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Euro 2008 SA Board meeting held in Nyon

Draw for qualification round to be held in Montreux on 27 January 2006

The second meeting of the nine-person Euro 2008 SA Board was held today in Nyon under the chairmanship of Ralph Zloczower, President of the Swiss Football Association. The meeting was attended by UEFA's Lars-Åke Lagrell, Giorgio Marchetti, Lars-Christer Olsson, Mathieu Sprengers and Markus Studer, Peter Gilliéron of the Swiss FA and Friedrich Stickler and Alfred Ludwig of the Austrian FA.

A variety of subjects were discussed at the meeting, notably the following:

- The next major public event is the draw for the UEFA EURO 2008™ qualification round, to be held at the Convention Centre in Montreux on 27 January 2006.
- An in-depth UEFA EURO 2008™ section will be added to the uefa.com website this summer. Its approximately 150 pages will contain a wealth of information, statistics and timetables. The site will become the basis for the qualification round which starts in 2006.

Speaking after the meeting, UEFA CEO Lars-Christer Olsson said:

"We have made more progress than ever before at this stage, with more than 1,000 days to go before the finals. The first organisational phase is as good as complete!"

Ralph Zloczower, President of the Swiss FA added:

"Our co-operation is going smoothly. We are even ahead of schedule."

Friedrich Stickler, President of the Austrian FA, also had plenty to smile about:

"Now that UEFA EURO 2008™ has an official logo, public awareness of this event is beginning to increase."

After the meeting, Ralph Zloczower and Friedrich Stickler officially opened the UEFA EURO 2008™ headquarters in Nyon, even though construction work is not yet complete. The ceremony was attended by the 29 full-time Euro 2008 SA staff that have been recruited so far. This number should rise to 50 by the end of the year and reach 400 by 2008.

Meanwhile, the tournament offices in Berne and Vienna are already fully operational.