report evaluating the compliance of all bids with the bidding procedure and the requirements for hosting the FIFA World Cup, taking into consideration the defined criteria for selecting the host(s).
  - e) The FIFA Council shall review the report and designate up to three bids to be submitted to the FIFA Congress.
  - f) The FIFA Congress shall decide the host venue of the FIFA World Cup from the bids designated by the FIFA Council.
- ii. On 4 October 2023, the FIFA Council approved the following consolidated proposal in relation to the bidding for, and hosting of, the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup 2030™ and FIFA World Cup 2034™ (hereinafter collectively, “Competitions” and individually, “Competition”):
  - a) That the FIFA administration launch the bidding processes for the Competitions and administer the bidding processes concurrently.
  - b) In respect of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030:
    - That – in consultation with CONMEBOL – the 100-year anniversary of the first edition of the FIFA World Cup in 2030 be marked by a celebration ceremony in Uruguay and the hosting of three celebratory matches – one each to be played in Uruguay (in Montevideo), Argentina and Paraguay respectively – featuring the respective national team of each country and taking place prior to the first matches in the host countries of the FIFA World Cup 2030, but still forming an integral component of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030 (hereinafter “Centenary Celebration Matches”);
    - That – in consultation with CAF and UEFA – a joint candidacy comprising Morocco, Portugal and Spain participate in a single-candidate bidding process to host the Competition (with the exception of the Centenary Celebration Matches referenced above);

- c) In respect of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034:
- That – in consultation with the AFC and OFC – FIFA member associations affiliated to the AFC and OFC be eligible to bid to host the Competition.

## 2. Purpose of these Regulations

- i. These Bidding Regulations (hereinafter the “Regulations”) apply to:
- a) the bidding process for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030 (with the exception of the Centenary Celebration Matches, as referenced in section 1 paragraph ii b) above) (hereinafter the “2030 Bidding Process”);
  - b) the bidding process for the Centenary Celebration Matches (hereinafter the “Centenary Celebration Matches Process”); and
  - c) the bidding process for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034 (hereinafter the “2034 Bidding Process”)

(collectively, the “Bidding Processes” and individually, the “Bidding Process”), and set out the framework by which the FIFA general secretariat shall:

- ensure the Bidding Processes are fair, transparent and meet the highest standards of ethics and integrity;
- invite eligible member associations to participate in the Bidding Processes;
- explain to bidding member associations the requirements for participating in the Bidding Processes and the obligations required of the host association(s) in hosting the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and the FIFA World Cup 2034; and
- establish the criteria by which member associations participating in the Bidding Processes will be assessed, and the host association(s) ultimately selected, to host the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and the FIFA World Cup 2034.

## 3. Objective of Bidding Processes

In accordance with article 68 paragraph 2 of the FIFA Statutes, the overriding objective of the Bidding Processes is to secure the best possible hosting conditions in the host country/countries for the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and the FIFA World Cup 2034.

## 4. Key principles

- i. In pursuit of achieving the overriding objective of the Bidding Processes, the FIFA general secretariat is committed to ensuring that all aspects of the Bidding Processes are conducted in accordance with the following principles:

**a) Objectivity:**

The evaluation of the bids is designed to treat each bidder fairly and equally. Bids are assessed by experts in each aspect of the Bidding Processes and measured against clear and objective criteria.

**b) Transparency:**

The bid books produced by the bidding member associations, as well as FIFA's evaluation report(s), will be published. When it comes to the shortlisting decisions by the FIFA Council (if necessary) and the subsequent host appointment decisions by the FIFA Congress, the result of each ballot and the related votes will be open and made public.

**c) Integrity:**

All of the stakeholders involved in the Bidding Processes – including the FIFA general secretariat, the decision-making bodies and the bidding member associations – are subject to the FIFA Code of Ethics. Additionally, an independent auditor and bid compliance and ethics officers are appointed to monitor the Bidding Processes.

