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DEFINITIONS

The terms given below denote the following:

KFA: Kuwait Football Association.

FIFA: Fédération Internationale de Football Association.

AFC: Asian Football Confederation.

Association: Kuwait Football Association recognized by FIFA and it is a member thereof.

League: an organisation that is subordinate to an Association.

Confederation: a group of Associations recognised by FIFA and belonging to the same continent (or assimilable geographic area).

Club: A legal entity with a legal personality officially licensed by the competent authorities to play the game of football and a member of Kuwait Football Association.

General Secretariat: The Administrative Body of Kuwait Football Association.

Official: every board member, committee member, referee and assistant referee, coach, trainer and any other person (except Players) responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters in an Association, a League or a Club as well as any other persons obliged to comply with the FIFA Statutes.

Player: a football player registered with an Association.

General Assembly: the supreme and legislative body of KFA.

Board of Directors (BOD): the executive body of KFA.

Member: a legal person that has been admitted into membership of KFA by the General Assembly.

Association Football: the game controlled by FIFA and organised in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

The IFAB: The International Football Association Board (IFAB).

Ordinary Courts: state courts which hear public and private legal disputes.

Arbitration Tribunal: The National Sport Arbitration Tribunal (NSAT) formed in accordance with the provisions of Sports Law No. 87/2017 as the competent authority to consider and decide on all sports disputes within the State of Kuwait, through arbitration or mediation, and operates instead of the ordinary courts.

World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA): The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is an independent global organization responsible for implementation, coordination and management of anti-doping in sport in all its forms.

Kuwait Anti-Doping Agency: An independent public authority formed under Law No. 82/2018 and is concerned with everything related to anti-doping at the national level in the State of Kuwait, in accordance with the national systems, regulations and the rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

CAS: Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne (Switzerland).

NB: Terms referring to natural persons include both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

Article **1** **Name, headquarters, legal form**

- ¹ The Association is a non-governmental sports body, which has been established and publicized in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the State of Kuwait, for an indefinite period.
 - ² The headquarters of KFA are in Adailia.
 - ³ KFA is a member of FIFA and of the AFC.
 - ⁴ The flag of KFA is blue and the association's emblem in the middle.
 - ⁵ The emblem of KFA is green, white, red and Black and a ball in the middle.
 - ⁶ The flag, emblem, logo and abbreviation are legally registered with the Trade Mark Registration Department in the Kuwait Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
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Article **2** **Objectives**

The objectives of KFA are:

- a) to improve the game of football constantly and promote, regulate and control it throughout the territory of Kuwait in the light of fair play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmes;
- b) to organise competitions in Association Football in all its forms at national level, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority conceded to the various Leagues of which it is composed;
- c) to draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement;
- d) to protect the interests of its Members;
- e) to respect and prevent any infringement of the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, of the AFC and of KFA as well as the Laws of the Game, and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members;
- f) to promote integrity, ethics and fair play with a view to preventing all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardise the integrity of matches, competitions, Players, Officials and Members or give rise to abuse of Association Football, futsal or beach soccer;
- g) to control and supervise all friendly football matches of all forms played throughout the territory of Kuwait;
- h) to control and supervise Association Football, futsal and beach soccer at national level and to control and supervise all forms of international football matches played throughout the territory of Kuwait, in accordance with the relevant Statutes and regulations of FIFA and of the Confederations;
- i) to manage international sporting relations connected with Association Football in all its forms;
- j) to host competitions at international and other levels;
- k) to regulate all matters relating to refereeing, the fight against doping, the registration of players, club licensing, the imposition of disciplinary measures, including for ethical misconduct, and measures required to protect the integrity of competitions..

Article **3** **Neutrality, independence and non-discrimination**

- ¹ KFA is neutral in matters of party politics and religion.
- ² KFA shall remain independent and shall avoid any form of undue political interference. KFA shall manage its affairs independently and shall ensure that its own affairs are not influenced by any third parties.
- ³ Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or group of people on account of race, skin colour, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, disability, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, wealth, birth or any other status, sexual orientation or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion and/or disciplinary measures.

Article **4** **Promoting friendly relations**

- ¹ KFA shall promote friendly relations between its Members, Clubs, Officials and Players and in society for humanitarian objectives.
- ² Every person and organisation involved in the game of Association Football is obliged to observe the relevant Statutes, regulations, and the principles of fair play as well as the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.
- ³ KFA shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between the Members, Clubs, Officials and Players of KFA.

Article **5** **Players**

- ¹ The status of Players and the provisions for their transfer shall be regulated by the Board of Directors of KFA in accordance with the current FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
- ² Players shall be registered in accordance with the regulations of KFA.

Article **6** **Laws of the Game**

- ¹ KFA and each of its Members play Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by The IFAB. Only The IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game.
- ² KFA and each of its Members play futsal and beach soccer in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game and the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game. Only FIFA may lay down and alter the Futsal Laws of the Game and the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

Article **7** **Conduct of bodies and Officials**

The bodies and Officials of KFA must observe the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions and the Code of Ethics of FIFA, of the AFC, and of KFA in their activities.

Article **8** **Official languages**

- ¹ The official language of KFA shall be Arabic. Official documents and texts shall be written in this language.
- ² The official language at the General Assembly shall be Arabic.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Article **9** **Admission, suspension and expulsion**

- ¹ The General Assembly shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a Member.
- ² Admission may be granted if the applicant fulfils the requirements of KFA in accordance with the statutes of KFA.
- ³ Membership shall expire with resignation or revocation of membership. The termination of membership shall not relieve the member from his financial obligations towards the Association or its members, but it leads to the cancellation of all his rights related to the Association.

Article **10** **Members and admission**

- ¹ The Members of KFA are the clubs admitted into membership of KFA by the General Assembly and duly incorporated in accordance with the national law and KFA regulations.
- ² Any legal person wishing to become a Member of KFA shall apply in writing to the general secretariat of KFA.
- ³ The application must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:
 - a) a copy of its legally valid statutes and regulations;
 - b) a declaration that it will always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of KFA, FIFA and the AFC and ensure that these are also respected by its own members, clubs, officials and players;
 - c) a declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game in force;
 - d) a declaration that it will not take matters of interpretation and application of the FIFA, the AFC, and KFA Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives to Ordinary Courts, unless the FIFA, the AFC, or the KFA regulations, or mandatory provisions of national law, provide for or stipulate recourse to Ordinary Courts;
 - e) a declaration that it recognises the Arbitration Tribunal recognised by KFA and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, as specified in these Statutes;
 - f) a declaration that it is located and registered in the territory of Kuwait;
 - g) a declaration that it will play all official home matches in the territory of Kuwait;
 - h) a declaration to the effect that the legal composition of the applicant guarantees that it can make decisions independently of any external entity;
 - i) a list of officials, specifying those who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;

- j) a declaration that it undertakes to organise or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of KFA;
- k) a copy of the minutes of its last General Assembly or constitutional meeting.

Article **11** Request and procedure for application

- ¹ The Board of Directors shall request the General Assembly either to admit or not to admit an applicant. The applicant may state the reasons for its application to the General Assembly.
- ² The new Member shall acquire membership rights and duties as soon as it has been admitted.

Article **12** Members' rights

- ¹ The Members of KFA have the following rights:
 - a) to take part in the General Assembly of KFA, to receive its agenda in advance, to be called to the General Assembly within the prescribed time and to exercise their voting rights;
 - b) to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the General Assembly;
 - c) to nominate candidates for elections to all bodies of KFA;
 - d) to be informed of the affairs of KFA through the official bodies of KFA;
 - e) to take part in competitions and/or other sporting activities organised by KFA;
 - f) to exercise all other rights arising from the Statutes and regulations of KFA.
- ² The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable regulations.

Article **13** Members' obligations

- ¹ The Members of KFA have the following obligations:
 - a) to comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, the AFC, and KFA at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by their members;
 - b) to ensure the election of their decision-making bodies (at least every four years);
 - c) to take part in competitions and other sporting activities organised by KFA;
 - d) to pay their membership subscriptions;
 - e) to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by The IFAB and the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game and the Futsal Laws of the Game as laid down by FIFA, and to ensure that these are also respected by their members through a statutory provision;
 - f) to adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relating to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, the AFC, KFA or the League(s) shall only be referred to an Arbitration Tribunal or to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, both as specified in the FIFA Statutes and in these Statutes, and that any recourse to Ordinary Courts is prohibited, provided that this does not violate mandatory provisions of national law;

- g) to manage their affairs independently and ensure that their own affairs are not influenced by any third parties in accordance with art. 17 of these Statutes;
- h) to ensure that their bodies are either elected or appointed according to a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of their election or appointment;
- i) to communicate to KFA any amendment of its statutes and regulations as well as the list of its Officials or persons who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
- j) not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognised or with Members that have been suspended or expelled;
- k) to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision;
- l) to observe the mandatory items specified under article 10 paragraph 3 for the duration of their affiliation;
- m) to administer a register of members which shall regularly be updated;
- n) to ratify statutes that are in accordance with the requirements of the Statutes of KFA;
- o) to comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, the AFC, and KFA.

² Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions provided for in these Statutes.

Article **14** Suspension

¹ The General Assembly shall be responsible for suspending the membership of any member. However, the Association BOD may suspend, after approval of three-quarters of its members, membership of any member that intentionally and/or repeatedly violates its obligations with immediate effect. The suspension shall continue until the next general assembly is held, unless BOD lifts such suspension of membership prior to such meeting.

² A suspension shall be confirmed at the next General Assembly by a three-quarter majority of the delegates representing the Members present and eligible to vote. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.

³ A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights. Other Members may not entertain sporting contact with a suspended Member. The Disciplinary Committee and the Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions.

⁴ Members that do not participate in the sporting activities of KFA for two consecutive years shall be suspended from voting at the General Assembly and their representatives shall not be elected or appointed until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect.

Article **15** Expulsion

¹ The General Assembly may expel a Member if:

- a) it fails to fulfil its financial obligations towards KFA;
- b) it repeatedly violates the Statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA, the AFC, and KFA;
- c) it brings a dispute to an Ordinary Court, except in cases where the FIFA, the AFC, or KFA regulations or mandatory provisions of national law specifically provide for or stipulate recourse to Ordinary Courts.

² The presence of a majority (more than 50%) of delegates representing the Members eligible to vote at the General Assembly is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a three-quarter majority of the valid votes cast.

³ A member whose membership has been revoked from the Association shall not be entitled to request membership again, except after the removal of the reasons for revocation and the lapse of at least one full Gregorian year from the date of revocation.

Article **16** Resignation

¹ A Member may resign from KFA with effect from the end of a football season. Notice of resignation must reach the general secretariat no later than six months before the end of the football season.

² The resignation is not valid until the Member wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligations towards KFA and the other Members of KFA.

Article **17** Independence of Members and their bodies

¹ Each Member shall manage its affairs independently and with no influence from third parties.

² The Members' bodies shall be either elected or appointed. The Members' statutes shall provide for a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the election or appointment.

³ Any Members' bodies that have not been elected or appointed in compliance with the provisions of par. 2, even on an interim basis, shall not be recognised by KFA.

⁴ Decisions passed by bodies that have not been elected or appointed in compliance with par. 2 shall not be recognised by KFA.

Article **18** Status of Clubs, Leagues, Regional Associations and other groups of Clubs

¹ Clubs, Leagues, Regional Associations or any other groups of Clubs affiliated to KFA shall be subordinate to and recognised by KFA. There shall only be one top-tier national league on the territory of Kuwait. These Statutes define the scope of authority and the rights and duties of these Clubs and groups. Their statutes and regulations must be approved by the Board of Directors of KFA. Matters in relation to referees, disciplinary issues, anti-doping, club licensing and player registrations (ITC) shall remain under the exclusive jurisdiction of KFA.

² The affiliated Clubs and groups of KFA shall take all decisions on any matters regarding their membership independently of any external body. This obligation applies regardless of their corporate structure.

³ In any case, no natural or legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) shall exercise control over more than one Club or group whenever the integrity of any match or competition could be jeopardised.

III. HONORARY PRESIDENT AND HONORARY MEMBER

Article 19 Honorary president and honorary member

- ¹ The General Assembly may bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member upon any person for meritorious service to football.
- ² The Board of Directors shall make these nominations.
- ³ The honorary president or honorary member may take part in the General Assembly. They may join the debates but are not entitled to vote.

IV. ORGANISATION

Article 20 Bodies of KFA

- ¹ The General Assembly is the supreme and legislative body.
- ² The Board of Directors is the executive body.
- ³ Standing and ad-hoc committees shall advise and assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its duties. Their duties, composition and function are defined in these Statutes and/or special regulations drawn up by the Board of Directors.
- ⁴ The general secretariat is the administrative body.
- ⁵ Judicial Committees shall be Disciplinary Committee, Ethics Committee and Appeal Committee.
- ⁶ The Club Licensing Committee is the body responsible for the clubs licensing system at the Association.
- ⁷ The Electoral Committee is the body in charge of organising and supervising the election process.
- ⁸ The bodies of KFA shall be either elected or appointed by the respective body of the KFA as set out in these Statutes without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in these Statutes. The members of the bodies shall not have previously been found guilty of any criminal offence incompatible with the position.
- ⁹ Any member of the bodies of KFA must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interest. In particular, members of the bodies of KFA shall always be aware of, and comply with, the relevant provisions of the FIFA Code of Ethics on conflicts of interest and adjust their conduct as necessary (e.g., abstain from performing their duties, notify the chairperson in case of potential conflicts of interest, and the like).

A. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 21 Definition and composition of the General Assembly

- ¹ The General Assembly is the meeting at which all of the Members of KFA regularly convene. It represents the supreme and legislative authority of KFA. Only a General Assembly that is duly convened has the authority to make decisions.
 - ² A General Assembly may be an Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly.
 - ³ The General Assembly of KFA shall be constituted in accordance with the principles of representative democracy and shall take into account the importance of gender equality in football.
 - ⁴ The President shall conduct the General Assembly in compliance with the Standing Orders of the General Assembly.
 - ⁵ The General Assembly may appoint observers who take part in the General Assembly without the right to debate or to vote.
 - ⁶ The honorary presidents or honorary members may take part in the General Assembly. They may join the debates but are not entitled to vote.
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Article 22 Delegates and votes

- ¹ The General Assembly is composed of one delegate for each member of KFA.
 - ² Delegates must belong to the Member that they represent and be appointed or elected by the appropriate body of that Member in accordance with art. 17 of these Statutes. They must also be able to produce evidence of this upon request.
 - ³ Each delegate has one vote in the General Assembly. Only the delegates present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
 - ⁴ The Board of Directors and the General Secretary shall take part in the General Assembly without voting rights. During their terms of office, members of the Board of Directors may not be appointed as delegates to the General Assembly.
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Article 23 Areas of authority

The General Assembly has the following areas of authority:

- a) adopting or amending the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly;
- b) appointing three Members to check the minutes, and approving the minutes of the last meeting;
- c) electing or dismissing the President, the Vice-President, member(s) of the Board of Directors, and/or the entire Board of Directors;
- d) electing or dismissing the chairman, deputy chairman and members of the judicial bodies, upon the proposal of the Board of Directors;

- e) electing or dismissing the members of the Electoral Committee, upon the proposal of the Board of Directors;
- f) electing or dismissing the members of the Audit and Compliance Committee, upon the proposal of the Board of Directors;
- g) appointing the scrutineers;
- h) appointing the independent and external auditors;
- i) approving the financial statements;
- j) approving the budget;
- k) approving the activity report;
- l) appointing the independent and external auditors upon the proposal of the Board of Directors;
- m) fixing the membership subscriptions on the recommendation of the Board of Directors;
- n) deciding, upon the nomination of the Board of Directors, whether to bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member;
- o) admitting, suspending or expelling a Member;
- p) revoking the mandate of one or a number of members of a body of KFA;
- q) dissolving KFA;
- r) passing decisions at the request of a Member in accordance with these Statutes.

Article **24** Quorum of the General Assembly

- ¹ Decisions passed by the General Assembly shall only be valid if a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the Members eligible to vote are present, unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes.
- ² If a quorum is not achieved, a second General Assembly shall take place within seven days with the same agenda.
- ³ A quorum is not required for the second meeting of the General Assembly unless any item on the agenda proposes the amendment of the Statutes of KFA, the election or dismissal of the President and the election or dismissal of the vice-presidents and members of the Board of Directors (including the dismissal of the entire Board of Directors), the dismissal of one or a number of members of a body of KFA, the expulsion of a Member of KFA, or the dissolution of KFA.

Article **25** Decisions of the General Assembly

- ¹ A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count. If no result has been given by a clear majority in favour of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order.
- ² Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is sufficient for a decision to be valid. Blank ballot papers, invalid votes or electronic votes manipulated in any other way as well as abstentions shall be disregarded when calculating the majority.

Article **26** Elections

- ¹ Elections shall take place by position. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- ² Elections of KFA shall be conducted in accordance with the Electoral Code of KFA.
- ³ A majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is necessary for the election of the President and the Vice-President. If there are more than two candidates for the office of President or Vice-President, whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated as from the second ballot until only two candidates are left.
- ⁴ For the election of the president, the two vice-presidents, and members of all bodies of KFA, the candidate(s) who receive(s) the most votes in respect of the free seat(s) shall be elected.
- ⁵ In case of a tied vote, new ballots shall be conducted until the respective candidate is elected in accordance with the procedure set forth by the present provision.

Article **27** Ordinary General Assembly

- ¹ The General Assembly shall convene an ordinary meeting within the three months following the end of each fiscal year, unless it is necessary to meet at another date.
- ² The Board of Directors shall fix the place and date. The Members shall be notified in writing at least 45 days in advance. The General Secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Board of Directors and the Members. Any proposal that a Member wishes to submit to the General Assembly shall be sent to the general secretariat in writing, with a brief explanation, at least 35 days before the date of the General Assembly.
- ³ The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least 14 days before the date of the General Assembly. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the activity report, the financial statements and the auditors' report and any other relevant documents.

