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Dear Madam Secretary General, dear Fatma

As the European Qualifiers for the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar moves into its final rounds this autumn, the discussion on human and workers' rights in Qatar remains in the limelight for media, fans, players, commercial partners, and our associations.

As you know from our letters to FIFA this spring, and in our ongoing dialogue with FIFA and the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy (SC) on the matters of human and workers' rights in the preparation and delivery of the 2022 FIFA World Cup, the Nordic football associations are fully committed in a critical dialogue with the relevant entities. While we acknowledge the improvements for human and workers' rights achieved over the last couple of years, we firmly believe that further improvements are necessary for the building workers' and hospitality workers' sector.

This need is also underlined in a recent report by Amnesty International, published on 25 August. In the accompanying press release, Amnesty International states that the report "(...) documents how Qatar routinely issues death certificates for migrant workers without conducting adequate investigations, instead attributing deaths to "natural causes" or vaguely defined cardiac failures".

This is another alarming report from an independent organization once again exposing the lack of respect for human rights and acceptable working conditions for migrant workers in Qatar. We strongly encourage FIFA – based on the information from Amnesty International as well as on previous reports from organizations such as International Labour Organization and BWI – to put further pressure on the Qatari leadership. The cases reported by Amnesty should immediately be investigated and adequate measures to fully ensure the rights of the labor force in Qatar should subsequently be implemented.

In addition to that we would like to continue the dialogue and follow up on the meeting 10th of May with another opportunity to both learn about FIFA´s efforts to contribute to lasting improvements in Qatar, and to hear the view of FIFA on the recent observations by Amnesty International.



We hope that you acknowledge the need for a transparent and open dialogue on 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar. Through a critical dialogue, we can in common achieve the necessary improvements for the migrant workers in Qatar.

Yours in football,

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