**d) Commitment to human rights and sustainable event management:**

FIFA is fully committed to conducting its activities in connection with the bidding for and hosting of the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and the FIFA World Cup 2034 in accordance with sustainable event management standards and practices (in line with ISO 20121), safeguarding principles for the protection of children and adults at risk and to respecting internationally recognised human rights in accordance with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

## 5. Eligibility to participate

- i. Taking into account the fact that the hosting of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2026™ will take place in the territory of Concacaf, and in accordance with article 68 paragraph 4 of the FIFA Statutes and the decision of the FIFA Council on 4 October 2023, participation in the bidding processes for hosting the FIFA World Cup 2030 covers the territories of CAF, CONMEBOL and UEFA, and specifically those member associations affiliated with these confederations, as outlined in section 5 paragraphs (ii) and (iii) to follow.

- ii. For the 2030 Bidding Process, the Moroccan Football Association (FRMF), the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) and the Spanish Football Association (RFEF) are eligible to participate in the process on a joint basis as a single candidate.
- iii. For the Centenary Celebration Matches Process, the Uruguayan Football Association (AUF), the Argentinian Football Association (AFA) and the Paraguayan Football Association (APF) are eligible to participate in the process on an individual basis in respect of a single Centenary Celebration Match.
- iv. For the 2034 Bidding Process, FIFA member associations affiliated to the AFC and OFC are eligible to participate in the process.
- v. Any member association that is under temporary suspension by the FIFA Council or suspension or has been expelled by the FIFA Congress is not eligible to participate in the Bidding Processes.
- vi. If at any stage throughout the Bidding Processes, a member association is prohibited from bidding for the final competition(s) of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and the FIFA World Cup 2034 pursuant to applicable laws or pursuant to rules by which FIFA is bound (e.g. the World Anti-Doping Code), the member association shall not be eligible to participate in, or continue participating in, the relevant process.
- vii. Joint bids by eligible member associations are permitted for the Bidding Processes.

## 6. Bidding Processes – format

### 6.1. Overview

- i. For the avoidance of doubt, the 2030 Bidding Process, the Centenary Celebration Matches Process and the 2034 Bidding Process are separate processes that will be administered by FIFA concurrently.
- ii. The Bidding Processes will be conducted in accordance with the procedures and timelines established by the FIFA general secretariat and will consist of the following phases:
  - a) **Phase 1 – set-up:** scheduled to take place in the fourth quarter of 2023
  - b) **Phase 2 – bid preparation:** scheduled to commence during the fourth quarter of 2023 and conclude during the third quarter of 2024
  - c) **Phase 3 – bid evaluation:** scheduled to commence during the third quarter of 2024 and conclude during the fourth quarter of 2024
  - d) **Phase 4 – decision:** to take place in separate FIFA Congresses scheduled to commence from fourth quarter of 2024
- iii. Each of these phases is outlined in sections 6.2 to 6.5 of these Regulations.

## 6.2. Phase 1 – set-up

- i. In relation to the 2030 Bidding Process, the FIFA general secretariat will invite the Moroccan Football Association (FRMF), the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) and the Spanish Football Association (RFEF) to confirm their interest in jointly hosting the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030.
- ii. In relation to the Centenary Celebration Matches Process, the FIFA general secretariat will invite the Uruguayan Football Association (AUF), the Argentinian Football Association (AFA) and the Paraguayan Football Association (APF) to confirm their interest in individually hosting a Centenary Celebration Match.
- iii. In relation to the 2034 Bidding Process, the FIFA general secretariat will invite eligible member associations affiliated to the AFC and OFC to express their interest in hosting the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034.
- iv. The FIFA Council approved the Overview of the Hosting Requirements for the FIFA World Cup 2030 in June 2023, which provide an overview of the key requirements for hosting the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030. These will be amended to extend to the Centenary Celebration Matches and the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034, as appropriate and applicable.
- v. Eligible member associations must declare their interest by submitting a declaration of interest in the manner and form prescribed by the FIFA general secretariat.
- vi. Member associations may withdraw or amend their declaration of interest at any time during the set-up phase.
- vii. In the event that a declaration of interest is received from any ineligible member association(s), the FIFA general secretariat will notify such member association(s) in writing of its/their ineligibility.
- viii. The FIFA general secretariat shall provide the relevant member association(s) with a template legal agreement, setting out the terms and conditions applicable to their participation in the 2030 Bidding Process, the Centenary Celebration Matches Process or the 2034 Bidding Process (hereinafter the “Bidding Agreement”). In order to continue their participation in the respective Bidding Process, each interested member association will be required to execute a Bidding Agreement in the form and manner specified by the FIFA general secretariat.
- ix. By the conclusion of the set-up phase, the relevant member associations shall confirm their status as bidding member associations for the respective Bidding Process by submitting the executed Bidding Agreement.

