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Fédération Internationale de Football Association
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Attention: Gianni Infantino, President

Dear Mr. Infantino:

The Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice encourages and supports grassroots efforts in pursuit of human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice, which it views as essential for world peace. A major focus of the Foundation has been securing justice for Palestinians as a prerequisite to peace in the Middle East.

It has come to our attention that six "Israeli" teams from settlements in the West Bank are part of the Israeli Football Association. Our understanding is that FIFA requires a national association that operates teams in the territory of another national association to receive permission from the association in whose territory it operates.

UN Resolution 2334 reiterates the illegal nature of the Israeli settlements and reaffirms that it "will not recognize any changes to the 4 June 1967... [Israeli borders]... other than those agreed by the parties through negotiations." This resolution clearly establishes borders for Israel that do not include the settlements. Thus, FIFA policy requires that the Israeli Football Association receive permission from the Palestinian Football Association to operate teams in the settlements. The Palestinian Football Association has not granted that permission, resulting in the Israeli Football Association being out of compliance with FIFA policy.

By allowing the six teams to be members of Israel's football league, FIFA not only violates its own policy, but it also implicitly recognizes the settlements as part of Israel in contravention to international law.

We ask that FIFA require that Israel remove the six teams operating in the settlements from their association. Failing to do so, we ask that the Israeli Football Association lose its membership in FIFA. We further request that FIFA use its influence to assure that teams in the Palestinian Football Association have unfettered access to practice fields and stadiums in their territories, as well as the ability to travel to matches within and between Gaza and the West Bank and internationally.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. We look forward to your reply.

Respectfully yours,
Cindy Corrie

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Corrie".

President
On behalf of the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice