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UEFA Executive Committee Nyon decisions

Financial Fair Play concept approved – Jean-Luc Dehaene appointed chairman of Club Financial Control Panel

The UEFA Executive Committee today finished its two-day meeting in Nyon, Switzerland having approved a number of key decisions for European football.

The regulations, and therefore the procedure for the qualifying competition, of the UEFA European Football Championship 2010-2012 in Poland and Ukraine were approved. The qualifying competition will consist of 9 groups: 6 groups of 6 teams and 3 groups of 5 teams. The 9 group winners and the best runner-up will qualify directly for the final tournament. The eight remaining runners-up will contest play-off matches. The qualifying matches are to be played according to the international match calendar between September 2010 and November 2011

The procedure for the UEFA EURO 2012™ qualifying draw, to be held at the Palace of Culture and Science in Warsaw on 7 February 2010, was also approved. For seeding purposes, the 51 teams competing in the qualifying competition will be allocated to 6 pots on the basis of their position in the UEFA national team rankings on completion of the qualifying matches for the 2010 FIFA World Cup (last match to be played on 18 November 2009). The reigning European champions Spain will be seeded in Pot 1.

The Executive Committee also unanimously approved the Financial Fair Play concept, after its prior approval by the UEFA Club Licensing Committee, the UEFA Club Competition Committee and the UEFA Professional Football Strategy Council. Following this approval a set of regulatory provisions will be elaborated and integrated into the Club Licensing Regulations. These provisions are to be implemented gradually over the next three years. It also approved the appointment of Jean-Luc Dehaene as the chairman of the Club Financial Control Panel (see separate release no. 102).

The Executive Committee listened to reports on the final rounds of the UEFA European Under-21 Championship held in Sweden and the UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009 in Finland, both of which were conducted successfully on and off the pitch.

The draw procedure for the UEFA European Futsal Championship 2009/10 was approved and will be held in Debrecen, Hungary on 24 September 2009.

In other business the Executive Committee considered a review of the structure of UEFA's marketing and commercial operations and approved the creation of a new company, wholly owned by UEFA, which will have responsibility for all the business and commercial operations of UEFA. The Executive Committee agreed that David Taylor should be appointed as the Chief Executive of this new company as of 01 October 2009. The Executive Committee also agreed that Gianni Infantino should be appointed as the new General Secretary of UEFA with effect from the same date.

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