## 6.3. Phase 2 – bid preparation

- i. The Bidding Agreement will provide the bidding member associations with instructions on all content to be submitted as part of their bids, including a bid book and template documents and agreements where relevant, as well as the corresponding format and deadlines for such content.

- ii. In order to support the bidding member associations in the preparation of their bids, the FIFA general secretariat may organise one or more workshops, observer programmes and working meetings with some or all bidding member associations in order to provide any relevant operational, legal and other information regarding the respective Bidding Process and the hosting of the FIFA World Cup 2030, a Centenary Celebration Match or the FIFA World Cup 2034, as well as to answer any related questions.
- iii. In relation to the 2030 Bidding Process and the Centenary Celebration Matches Process, as these are single-candidate processes, it is anticipated that the FIFA general secretariat will establish a more regular and targeted dialogue with the candidates. This may include establishing an agenda of periodic meetings, workshops and other activities in order to manage and address all aspects of the bid delivery.
- iv. Bidding member associations may withdraw their bid (or in the case of the 2034 Bidding Process amend their bid composition (i.e. by adding additional eligible member association(s) to their individual or joint bid, merging with existing bidding member association(s) or splitting from other bidding member association(s) in a joint bid)) at any time during the bid preparation phase.
- v. At the conclusion of the bid preparation phase, bidding member associations will submit their bid for the 2030 Bidding Process, the Centenary Celebration Matches Process or the 2034 Bidding Process in accordance with the terms of the Bidding Agreement.
- vi. Each bid book (a key part of the content submitted under each bid) will be made public by the FIFA general secretariat.

## 6.4. Phase 3 – bid evaluation

- i. The FIFA general secretariat will evaluate all submitted bids based on its best judgement and in accordance with a predefined evaluation model that is consistent with the overriding objective of the Bidding Processes, as set out in section 3 of these Regulations. A joint bid submitted by multiple member associations will be evaluated collectively as one bid.
- ii. The evaluation model will be comprised of the following three components:
  - a) **Risk assessment:** an assessment of the risks associated with certain criteria, applying a risk rating
  - b) **Technical evaluation:** an assessment of certain infrastructure and commercial criteria, applying a scoring system
  - c) **Description:** a summary of certain relevant information provided in the bid and highlighting potential issues (without a technical evaluation or risk assessment)

In some cases, an aspect of a bid may be assessed in accordance with more than one of the above components (e.g. it may be given a risk rating and a technical evaluation score).



- iii. The FIFA general secretariat will develop the scoring system for the technical evaluation referenced in paragraph (ii) (b) above. The scoring system will be shared with the bidding member associations and made public during the bid preparation phase.
- iv. As part of the evaluation of all bids, bidding member associations may be required to clarify and elaborate on their bids with additional information at the request of the FIFA general secretariat.
- v. The FIFA general secretariat will also conduct at least one inspection visit to each of the bidding countries. The FIFA general secretariat may organise further meetings with the bidding member associations, as deemed necessary in the evaluation of their bids.
- vi. In relation to the 2030 Bidding Process and the Centenary Celebration Matches Process, as these are single-candidate processes, it is anticipated that the FIFA general secretariat will establish a more regular and targeted evaluation of the candidates. This may include additional meetings, inspection visits and requests for clarification to manage and address all aspects of the bid evaluation.
- vii. At the conclusion of the bid evaluation phase, the FIFA general secretariat will submit to the FIFA Council a written report (or reports) outlining its evaluation of all submitted bids (with the exception of any withdrawn bids) (hereinafter the “Bid Evaluation Report(s)”). The Bid Evaluation Report(s) will be shared with the bidding member associations and made public.
- viii. In the event that, based on the results of the technical evaluation, a bid is assessed by the FIFA general secretariat as having failed to meet the minimum hosting requirements for the FIFA World Cup 2030, a Centenary Celebration Match or the FIFA World Cup 2034 (as applicable to the respective Bidding Process), the bid will be excluded from the respective Bidding Process and will not be eligible for consideration by, nor presentation to, the FIFA Council or FIFA Congress.
- ix. For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to the Centenary Celebration Matches Process, should one or more of the eligible member associations not submit a bid for a Centenary Celebration Match or be assessed as having failed to meet the minimum hosting requirements for such match(es), such matches remain incorporated into the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and shall be hosted by the host(s) of the FIFA World Cup 2030.

