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## ***UEFA and FIFPro Europe sign Memorandum of Understanding***

**UEFA President, Michel Platini, and FIFPro Europe President, Philippe Piat, sign in Brussels**

UEFA and FIFPro Division Europe have today signed a Memorandum of Understanding at RSC Anderlecht's Stade Constant Vanden Stock, in Brussels, to promote cooperation, friendly relations and unity between European football's governing body and the organisation of trade unions for professional footballer players in Europe.

The Memorandum of Understanding covers a wide range of areas as the basis for cooperation including key values such as solidarity, equality and fraternity, the equitable redistribution of wealth, collective rather than individual exploitation of wealth, a commitment to democracy, the need to preserve the values of sport in the face of growing corporate control, and the protection and development of a large and healthy professional football sector in Europe.

More specifically, both parties underline the need of a balance between national and European labour legislation, the specificity of sport - meaning the integrity of our sport and competitions, the regularity of competitions and competitive balance - the autonomy of federations and the fact that football is best-served by the existing football family structures. Also, the parties agree that national team football provides net benefits to players, clubs, leagues and associations alike, and that this is an essential complement and balance to club football.

Commenting on the historic agreement UEFA President, Michel Platini, said:

"This agreement, drawn up in a spirit of collaboration, unity and defence of the values of our sport, is historic because it will truly change the way in which football in Europe is governed. In effect, this agreement is nothing more or less than the first decisive step towards the integration of all the families within football into UEFA's decision-making process.

"Football players are the main actors in football and we must protect them, listen to them and integrate them. This memorandum will help us achieve this. By signing this memorandum we want to show that the football family knows how to come together to discuss in a calm manner, and to find solutions to the problems and questions which concern it."

In addition, the Memorandum of Understanding contains two Annexes that form part of the agreement. Annexe one contains the European Professional Football Player Contract Minimum Requirements that UEFA and FIFPro Division Europe agree to promote in Europe. Annexe two contains the list of topics which both parties agree as forming part of the "specificity of sport".

The full version of the Memorandum of Understanding will be available on [www.uefa.com](http://www.uefa.com).

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