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UEFA Executive Committee decisions from Copenhagen meeting

Executive Committee approves set-up of Club Financial Control Panel

The UEFA Executive Committee today completed its second full meeting of 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark, ahead of tomorrow's XXXIII Ordinary UEFA Congress.

The Executive Committee approved the creation of a Club Financial Control Panel, as recommended by the Club Licensing Committee and Professional Football Strategy Council.

This control body, at a UEFA level, will be composed of experts in the financial and legal field and will be in charge of supervising the correct application of the licensing system. It will be composed of a Chairman and up to eight members appointed by the UEFA Executive Committee. The main task of the panel will be to conduct financial audits on clubs in order to ensure that licences were correctly awarded and it may further conduct spot-checks, and/or investigations, to ensure that the integrity rules are observed by the clubs.

This is the first concrete measure to improve financial fair play in UEFA club competitions.

The request of the UEFA administration to appoint two additional disciplinary inspectors, to further strengthen the unit in charge of detecting betting fraud activities, was approved by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee confirmed the list of bidders for hosting UEFA EURO 2016™. The four bidders, France, Italy, Norway/Sweden and Turkey will now receive the official bid requirements on 3 April 2009 and have to complete their bid dossiers to be presented to UEFA by 15 February 2010.

The Executive Committee also approved new regulations for the forthcoming season for many of its club competitions including; the UEFA Champions League 2009/10, the UEFA Europa League 2009/10, the UEFA Super Cup 2009, the UEFA Women's Champions League 2009/10 (updated due to the change of competition name and format by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meetings of 17 October and 11/12 December 2008) and the UEFA Futsal Cup 2009/10.

With regards to the protection of young players, and following the resolution made after the recent Professional Football Strategy Council meeting in Nyon (see UEFA release no. 24), the Executive Committee agreed that further discussions with FIFA, the Professional Football Strategy Council, the European Union authorities and others should continue going forward.

The next meeting of the UEFA Executive Committee will take place on 12/13 May in Bucharest.

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