## **6.5. Phase 4 – decision**

### **6.5.1. Voting procedures**

The decisions set out in section 6.5.2 and 6.5.3 of these Regulations (FIFA Council designation and FIFA Congress selection) shall each be decided by means of votes conducted in line with the FIFA Statutes and in accordance with voting procedures to be approved by the FIFA Council.

### **6.5.2. FIFA Council designation**

In respect of the 2034 Bidding Process, in accordance with article 68 paragraph 2 c) of the FIFA Statutes, if necessary, the FIFA Council will review all bids presented to it and the Bid Evaluation Report

and designate, based on its best judgement (and taking into consideration the defined criteria for the selection decision referenced in section 6.5.4 below), and in an open ballot, a maximum of three bids for submission to the FIFA Congress for the final decision. The result of each ballot and the related votes by the members of the FIFA Council shall be made public.

In respect of the 2030 Bidding Process and the Centenary Celebration Matches Process, the FIFA Council will not be required to designate bids for submission to the FIFA Congress.

### **6.5.3. FIFA Congress selection**

In accordance with article 68 paragraph 2 d) of the FIFA Statutes, the respective FIFA Congress shall review all relevant bids presented to it and the relevant Bid Evaluation Report(s) and shall, taking into consideration the defined criteria for the selection decisions referenced in section 6.5.4 below, select the host association(s) of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030, the Centenary Celebration Matches and the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034 respectively. The result of each ballot and the related votes by the members of the FIFA Congress shall be made public.

### **6.5.4. Selection criteria**

In order to achieve the overriding objective of the Bidding Processes as defined in section 3 of these Regulations, the members of the FIFA Council and delegates of the FIFA Congress may consider the following criteria when selecting a host country (or countries):

- Vision and key metrics, in particular with respect to the overall vision and strategy for the event and its legacy, event timing and other key metrics
- Event infrastructure, in particular with respect to the proposed stadiums, team and referee facilities, International Broadcast Centre sites, FIFA Fan Festival™ sites and Competition-related event sites
- Event services, in particular with respect to accommodation, transport, safety and security, medical matters and IT&T
- Commercial potential, in particular with respect to forecast revenues and costs associated with organising the event in the host country/countries
- Legal and compliance, in particular with respect to legal and compliance risks associated with organising the event in the host country/countries
- Sustainability and human rights, in particular with respect to following sustainable event management principles and respecting internationally recognised human rights and environmental protection

### **6.5.5. Presentations**

In advance of the respective votes on bids eligible for consideration by the FIFA Council and the respective FIFA Congress pursuant to the Bid Evaluation Report(s), the FIFA general secretariat will

inform the relevant bidding member associations whether they have the opportunity to present their bids to:

- a) the FIFA Council; and/or
- b) the FIFA Congress.

### **6.5.6. Conflicts of interest**

- i. In the event that a member of the FIFA Council has a conflict of interest in relation to the vote on the designation of bids for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034 (should a designation decision be required), the member shall not perform their duties in connection with the vote. This includes participating in any debate or voting in connection with this agenda item. The member may remain in the room during the entire agenda item.
- ii. Members of the FIFA Council will, in particular, be considered to have a conflict of interest if they, in addition to their role as a FIFA Council member, hold a position (or have held a position since the bid submission deadline) at a member association whose bid is part of the vote.
- iii. Members of the FIFA Council who will not perform their duties owing to a conflict of interest shall notify the FIFA general secretariat immediately and no later than one week prior to the date of the vote.
- iv. In the event that a delegate of the FIFA Congress has a conflict of interest in relation to the vote on the selection of the host association(s) to host the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and/or the vote on the selection of the host association(s) to host the Centenary Celebration Matches and/or the vote on the selection of the host association(s) to host the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034, the delegate will not perform their duties in connection with the vote(s). This includes participating in any debate or voting in connection with this agenda item(s).
- v. A member association (and its delegates) will be considered to have a conflict of interest if the member association has submitted a bid that is part of the respective vote.
- vi. Delegates of the FIFA Congress who will not perform their duties owing to a conflict of interest shall notify the FIFA general secretariat immediately and no later than one week prior to the date of the respective vote.

