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FIFA President reported to Zürich Prosecutor

Eleven Executive Committee members take action

Five FIFA Vice-Presidents, along with six other members of the FIFA Executive Committee, have today filed a formal complaint against the FIFA President with the Zürich First Prosecutor.

In a statement issued today, the five Vice-Presidents – David Will, Lennart Johansson, Issa Hayatou, Dr Antonio Matarrese and Dr Mong-Joon Chung – said:

"We, and our fellow FIFA Executive Committee members, have taken this step in light of the report of the FIFA General Secretary presented to the Executive Committee on 3rd May 2002.

"This report has shown numerous irregularities which exist within FIFA, and various non-constitutional decisions taken by the FIFA President, some of which may constitute criminal acts under the Swiss penal code.

"The refusal of the FIFA President to resign his post, despite the evidence before the Executive Committee, left us with no choice but to retain the services of a Swiss law firm.

"We have now been advised that the facts brought forward by the FIFA General Secretary most likely do constitute various criminal offences and that we are obliged to refer these to the appropriate authorities.

"We take no pleasure in proceeding in this way but as members of the controlling body of FIFA we have a legal responsibility to the FIFA member associations and a possible personal liability which requires us to act.

"We are also led to believe that some of the money spent by the FIFA President was used to secure the votes of some national associations and it is therefore likely that the President illegally tried to influence the result of the present Presidential campaign. We cannot accept this and will advise the member associations accordingly.

"We regret that a formal legal complaint is necessary but we are convinced that it is the only possible appropriate step to restore FIFA's honour and dignity."

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