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## ***UEFA EURO 2008™ staging agreement signed***

### **UEFA President signs agreement with Austrian and Swiss FA Presidents**

The Staging Agreement for the UEFA EURO 2008™ was signed today in Vienna at a meeting gathering the President of UEFA Lennart Johansson, the President of the Austrian Football Association, Friedrich Stickler, the President of the Swiss Football Association, Ralph Zloczower and the UEFA CEO Lars-Christer Olsson.

The signature of this agreement follows a two-month period of intense activity that saw much progress being accomplished on the individual stadium contracts and a positive decision on the issue of the eighth tournament facility in Zurich.

President Johansson stressed the importance of this recent development: "The solution proposed by the Swiss Football Association to renovate the Letzigrund is a positive step forward in the right direction. The positive decision taken by the Zurich City Council on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November is a great tribute to the firm leadership of Ralph Zloczower. Mr. Zloczower fought tirelessly to bring the EURO 2008™ to Switzerland and to make sure it would take place in optimum conditions. UEFA is particularly grateful for his outstanding contribution to the success of our common project."

The UEFA Executive Committee will be meeting tomorrow in Vienna. It will have ample opportunity to take a look at the city that will be hosting the final of UEFA EURO 2008™. Johansson emphasised here "that thanks to the great dynamism displayed by the Austrian Football Association, preparations for the EURO 2008™ are well under way in Austria. We are fully confident that Austria, a country that is part and parcel of European football history since its origins, will be a magnificent host to UEFA's most important tournament."

Johansson concluded by saying: "The Austria-Switzerland joint project will certainly end up being a great Austria-Switzerland joint success."

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