## **6.6. Variation**

Without prejudice to the overriding objective set out in section 3 of these Regulations, the FIFA general secretariat shall be entitled to make amendments to any and all of the Bidding Processes at its discretion, including matters relating to procedure, timelines and to bid submission and evaluation requirements, unless any such amendment requires the approval of the FIFA Council, in which case the FIFA general secretariat shall be entitled to seek the approval of the FIFA Council to effect such amendment.

- In particular, in the event that at any stage during the 2034 Bidding Process there is only one bid participating in the process, it is anticipated that the FIFA general secretariat will restructure the process (in particular the bid preparation and bid evaluation phases) to align with the process set out in respect of the 2030 Bidding Process.

## 7. Integrity of the bidding process

### 7.1. Conduct rules

- i. In accordance with article 2 paragraph 1 of the FIFA Code of Ethics, the FIFA Code of Ethics shall apply to all officials, including (but not limited to) members of the FIFA Council, delegates of the FIFA Congress, members of the FIFA general secretariat and representatives of all FIFA member associations.
- ii. In relation to the Bidding Processes, all persons bound by the FIFA Code of Ethics shall preserve the integrity of the Bidding Processes by adhering to the following rules (hereinafter the “Conduct Rules”):
  - a) **General conduct:** Such persons shall at all times conduct themselves in accordance with the basic ethical principles such as integrity, responsibility, trustworthiness and fairness.
  - b) **Undue influence:** Such persons shall reject any attempt to be influenced in relation to their function and obligations.
  - c) **Gifts:** Such persons shall not offer to, or accept any gifts from, bidding member associations (including their representatives), or from any of their bid consultants and/or nominees, unless such gift:
    - only has symbolic or trivial value;
    - is free of any influence over the execution or omission of an act that is related to their official activities or falls within their discretion;
    - is not contrary to their duties;
    - does not create any undue pecuniary or other advantage; and
    - does not create a conflict of interest.
  - d) **Unfair collaboration:** Such persons shall refrain from collaborating or colluding with any bidding member association, other member association or confederation or any other third party with a view to unfairly influencing the outcome of the Bidding Processes, in particular by entering into any kind of agreement with any bidding member association, other member association or confederation with regards to their behaviour during the Bidding Processes and other bidding processes organised by FIFA or any third party in a manner that may otherwise influence the Bidding Processes.

- e) **Development measures:** Such persons shall refrain from accepting any kind of support or development programme or further initiative containing any kind of financial or commercially beneficial contributions to single or multiple members of the football community which may unduly affect the integrity of the Bidding Processes.
- f) **Friendly matches:** Such persons shall refrain from organising and/or staging, or agreeing to commercial terms in relation to commercial rights to, friendly matches with the representative teams of any bidding member association or friendly matches with football clubs in a manner which may be considered as unduly influencing the Bidding Processes.
- iii. All persons bound by the FIFA Code of Ethics shall immediately disclose to FIFA any activities by the bidding member associations and/or any of their bid consultants and/or nominees in relation to the Bidding Processes that may adversely affect the fairness of the Bidding Processes and/or may cause any undue influence on the outcome of the Bidding Processes, including in connection with the Conduct Rules referenced above.
- iv. Notwithstanding the Conduct Rules outlined above, the FIFA Code of Ethics shall remain entirely in force and shall not be superseded or replaced by the provisions of this section 7.1 of these Regulations.
- v. With regard to the conduct and activities of bidding member associations (including their representatives) and any of their bid consultants and/or nominees, the Bidding Agreement will specify in detail additional rules governing their conduct in connection with the Bidding Processes, including (but not limited to) promotional activities, financial management and sponsorship, reporting obligations, statements concerning other bids, etc.

