



Union des associations européennes de football



Media Release

Date: 07/09/2007

Communiqué aux médias

No. 105

Medien-Mitteilung

Pan-European security meeting organised by UEFA and CIV

Important meeting between national associations' and clubs' security officers, police and governmental bodies and UEFA

UEFA, in co-operation with the Dutch National Football Information Point (CIV), has yesterday organized a meeting to discuss safety and security aspects related to international football matches.

The meeting was held in Amsterdam and involved representatives of the European police and governmental bodies, security officers of UEFA, of the national football associations, and of the clubs taking part in this season's UEFA Champions League.

The event provided an opportunity to initiate the security planning for the UEFA Champions League group stage matches, to exchange information about the participating clubs and to share experiences and highlight good and bad practices.

UEFA insists that efficient security measures in and around stadiums are essential for football's future well-being. Consequently, close co-operation is being pursued between all the relevant parties in preventing and tackling disorder and violence in the game. The meeting in Amsterdam is another effort to ensure a safe, secure and service-orientated match environment.

At last Thursday's UEFA Champions League group stage draw in Monaco, UEFA President Michel Platini reiterated the policy of zero tolerance towards violence and racism in stadiums. He called on the clubs to help UEFA by implementing a system of qualified stewards and by only recognising supporters' associations which clearly and unambiguously rejected violence and racism.

The Amsterdam meeting further develops the philosophy of co-operation on safety and security issues fostered under the UEFA President's guidance.

**For further information:
UEFA Media Services: ++41 848 04 27 27**

Route de Genève 46
CH-1260 Nyon 2
Tel. +41 848 04 27 27
Fax +41 22 707 28 38
media@uefa.ch
uefa.com