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STATEMENT ON TRANSPARENCY AND DEMOCRACY IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPORT FEDERATIONS

The signing Ministers for Sport call for more transparency and democracy in international sport federations.

We wish to support and cooperate with sport organisations at all levels in order to combat corruption, manipulation, opaque and undemocratic decision-making processes in international sport federations. Such acts undermine the core values of sport and threaten the integrity of sport.

FIFA has awarded Qatar the right to host the World Cup in 2022. That decision has exposed a lack of transparency and democracy within FIFA. Such a decision-making process is not compatible with the strong democratic mind-set, which should be the cornerstone in our sport federations both nationally and internationally.

While many international sport federations do respect transparency and democracy, many do not. Therefore, there is a clear need for international sport federations to reform their decision-making processes. The time for action is now.

We expect international sport federations to initiate actions that increase transparency and democracy for the benefit of all sport. We especially stress the importance of full transparency when awarding and implementing sport events.

We will continue to address transparency and democracy in sport in relevant international fora.

We will cooperate with and discuss transparency and democracy with sport federations both nationally and internationally.

We urge international sport federations to pay particularly close attention to the respect of fundamental human rights and labour standards when awarding international sport events.

Finally, we call for the promotion of non-discrimination and respect for all human rights, including the rights of migrant workers, children, minorities and LGBT+ persons, as well as freedom of expression and assembly in the preparation and execution of major sport events.