Article **28** Ordinary General Assembly agenda

- ¹ The General Assembly agenda shall include the following mandatory items (in chronological order):
 - a) a declaration that the General Assembly has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes of KFA;
 - b) approval of the agenda;
 - c) an address by the President;
 - d) appointment of three Members to check the minutes;
 - e) appointment of three scrutineers;
 - f) Suspension or membership revocation of members (if applicable).;
 - g) approval of the minutes of the preceding General Assembly;
 - h) activity report (containing the activities since the last General Assembly);
 - i) presentation of the consolidated and revised balance sheet and the profit and loss statement;

- j) approval of the financial statements;
 - k) approval of the budget;
 - l) votes on proposals for amendments to the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly (if applicable);
 - m) Discussion of proposals submitted by members or the BOD in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (2) of Article (27) hereof;
 - n) appointment of independent and external auditors (if applicable) upon the proposal of the Board of Directors;
 - o) dismissal of a person or a body (if applicable);
 - p) election of the President, Vice-President and members of the Board of Directors (if applicable);
 - q) election of the members of the judicial committees (if applicable);
 - r) election of the members of the Electoral Committee (if applicable);
 - s) election of the members of the Audit and Compliance Committee (if applicable);
 - t) admission for membership (if applicable).
- ² The General Assembly shall not take a decision on any point not included in the agenda.
- ³ The agenda of an Ordinary General Assembly may be altered, provided three-quarters of the present eligible to vote Members agree to such a motion.

Article **29** Extraordinary General Assembly

- ¹ The Board of Directors may convene an Extraordinary General Assembly at any time. The Board of Directors shall draw up the agenda for the Extraordinary General Assembly.
- ² In the event an Extraordinary General Assembly is convened by the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall notify the Members of the place, date and agenda at least 14 days before the date of an Extraordinary General Assembly.
- ³ The Board of Directors shall convene an Extraordinary General Assembly if a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the Members of KFA make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items for the agenda. An Extraordinary General Assembly shall be held within 14 days of receipt of the request. If an Extraordinary General Assembly is not convened, the delegates representing the Members who requested it may convene the General Assembly themselves. As a last resort, the delegates representing the Members may request assistance from FIFA and the AFC.
- ⁴ In the event an Extraordinary General Assembly is convened upon the request of the Members, the Members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda at least 7 days before the date of an Extraordinary General Assembly. The agenda must contain the points raised by the requesting Members.
- ⁵ The agenda of an Extraordinary General Assembly may not be altered.
- ⁶ It is not permissible to consider a subject on which the General Assembly has previously made a decision, except after the lapse of at least six months since the date of the General Assembly in which the decision has been made and the new decision is issued with the approval of three-quarters of the present eligible to vote members.

Article **30** Elective General Assemblies

In case an election to the Board of Directors or to the office of President or Vice-President shall take place at a General Assembly, the following deadlines and procedures shall apply:

- a) If the elective General Assembly is an Ordinary General Assembly:
 - i) The Members shall be notified of the elections 45 days before the date of the Ordinary General Assembly at the latest;
 - ii) The Members shall submit their nominations for the vacant position(s) 35 days before the date of the Ordinary General Assembly at the latest;
 - iii) The formal convocation of the elective Ordinary General Assembly shall be sent to the Members at least 14 days before the date of the said General Assembly.

- b) If the elective General Assembly is an Extraordinary General Assembly convened by the Board of Directors, the relevant deadlines in art. 29 par. 2 above are superseded as follows:
 - i) The Members shall be notified of the place and date of the elective Extraordinary General Assembly 30 days before the date of the said General Assembly;
 - ii) The Members shall submit their nominations for the vacant position 20 days before the date of the said General Assembly;
 - iii) The formal convocation of the elective Extraordinary General Assembly shall be sent to the Members seven days before the date of the said General Assembly. This convocation shall contain the agenda and any other relevant documents.

- c) If the elective General Assembly is an Extraordinary General Assembly convened upon request of the Members, the relevant deadlines in art. 29 par. 3 are superseded by art. 30 b) above.

Article **31** Amendments to the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly

- ¹ The General Assembly is responsible for amending the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly.

- ² Any proposals for an amendment to the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the Board of Directors. A proposal submitted by delegates representing a Member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least two other delegates representing the Members.

- ³ For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly to be valid, a majority three-quarters of the delegates representing the Members eligible to vote must be present.

