



Lithuanian Football Federation
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President

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Situation of the Lithuanian Football Federation

Dear President,

It has come to our attention that a draft bill may be introduced in the Lithuanian Parliament as early as this week which could have serious detrimental impact on the Lithuanian Football Federation (LFF).

It is our understanding that this bill would, inter alia, remove from office the LFF President, Executive Committee and Secretary General and install a "Temporary Administrator" with a mandate to run the association, carry out a financial audit and performance audit of the LFF, draft new LFF Statutes and organise the election of a new Executive Committee.

In this context, we would like to clarify that if the draft bill is adopted and implemented, the LFF would be in breach of its obligation under the *FIFA Statutes* (art. 14, par. 1 let. i) and art. 19) and the *UEFA Statutes* (art. 7^{bis}, par. 2) to manage its affairs independently and with no undue influence from third parties. Consequently, FIFA and UEFA would immediately submit the matter to their relevant bodies with a recommendation to suspend the LFF's membership with FIFA and UEFA.

A suspension of the LFF would mean that it cannot exercise any of its rights as a FIFA and UEFA member association, including the right to take part in FIFA and UEFA competitions with its representative teams and to enter its clubs for these competitions or to benefit from FIFA's and UEFA's financial assistance and development programmes.

We sincerely hope that the situation can be resolved amicably in line with the *FIFA* and *UEFA Statutes* and the principles of good governance set out therein and kindly ask you to keep us informed of any developments on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

FIFA

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