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Executive Committee concludes in Nyon

Approval of bid regulations for EURO 2012

The UEFA Executive Committee, chaired by UEFA President Lennart Johansson, has today concluded its two-day meeting in Nyon, Switzerland.

The Executive Committee held extensive discussions on the issue of homegrown players and decided to finalise the proposal at its next meeting to take place on 2 and 3 February in Nyon, in order to present it for decision to the UEFA Congress on 21 April in Tallinn, Estonia. The number and the exact definition of homegrown players, as well as the date of implementation of the regulations remain to be finalised.

The Executive Committee approved the bid regulations for EURO 2012. All member associations will have until 31 January 2005 to inform UEFA of their interest in hosting the tournament. The bidding dossiers would then have to be submitted to UEFA by 21 July 2005 and a shortlist of up to three bidders will be made by the Executive Committee in November 2005, with the choice of the hosts in December 2006.

The Executive Committee showed its willingness to study the use of new technology in refereeing matters and discussed several amendments to the laws of the game that will be presented to the International Board at its February meeting.

The UEFA Convention on the mutual recognition of coaching qualifications was ratified today by the associations of Northern Ireland, Romania and Ukraine for the Pro level whereas Albania and Moldova were accepted at the B level.

The UEFA Executive Committee also awarded the organisation of the final tournament of the UEFA Region's Cup 2005, UEFA's national amateur team competition, to Poland.

The Executive Committee underlined that the UEFA Jubilee 2004 was successful and concluded with the donation of 100'000 Dollars to East Timor from the Jubilee fund. Thousands of mini-pitches were built in 52 associations as part of the Jubilee project.

The Grassroots Programme, with several events held during the summer, was also a success, with no less than 40 associations taking part in mini-tournaments and seminars. The Executive Committee also approved the Grassroots Charter, giving guidelines for the development of players and leaders in the national associations.

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