- ⁴ A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly shall be adopted only if three-quarters of the delegates representing the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

Article **32** Minutes

The General Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the General Assembly. The minutes shall be checked by those Members designated, and finally approved at the next General Assembly.

Article **33** Effective dates of decisions

Decisions passed by the General Assembly shall come into effect immediately after the close of the General Assembly, unless otherwise stipulated in the present Statutes or unless the General Assembly fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article **34** Composition

¹ The Board of Directors consists of:

- The President of KFA;
- The Two Vice-Presidents of KFA;
- The member elected to the mandatory female seat in accordance with art. 35 par. 3 and par. 5;
- 3 further members.

² The President, the two Vice-Presidents and the members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the General Assembly by position independently, according to democratic principles and in accordance with the provisions set forth in these Statutes. A Member of KFA may not be represented in the Board of Directors by more than one representative simultaneously, except in the case of the female candidate elected to the mandatory female seat.

³ The mandates of the President, the two Vice-Presidents, and members of the Board of Directors are for four years. Their mandates shall begin after the end of the General Assembly which has elected them.

⁴ A member of the Board of Directors may not at the same time be a member of a judicial body of KFA, of the Electoral Committee, of the Electoral Appeals Committee, or of the Audit and Compliance Committee.

Article **35** Nomination of Candidatures and Election of the members of the Board of Directors

¹ Elections to any position on the Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with art. 26 of these Statutes and with the Electoral Code of the KFA.

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Anyone who desires to be nominated for the Association BOD elections of active members at a club, among those fulfilling requirements of candidacy, shall submit an application to his club and BOD of such club shall send approved nomination requests to the Association in accordance with dates and conditions stipulated herein.

Any active member of a club who meets the conditions of candidacy for the elections of BOD, may apply to the Association in his capacity as an independent candidate for the position of president only, provided that his application for candidacy is accompanied by the recommendation of eight members of the general assembly of the Association, in order to accept his candidacy for the position of president.

Any candidate shall use the form prepared for this purpose with the General Secretariat, and attach all documents proving that he\she meets the standards for candidacy as stipulated herein.

³ Candidates for the female mandatory seat must be supported by at least three members.

⁴ Each candidate for the membership of the Board of Directors shall fulfil the following requirements:

- a. to be a Kuwait National;
- b. to be an Active Member in the Club that has nominated him, except for the mandatory female seat member;
- c. **not to be younger than (25) and not to be older than (70) years at the time of nomination;**
- d. to have strong interests in the game of football; and
- e. not having been previously found guilty of any criminal offence or misdemeanour involving moral turpitude or dishonesty in accordance with Kuwaiti law, unless he or she has been rehabilitated.

⁵ The General Assembly shall elect one woman from among the female candidates nominated pursuant to art. 35 par. 3 to fill the mandatory female seat. The female candidate who receives the most votes in respect of the mandatory female seat shall be elected. The other elected candidates shall serve as members of the Board of Directors.

⁶ In case of a tied vote for the female mandatory seat, new ballot shall be conducted, and whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated as for the second ballot until only two candidates are left. The candidate who receives the most votes in respect of the female mandatory seat shall be elected.

⁷ If a position or up to 50% of the positions of the Board of Directors become vacant, the Board of Directors shall convene an Extraordinary General Assembly in order to elect the replacements for the remaining period of office within ninety (90) days at maximum. In the event that more than 50% of the positions of the BOD become vacant, the BOD shall be deemed resigned and in such a case the Secretary-General shall call convention of an Extraordinary General Assembly to elect a BOD to complete the remaining period of the BOD term which has been deemed resigned, taking into account the application of the periods and dates stipulated in Article (30) hereof. If the Secretary-General does not send the invitation for any reason within thirty days from the date the BOD was deemed to have resigned, the Electoral Committee shall send the invitation, taking into account the application of the periods and dates stipulated in Article (30) hereof.

⁸ A position will be considered vacant in case of death, resignation acceptance or permanent disability, or if a member of the Board of Directors does not participate in 3 consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors.

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Elections shall be held in the following order:

First, the General Assembly elects (3) Three members among all candidates for membership of BOD.

Second: the General Assembly elects the mandatory Female seat member.

Third: The General Assembly shall elect the President and two Vice-Presidents among the candidates nominated in accordance with Article (26) paragraph (3) hereof.

¹⁰ Resignation of members of BOD:

A. The resignations of the members of BOD shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General of the Association, and the Secretary-General shall present the resignation to the Board of Directors at the first upcoming meeting.

