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UEFA Champions League match in Athens to go ahead

Homage to be paid to victims of the forest fires in Greece

UEFA is fully aware of the tragedy that is currently unfolding in Greece, where a series of catastrophic forest fires are sweeping through the country and have caused a number of human losses.

Due to the critical nature of the current situation UEFA has been in consultation with the Hellenic Football Federation on the feasibility and aptness of playing the scheduled match of the third qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League, between AEK Athens and Sevilla FC in Athens tomorrow, Tuesday 28 August, kick-off 21:45 local time.

After taking the advice of the Hellenic Football Federation, and the UEFA match delegate present on site in Athens, it has been decided that the match should go ahead as scheduled.

All the necessary sporting guarantees that the match can take place normally have been met and there are no immediate fire problems in or around the stadium itself.

However, taking into account the ongoing situation and out of respect to those that have lost their life, flags at the stadium will be flown at half-mast, both teams will wear black armbands and one minute of silence will be observed before the match.