

UEFA Executive Committee stands behind Michel Platini

In light of the events occurring today regarding UEFA President Michel Platini, the UEFA Executive Committee has taken the following decisions on 8 October.

An Emergency meeting of the UEFA Executive Committee will be convened in Nyon on Thursday, 15 October; in addition, all 54 member associations of UEFA will meet at UEFA Headquarters on the same day.

The UEFA Executive Committee saw no need, at this moment in time, to invoke Article 29(5) of the UEFA Statutes, pursuant to which the highest-ranking Vice-President of UEFA may step in to assume the powers and duties of the President in his absence.

This is because the UEFA Executive Committee is aware that the UEFA President will immediately take all necessary steps to appeal the decision of the FIFA Ethics Committee to clear his name. Furthermore, the UEFA Executive Committee stated that there must be a very rapid final decision on this matter before the relevant bodies, in the interests of both justice and football.

Finally, the UEFA Executive Committee expressed its full confidence in UEFA President, Michel Platini, and stands fully behind him.