B. The Board of Directors shall have the right to accept the resignation at the same meeting, or to postpone its decision for a period not exceeding 30 days from the date of the meeting. If the Board does not adopt a decision within the 30 days, the resignation shall be deemed acceptable and effective upon the expiration of the mentioned period.

C. The member submitting the resignation shall have the right to carry out his duties until the resignation is accepted.

D. The member submitting the resignation shall have the right to withdraw the resignation and retract before a decision has been issued by the Board to accept such resignation or before the lapse of the thirty days period after the date of the meeting of BOD in which the resignation has been presented and not exceeding 90 days at most from the date of its submission to the Secretary-General. In all cases the resignation shall be deemed accepted and effective after 90 days from the date of its submission.

- ¹ The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times a year on a quarterly basis.
- ² The President shall convene the Board of Directors meetings. If 50% of the Board of Directors members request a meeting, the President shall convene it within 14 days. The agenda for that meeting shall include the points raised by the members requesting the meeting. If the President does not convene the requested meeting by the aforementioned deadline, the other members of the Board of Directors shall convene it themselves.
- ³ The President shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Board of Directors is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda. The members of the Board of Directors must submit the points they wish to be included in the agenda for the meeting to the general secretariat at least 14 days before the meeting. The agenda must be sent out to the members of the Board of Directors at least seven days before the meeting.
- ⁴ The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Board of Directors in a consultative role. If the General Secretary is unable to attend a meeting, he may nominate a representative to attend the meeting on his behalf, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- ⁵ The meetings of the Board of Directors shall not be held in public. The Board of Directors may, however, invite third parties to attend. Those third parties shall not have voting rights, and may only express an opinion with the permission of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors:

- a) shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the General Assembly or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes;
- b) shall prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly of KFA;
- c) shall appoint the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of the standing committees;
- d) shall propose the members of the judicial bodies and the independent committees to the General Assembly
- e) may decide to set up ad-hoc committees if necessary at any time;
- f) shall compile the regulations for the organisation of standing committees and ad-hoc committees;
- g) shall appoint or dismiss the General Secretary on the proposal of the President.;
- h) shall propose the independent and external auditors to the General Assembly;
- i) shall appoint replacements for vacancies in the judicial bodies or the Audit and Compliance Committee until the next General Assembly;
- j) shall draw up regulations governing the conditions of participation in and the staging of competitions organised by the Association;
- k) shall appoint the coaches for the representative teams and other technical staff;
- l) shall approve regulations stipulating how KFA shall be organised internally;
- m) shall ensure that the Statutes are applied and adopt the executive arrangements required for their application;

- n) may dismiss a person or a body of KFA provisionally, subject to article 40 of these Statutes until the next General Assembly, except for the judicial committees, the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Electoral Committee;
- o) may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of KFA or third parties;
- p) may appoint observers who may take part in the General Assembly without the right to debate or to vote.

Article 38 Decisions

- ¹ The Board of Directors shall not engage in valid debate unless more than 50% of its members are present.
- ² The Board of Directors shall reach decisions by a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast. In the event of a tied vote, the President shall have the casting vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
- ³ Any member of the Board of Directors must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interests, as described in art. 20 of these Statutes.
- ⁴ The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes.
- ⁵ The decisions taken by the Board of Directors shall come into effect immediately, unless the Board of Directors decides otherwise.

Article 39 Dismissal of a person or body

- ¹ The General Assembly may dismiss a person or a Body of the Bodies of KFA. The BOD and any member of KFA may include a request to dismiss a person or a Body on the agenda of the General Assembly that follows the request.
The BOD may temporarily dismiss a person or Body of the Association except for Judicial Committees, Audit and Compliance Committee and Electoral Commission.
Any BOD Member may submit a proposal to include such dismissal on the agenda of a Board or General Assembly meeting.
- ² Any Member of KFA may propose the dismissal of a person or a body in accordance with articles 27 – 29 of these Statutes.
- ³ The motion for dismissal must be justified. It will be sent to the members of the Board of Directors and/or to the Members of KFA along with the agenda.
- ⁴ The person or body in question has the right to defend himself or itself.
- ⁵ The motion for dismissal shall be decided by means of secret ballot. For the motion to be passed, a majority of two-thirds of the delegates representing the Members present and eligible to vote must agree to it.
- ⁶ The person or body dismissed (provisionally) is relieved of his or its functions with immediate effect.
- ⁷ The dismissal of the Board of Directors and any of its members shall be regulated specifically in accordance with article 40.

