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## **UEFA backs FARE Week of Action**

### **Anti-racism activities at UEFA Champions League matches on 17/18 October**

UEFA has today announced its full support for the forthcoming Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) Action Week against racism and discrimination taking place between 17 – 30 October this year.

In support of the 7<sup>th</sup> FARE Action Week UEFA has arranged a number of high profile activities that will take place during the UEFA Champions League matchday 3 matches on 17/18 October.

These activities include; the captains of all the teams playing wearing Unite Against Racism (UAR) armbands, the player escorts children sporting UAR t-shirts, announcements being made to fans in stadia over the loudspeaker systems calling for the European football family to oppose all forms of racism, and UAR adverts placed in matchday programmes as well as the official UEFA Champions League magazine Champions.

UEFA President, Lennart Johansson, welcomed the Action Week against racism and discrimination and said:

“UEFA is proud to be backing FARE Action Week against racism and discrimination. We appreciate the opportunity to underline our unwavering commitment to eradicating racism in our game.

“We know that racism can't be beaten in a single week, but we hope these activities will be a catalyst that engages more and more members of the football family in the fights against racism and discrimination.”

Piara Powar, Director of UK FARE partner Kick It Out, said:

“As a unique coming together of the football family - from fan groups, migrants and ethnic minorities, to the biggest clubs in the game - the FARE Action Week is a statement as to the type of sport we all want to be involved with.

“The importance of an inclusive and discrimination-free game that actively reaches out to all communities is our goal. With the support of UEFA we know these ends are achievable.”

#### **Note to Editors:**

UEFA has been a supporter of FARE since football season 2000/01 and has also donated its Monaco Charity Cheque of One Million Swiss francs to the organisation in 2001.

Funding for all UEFA Charity partners is taken from the money raised by fines issued to clubs and players as disciplinary sanctions in its European competitions.

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