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FIFA and football teams in the West Bank settlements

Dear Mr Infantino, Mr Gill and Mr Sexwale.

We are writing to you, as Danish parliamentarians to express our deep concern regarding FIFA cooperation with six Israeli football clubs based inside West Bank settlements. These settlement football clubs contribute to human rights violations and breach of international law.

As members of the Danish Parliament, we are committed to the upholding of international law and to the integrity and fair play of international sports. International law, and numerous UN resolutions, states very clearly, that Israeli settlements situated in occupied Palestinian territory are illegal.

Therefore, in our understanding of the FIFA statutes, the six football clubs based in settlements in occupied Palestinian territory, are also in direct violation of FIFA rules and values.

In line with Human Right Watch, we therefore urge FIFA to fulfill its human rights responsibilities by requiring its affiliate, the Israel Football Association, which is conducting business in unlawful settlements that are off-limits to Palestinians, to move all FIFA-sanctioned games and activities inside Israel.

We join the recent call by Human Rights Watch, UN advisor for Sports Wilfried Lemke, the 66 Members of the European Parliament and the 38 Members of the British Parliament, who all urge you to resolve this matter in accordance with international law and with your own statutes. We urge you to do so at your next FIFA Council meeting on 9-10 January 2017.

Yours sincerely

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