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To:

General Secretaries

Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)

Asian Football Confederation (AFC)

Asean Football Federation (AFF)

Dear sir or madam,

Overview of the 8th FFTL Ordinary Congress held on 1st July 2023

We are writing to respectfully request your esteemed guidance and valuable feedback regarding the matters discussed during our recent congress.

The 8th Congress of the *Federação de Futebol de Timor-Leste* (FFTL) was held on July 1, 2023, and conducted in strict compliance with Article 28 of the FFTL Statute, thus confirming the Congress's legitimacy.

A significant part of the Congress involved a proposed amendment to the agenda, with the intent to unseat the FFTL President. The proposal was favorably passed by a supermajority - three-fourths of the present members - in accordance with Article 32 of the FFTL Statute, which allows for alterations to the Ordinary Congress Agenda given that such a majority agrees to the motion.

The result of the voting for the alteration of the agenda was as follows:

In Favor: **16 votes**

Against: **5 votes**

Abstain: **0 votes**

The proposed alteration to the agenda was to add a motion of no confidence against the current president, Mr. Francisco Martins da C. P. Jerónimo.



However, despite the approval of the agenda alteration, Congress could not proceed due to interruptions caused by several member associations. The member associations that caused the interruptions are listed as follows:

1. Dili Leste

The members of Dili Leste are compelled to hold an election with the intention of altering the timetable, while disrespectfully urging the chairperson and the Deputy GS to refrain from offering any additional clarifications or taking further actions, as they presume that the members who vote in favor have already predetermined the ultimate result.



2. Dili Oeste

Dili Oeste planned to modify the agenda by convening an extraordinary congress with the aim of ousting the current President. Furthermore, the association states that they no longer have confidence in the incumbent president.



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3. Referee

In his view, if the majority of associations vote on changes and approvals, it signifies that the schedule of the agreement should not be accelerated, and other arrangements such as the approval of the Minutes Meeting 2022, the Secretariat and Financial Report 2022, and the Annual Report 2022 are likewise deemed invalid.



4. Karketu Dili FC (Champion of League 1)

Support and strengthen the ideas put forward by Dili West and East Dili.



5. Futsal

Offer recommendations for alternative timing for the extraordinary congress while ensuring that the scheduled activities can proceed as planned.





The member associations have verified that the voting result, which granted approval for the alteration to the agenda, precisely met the stipulated requirement of a two-thirds majority, with 16 out of 21 votes cast in favor. Indeed, the associations put forth the argument that the 21 votes in favor of the alteration of the agenda necessitate the closure of the Congress.



However, these associations considered that the voting results for the alteration become a final approval of the agenda. Their assumptions are in accordance with the FFTL Statute, Article 32, 2. b. that if the agenda is not approved, the Congress automatically terminated.

The chairman offered fifteen (15) minutes for those associations to discuss and present their agenda. Finally, the associations came up with the proposed agenda which requested approval of their agenda as per below:

1. **According to the FFTL Statute, Art. 33, number 3.**
2. **Decide the date to convene an Extraordinary Congress no later than 60 days (1 September 2023).**
3. **Create an Ad-Hoc Committee to convene the Extraordinary during 60 days.**
4. **Agenda based on article 33.4.**

After the associations presented and they requested the chairperson (President, Vice President, General Secretary) to approve their agenda.

While serving as legal advisors, the judiciary bodies offer guidance on the essential steps to ensure a smooth and successful Congress. Despite their advice, the aforementioned associations chose not to reconsider and maintained their decision to discontinue the congress.

The chairperson agreed to the proposal and decided to not approve the date of convening the Extraordinary Congress until obtaining a final decision from FIFA and AFC.

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To avoid further confrontation/misunderstanding, the president decided to close the congress in doubt.

Lastly, we kindly request the guidance and assistance of FIFA and AFC regarding the aforementioned issue. We humbly seek your expertise and valuable insights, particularly regarding the governance issues at hand. We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter and eagerly await your feedback and suggestion.

We understand the demands of your time and deeply appreciate your attention to this matter.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support. We look forward to your valuable guidance and feedback, which will undoubtedly contribute to the continued growth and success of our organization.

With utmost respect and appreciation,


Gregorio Correia

General Secretary

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