

Federation Internationale de Football Association,
FIFA Strasse 20,
P.O Box 8044 Zurich,
Switzerland

Re. Open letter to FIFA on Denmark's racist policies during events of the 2022 World Cup

Dear Mr Infantino

Denmark Uncensored is writing as a human rights organization specializing in observing and documenting human rights violations in Denmark about the forthcoming FIFA activities of the 2022 World Cup.

Denmark Uncensored was established in 2020 by a group of Danish and expatriate human rights defenders and activists who are fed up with the Danish government's racist policies targeting minorities and people of colour. While the Danish and international media failed to document and spotlight abhorrent laws of discrimination and racism adopted by the government, the DU team took it upon themselves to be the voice of the voiceless.

First, we would like to commend your extraordinary efforts in organizing FIFA World Cup in Qatar. And as we believe that sport is a universal language that nations from across the globe enjoy and understand, we reiterate our calls for using this opportunity to promote human rights and curb all endeavours to oppress and humiliate those vulnerable around the world, especially in countries where media failed to shed light on its violations.

Despite relentless efforts by the Danish government to deceive the public into believing it's a haven of democracy and human rights, various human rights organizations and sports institutions reported numerous waves of abuse against all components of the community, mostly women, LGBT people, and even athletes.

In 2020, the national Danish Football Association said in a report that included more than 8000 athletes in its surveys that more than 44% of homosexual football players often struggle with homophobic slurs and smears and that more than 30% of homosexual football players feel they are not treated equally as heterosexual football players.

Amnesty International has reported numerous human rights violations against refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers and has described Danish policies towards immigrants as some of the most aggressive in the Western world.

Over the past decade, similar human rights organizations, such as Human Rights Watch, and Euro-Med Monitor, compiled reports and evidence of the systematic pattern of abuses and violations practised by the Danish government. These abuses appear to be politically orchestrated with an intention to crush and throw refugees, people of colour and minorities out of the country.

In light of these circumstances and the dire conditions of the minorities, we hereby appeal to you to take the necessary steps within your power to put these violations to a halt.



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Furthermore, similar to the noble voices that demanded standing in solidarity with Ukraine and the rights of the LGBT people, we also ask you to act in solidarity with Denmark's people.

We thus urge the selected referees to put on End Denmark Racism armbands during the matches of the FIFA World Cup 2022. We believe this notion will be a powerful message of support to the abused and vulnerable people in Denmark. We also believe this will play an essential role in preventing and mitigating human rights abuses and violations in connection with one of the world's most significant sporting events.

Yours sincerely,

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