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For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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2004/2005 UEFA Champions League: Solidarity payments by UEFA to the top league of its member associations for youth development in clubs

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the 2004/2005 UEFA Champions League solidarity payments to the top leagues of UEFA's member associations are now available and will again be of a minimum amount of CHF 272'700, as was the case last season.

In total, the following amounts will be distributed for the 2004/2005 season:

- a) **Leagues with** participants in the 2004/2005 UEFA Champions League (group matches): **CHF 41.7 million** (previous year: CHF 40.5 million). See Enclosure 1 for distribution.
- b) **Leagues without** participants in the 2004/2005 UEFA Champions League (group matches): **CHF 11.6 million** (previous year: CHF 11.9 million). See Enclosure 2 for distribution.

With regard to the calculation of the payments, we would kindly ask you to refer to circular letter no. 42 of 12 July 2000 that explains the calculation procedure.

Payments to the league are made through the respective national association, which is required to transfer the full amount to its associated top league. The league is responsible for distributing the amount in question to its clubs. The associations that have no associate league are responsible for the distribution of the money to the clubs – in such cases, the same conditions apply to the national associations as for the leagues.

To receive the payment, the following four conditions must be fulfilled and all pieces of information sent to UEFA, for the attention of Alex Phillips, Head of Professional Football Services:



1. A copy of the decision of the competent league body (or of the competent association body if there is no league) in one of UEFA's three official languages (English, French, German), specifying the distribution method (equal shares or the quality-related criteria applied) and the validity of the decision (e.g. current season or several seasons).
2. A confirmation that the ultimate payees are solely clubs which:
 - a) comply with, as a minimum, the requirement of an approved youth development programme according to the national club licensing manual accredited by UEFA, and
 - b) did not take part in the 2004/2005 UEFA Champions League (first group stage onwards).
3. A payment request from the national association **before 31 December 2005**, indicating the amount in Swiss Francs and the name, position and signature of the competent person in the national association.
4. Information on the exact distribution of the solidarity payments (as a minimum: names of beneficiary clubs, division, amount per club; as a courtesy: indication of overall youth budget for each club):
 - a) for the 2003/2004 season: please confirm that you have used the 2003/2004 monies as decided (as per Enclosure 3);
 - b) the planned distribution for the 2004/2005 season (as per Enclosure 4).

It is up to the competent body of the league concerned to decide:

- a) If payments should be made to all clubs which are members of the league (e.g. first and/or second division clubs) or only to the clubs which belong to the top division;
- b) If all clubs should receive the same amount or if payments should be graded according to quality-related criteria;
- c) If rules should be issued to ensure that this money is used for the purposes suggested by UEFA.

However, as stated under Point 2 above, the requirement of an approved youth development programme according to the national club licensing manual accredited by UEFA must be fulfilled as a minimum.

If a request is made by UEFA, the national leagues or national associations must be able to provide the UEFA Administration with evidence at any time that the money has been transferred and used appropriately. Please note that, in order to ensure an efficient system (with no claims dating back from previous seasons), if your submission has not been approved by the UEFA Administration by **30 June 2006** then **the funds in question may no longer be available**.

It may be the case that we wish to communicate the success of this solidarity mechanism to relevant parties (e.g. listing the clubs that have benefited from payments in UEFA publications, etc.). Therefore, as a courtesy, we inform you that we may use some of the information contained within the documents that you have sent to us. Obviously, we would never publish potentially sensitive information such as amounts paid to individual clubs.



Should you have any questions on this circular, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Alex Phillips, Head of Professional Football Services.

We would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation in implementing this concept to promote youth football in your clubs.

Yours faithfully,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'M. Studer', is written over a thin red vertical line.

Markus Studer
Deputy CEO

Enclosures

- amounts to leagues with UCL participants (Enclosure 1)
- amounts to leagues without UCL participants (Enclosure 2)
- information on last year's and this year's payments (Enclosures 3 and 4)

cc (with Enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Club Competitions Committee
- UEFA Professional Football Committee
- European members of the FIFA Executive Committee
- FIFA
- European Premier Professional League Organisations