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European Leagues agree common transfer windows

UEFA's Professional Football Committee backs historic proposal

At today's meeting of UEFA's Professional Football Committee, comprising the top eleven European leagues, an historic agreement was reached to unanimously support the creation of unified transfer windows across Europe for both national and international transfers.

The Committee, chaired by Pedro Tomás, President of the Spanish League, agreed a proposal to apply two harmonised transfer periods from the end of the current sporting season, comprising a Summer Period (from the end of the domestic season to 31 August) and a Winter Period (1 January to 31 January).

For countries whose season is based on the calendar year the Summer Period would be 1 July to 31 August and the Winter period 15 December to 31 January, thus ensuring that the end of each period is the same for all leagues.

Limited exceptions to these rules, e.g. for injured goalkeepers, could be applied by individual leagues but should not be used to circumvent the transfer period rules.

Commenting on the decision, Pedro Tomás, Chairman of the Committee, said:

"This is an historic agreement, which, for the first time, should give us harmonised transfer periods in European professional football.

"We believe that this is the right way forward for sporting, legal and financial reasons. It should help to provide some increased stability in the game and help create a solid framework for the future."

This agreement will now be submitted to UEFA's Executive Committee for approval in order that it can be recommended to all of the 51 UEFA member associations.

Note to Editors
The eleven leagues represented on UEFA's Professional Football Committee are Belgium, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland.

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