

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

"Pure Football, Pure Hope"

## Pierluigi Collina and assistants from tsunami-stricken nations to take charge of "Football for Hope" match

No stranger to major international football occasions, Italy's Pierluigi Collina will referee the Football for Hope match at Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium on Tuesday, 15 February (kick-off 21.00h CET). The assistant referees, Mohamed Saeed (Maldives) and Jason Joseph Damoo (Seychelles), have been appointed specifically because they come from two of the nations ravaged by the tsunami tragedy, while the fourth official will be Eduardo Iturralde Gonzalez (Spain).

Organised by FIFA and UEFA with the approval of the Spanish football association and with support from FC Barcelona who are providing their stadium and staff free of charge, this benefit match for the victims of the tsunami will see an XI led by Ronaldinho, the FIFA World Player 2004, take on a team captained by Andriy Shevchenko, the European Footballer of the Year 2004.

FIFA and UEFA have invited more than 50 players, including some of the biggest stars in world football, to take part in the Football for Hope match. The list of players can be found on <a href="https://www.FIFA.com">www.FIFA.com</a>:

http://www.fifa.com/en/media/index/0,1369,105095,00.html?articleid=105095

All of the proceeds from the Football for Hope match will be donated to the FIFA/AFC Tsunami Solidarity Fund, which has been set up jointly by FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). UEFA has also pledged donations to this fund.

Ticket sales:	In Spain	All other countries
Telephone*	902 18 99 00	+34 93 496 36 00**
(Monday to Friday, 09.00h - 20.00h)		
Internet	<u>www.fifa.com</u>	

<sup>\*</sup> please have your credit card details at hand

## Ticket prices:

Category 1 – Tribuna	Main stand (covered)	29 euros
Category 2 – Lateral	Opposite stand	22 euros
Category 3 – Gol	Stands behind goals – numbered seats	15 euros
Category 4 – S/num	Stands behind goals – unnumbered seats	10 euros

## FIFA/AFC Tsunami Solidarity Fund

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