## 7.2. FIFA Ethics Committee

- i. The investigatory chamber of the FIFA Ethics Committee is, on its own initiative and at its full and independent discretion, competent (i) to investigate as to whether any activity in connection with the Bidding Processes is of an unethical nature in violation of the FIFA Code of Ethics, these Regulations or other specific rules of conduct to be established by the FIFA general secretariat; and (ii) to impose sanctions as set forth in the FIFA Code of Ethics for any breaches of the FIFA Code of Ethics or of such other specific rules of conduct.
- ii. The FIFA Ethics Committee shall appoint one of its members to act on behalf of the FIFA Ethics Committee and as its first point of contact and main liaison with the member associations, other stakeholders and FIFA throughout the Bidding Processes in order to monitor whether any related activities are of an unethical nature or are in violation of any specific rules of conduct.
- iii. Upon request by the FIFA Ethics Committee, all relevant/involved parties (including the members of the FIFA Council as well as the delegates of the FIFA Congress) shall fully cooperate with and support any audit or inquiry conducted by the FIFA Ethics Committee in such a manner as required under article 41 of the FIFA Code of Ethics and shall, in particular, provide, in a timely manner, any information or document required to be disclosed.

### 7.3. Independent Auditor and bid compliance and ethics officers

- i. The FIFA general secretariat will appoint a high-profile, independent and internationally reputable audit company (hereafter the “Independent Auditor”) to monitor FIFA’s compliance with the principles and procedures of the Bidding Processes as set out in these Regulations, in particular the fair and equal treatment of all member associations participating in the Bidding Processes, the evaluation of the bids by the FIFA general secretariat, the designations of any bids by the FIFA Council (if necessary) and the decisions on the selection of the host country or host countries by the respective FIFA Congress.
- ii. In particular, the Independent Auditor shall:
  - a) observe the compliance by all relevant members of FIFA (e.g. FIFA general secretariat, FIFA Council members, FIFA Congress delegates, etc.) with the principles and procedures of the Bidding Processes in accordance with the terms of these Regulations;
  - b) intervene as required in case of any non-compliance by any of the above-mentioned members;
  - c) provide the following reports to the FIFA general secretariat:
    - In good time prior to the designation decisions by the FIFA Council (if necessary), a first written report on the Independent Auditor’s observations and findings in relation to the Bidding Processes. Such first written report shall be provided by the Independent Auditor to the members of the FIFA Council.
    - In good time prior to the selection decisions by the respective FIFA Congress, an updated version of the first written report providing updated observations and findings from the Independent Auditor in relation to the Bidding Processes based on an observation of the votes by the FIFA Council to designate bids to the FIFA Congress. Such updated version of the first written report shall be provided by the Independent Auditor to the delegates of the FIFA Congress. In the event that there are no FIFA Council designation decisions required, no updated first report would be required and the first written report shall be provided directly to the delegates of the FIFA Congress.
    - At the latest one month after the date of the selections of the host country or host countries of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030, the Centenary Celebration Matches and the FIFA World Cup 2034 by the respective FIFA Congress, a second and final written report, including an executive summary of such report, on the Independent Auditor’s observations and findings in relation to the compliance by all involved members of FIFA with the principles and procedures of the Bidding Processes in accordance with these Regulations. The FIFA general secretariat will make public the second and final written report by the Independent Auditor.

- iii. Each bidding member association will appoint a Bid Compliance and Ethics Officer for the duration of their participation in the Bidding Processes to monitor their compliance with the principles and procedures of the Bidding Processes.
- iv. For the avoidance of doubt, the functions of the FIFA Ethics Committee pursuant to the FIFA Code of Ethics and as set out in these Regulations will remain unaffected by the activities conducted by, and functions of, the Independent Auditor and the bid compliance and ethics officers.

## **8. Final provisions**

### **8.1. Non-compliance**

In the event that the FIFA general secretariat determines that a member association is in breach of these Regulations or any other part of the 2030 Bidding Process, the Centenary Celebration Matches Process or the 2034 Bidding Process (as may apply), the member association may be disqualified from the respective Bidding Process and subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code. The member association may also be prohibited from participating in future bidding processes for FIFA competitions.

### **8.2. No waiver**

Any failure by the FIFA general secretariat to insist upon strict adherence to any provision of these Regulations, or of any document referred to in these Regulations, or of any other aspect of the Bidding Processes, on one or more occasions, shall not be considered to be a waiver of, or deprive the FIFA general secretariat of, the right to subsequently insist upon strict adherence to that provision.

### **8.3. Language and authoritative version**

These Regulations exist in the required official FIFA languages of English, French and Spanish. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French or Spanish texts of these Regulations, the English text will be authoritative.

### **8.4. Enforcement**

These Regulations were approved by the FIFA Council at its meeting on 4 October 2023 and come into force with immediate effect.