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Club Financial Control Panel meets in its new composition in Nyon

Another step has been taken in UEFA's continued efforts to increase transparency and good governance in European football.

Following the decision of the UEFA Executive Committee, in March 2009, to create a Club Financial Control Panel (CFC Panel), and further to the appointment of Mr. Jean-Luc Dehaene, the former Prime Minister of Belgium, as its first chairman, the composition of the CFC Panel was established in Nyon yesterday with eight independent experts, being appointed by UEFA President Michel Platini and the CFC Panel Chairman Mr. Jean-Luc Dehaene.

The CFC Panel (listed below) in its new composition held its first meeting yesterday in order to establish a work programme for the 2009/10 season and to discuss the challenges it will face in the coming seasons.

Club Financial Control Panel

Chairman: Jean-Luc Dehaene, Belgium

Members: Jacobo Beltrán, Spain
Egon Franck, Germany
Umberto Lago, Italy
Johan Lokhorst, The Netherlands
Brian Lomax, England
Petros Mavroidis, Greece
Brian Quinn, Scotland
Yves Wehrli, France

Commenting on the CFC Panel UEFA President, Michel Platini, said:

"This marks the start of a new era in European football. Financial fair play is a top priority for UEFA in order to achieve more transparency and guarantee equality in our competitions. I am confident that the CFC Panel will enhance the credibility of the club licensing system and with the introduction of financial fair play the work of the CFC Panel will be vital if we are to help preserve the stability and health of European club football in the medium to long term."

Newly-appointed CFC Panel Chairman, Jean-Luc Dehaene, said:

"Throughout my career I have been confronted with challenges and bringing a degree of financial order to European football is certainly a challenge. However, together with my newly-appointed colleagues, I am confident that we will be able to monitor and oversee the financial fair play system that will ultimately lead to a more stable financial regulation of European football."

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The tasks of the CFC Panel are to ensure that the UEFA club licensing system is applied correctly across all 53 UEFA member associations and that clubs have fulfilled the criteria defined in the UEFA Club Licensing Regulations.

Furthermore, the CFC Panel will also form an essential part in implementing and assessing the financial fair play concept, which was unanimously approved by the UEFA Executive Committee earlier this year in September. As such the CFC Panel will have an important role in helping to improve the financial fairness in European competitions and the long-term stability of club football across Europe, combined with the aim of stimulating long-term investment (youth development and upgrading of sporting facilities) over short-term speculative spending.