

Zürich, 7 November 2019

Your letter re FIFA Club World Cup 2021

Dear Ms Worden, Dear Ms Richardson,

Thank you for your letter concerning the hosting of the FIFA Club World Cup 2021 (FCWC 2021).

We are pleased to confirm that the FIFA Council awarded the hosting of the FCWC 2021 to China on 22 October 2019 following an earlier decision to completely revamp this competition and run the new version as a pilot edition.

Given the shorter timeline, the FIFA Administration held an informal evaluation process in discussions with a number of potential host member associations before proposing the Chinese Football Association to the FIFA Council at its meeting in Shanghai.

In this respect, please be assured of FIFA's ongoing commitment to upholding human rights with the intergration of far-reaching human rights requirements in the bidding and hosting of FIFA tournaments and as has been the case since November 2017. These requirements extend to the host member association and include guarantees and commitments by the host country authorities to respect human rights in their activities associated with the tournament in accordance with internationally recognised human rights standards and FIFA's own Human Rights Policy.

FIFA will now work with the Chinese Football Association and the country's authorities to ensure that these human rights commitments are implemented throughout the planning and hosting of the FIFA Club World Cup 2021.

Further, as underlined by the FIFA President at the press conference in Shanghai on 22 October 2019, FIFA will always aspire to use football as a catalyst for positive change and lasting legacy.

In closing, we look forward to a continued and constructive collaboration with Human Rights Watch in the coming months and years.

Yours sincerely,



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