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UEFA Executive Committee decisions from first day of Bucharest meeting

Monaco Charity Award 2009 awarded to UK National Association of Disabled Supporters

The UEFA Executive Committee today completed the first day of its two-day meeting in Bucharest, Romania - the first time the new Executive Committee has met since seven new members were elected at UEFA's XXXIII Ordinary Congress, in March of this year (see UEFA release no. 032).

One of the key points on today's agenda was a discussion on the possible actions to be taken in the case of racist behaviour at any of UEFA's European matches. The UEFA President Michel Platini proposed that strong and decisive action, in line with his "zero tolerance" approach should be taken in terms of Law 5 of the Laws of the Game, allowing the referee to stop, suspend, or abandon the match because of outside interference of any kind. The Executive Committee will now examine more concrete guidelines for the practical implication of such action at its next meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania on 1/2 July.

The Executive Committee also approved the annual UEFA Monaco Charity Award 2009 for an amount of one million Swiss Francs to be presented to the UK National Association of Disabled Supporters (NADS) for a four-year development programme for their Centre for Access to Football in Europe (CAFE) project.

The Executive Committee also reviewed a number of organisational issues, including the appointment of new committee chairmen and deputy chairmen for the period 2009-11, given the new composition of the UEFA Executive Committee, and the new list will be effective as of July 1 2009. It also agreed that Wednesday 19 May 2010, during the week of build-up to the first UEFA Champions League final to be played on a Saturday, in Madrid, should be designated as UEFA Grassroots Day 2010, in order to celebrate and embrace grassroots football across Europe.

Finally, on football matters, the following hosts for final tournaments and list of regulations for UEFA tournaments were approved:

- Romania as host for the European Under-19 Championship 2010/11
- Italy as host for the European Women's Under-19 Championship 2010/11
- Regulations of the European Under-19 Championship 2009/10
- Regulations of the European Under-17 Championship 2009/10
- Regulations of the Women's European Under-19 Championship 2009/10
- Regulations of the Women's European Under-17 Championship 2009/10

The second and final day of the Bucharest meeting continues tomorrow morning at 08:30 local time with the important discussion and decision on the host cities for UEFA EURO 2012™ in Poland and Ukraine. It is followed by a press conference in the Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel.

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