Article **40** Dismissal of the Board of Directors and any of its members

- ¹ The General Assembly may dismiss the President, the Vice-President, Member(s) of the Board of Directors and/or the entire Board of Directors.
- ² The Board of Directors may place the dismissal of any of its members on the agenda for a General Assembly. The Board of Directors cannot dismiss any of its members provisionally. Any member of the Board of Directors may submit a proposal to place such a motion for dismissal on the agenda for the General Assembly. The decision to place such a motion on the agenda shall be taken in accordance with Article 38.
- ³ Any Member of KFA may propose the dismissal of the Board of Directors or any of its members in accordance with articles 27 – 29 of these Statutes.
- ⁴ The motion for dismissal must be justified. It will be sent to the members of the Board of Directors and/or to the Members of KFA along with the agenda.
- ⁵ The person or body in question has the right to defend himself or itself.
- ⁶ The motion for dismissal shall be decided by means of secret ballot. For the motion to be passed, a majority of more than 50% of the delegates representing the Members present and eligible to vote must agree to it.
- ⁷ The person or body dismissed is relieved of his or its functions with immediate effect.

C. PRESIDENT

Article **41** President

- ¹ The President represents KFA legally.
- ² He is primarily responsible for:
 - a) implementing the decisions passed by the General Assembly and the Board of Directors through the general secretariat;
 - b) ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of KFA in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes;
 - c) supervising the work of the general secretariat;
 - d) relations between KFA and its Members, FIFA, the AFC, political bodies and other organisations.
- ³ Only the President may propose the appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary.
- ⁴ The President shall preside over the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and Bureau of the Board of Directors meetings and those committees of which he has been appointed chairman.
- ⁵ The President shall have an ordinary vote on the Board of Directors and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.
- ⁶ At the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the election and for the terms of office, the president chooses from among the two vice-presidents elected by the general assembly, his vice-president for financial affairs and his vice-president for technical affairs.

Each of them is assigned in writing to carry out the competencies entrusted to him, and he also chooses from among his two vice-presidents someone to replace him to carry out his competencies in the event of his absence or non-existence. Each vice-president begins to carry out his specific competencies as of the date of his assignment.

⁷ The position of the President will be considered vacant if he does not participate in a specific number of three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without an appropriate excuse.

⁸ If the position of the President becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall deputise until the next General Assembly. This General Assembly shall elect a new President for the remaining period of office.

⁹ Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the Internal Organisation Regulations of KFA.

Article **42** Candidates for the office of President

¹ The President shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of four years. His mandate shall begin after the end of the General Assembly which has elected him.

² Members of the Association and independent candidates may submit candidacy applications for the position of President without prejudice to provision of Paragraphs (2, 3) of Article (35) hereof.

³ The general secretariat shall notify the Members of the names of the proposed candidates at least 14 days before the date of the elective Ordinary General Assembly.

Article **43** Representation and signature

The President represents KFA legally and is entitled to sign for KFA. The Board of Directors may set up Internal Organisation Regulations regarding the joint signature of office-holders, in particular, in case of the President's absence and concerning all important business of KFA.

E. STANDING COMMITTEES

Article **44** Standing Committees

¹ The standing committees of KFA are:

- a) Audit and Compliance Committee;
- b) Referees Committee;
- c) Other Committees;

² Chairman and members of each Standing Committee shall be appointed by the BOD or the General Assembly according to competence stated herein. General Assembly and BOD shall guarantee appropriate female representation in the Standing Committees.

³ Each chairman shall represent his committee and conduct business in compliance with the relevant Organisation Regulations drawn up by the Board of Directors.

⁴ Each chairman shall fix the dates of meetings in collaboration with the General Secretary, ensure that all tasks are carried out and report back to the Board of Directors.

⁵ Each committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Board of Directors.

Article **45** **Audit and Compliance Committee**

¹ The Audit and Compliance Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the financial statements, the consolidated financial statement and the external auditors' reports. The Audit and Compliance Committee shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and three members. The committee members shall be knowledgeable and experienced in financial and/or regulatory and legal matters and may not be involved in any decision affecting the operations of KFA.

² The Audit and Compliance Committee shall advise and assist the Board of Directors in monitoring the Association's financial and compliance matters, and issue and monitor compliance with the relevant regulations of the Association. It shall also supervise the general secretariat in financial and compliance issues. The Audit and Compliance Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the consolidated financial statements and the independent and external auditor's report. The committee shall furthermore monitor KFA's financial and compliance matters and suggest to the appropriate KFA bodies any action that it deems necessary as a result of such monitoring.

³ Details on the Audit and Compliance Committee's responsibilities, its internal cooperation and other procedural matters are stipulated in the relevant regulations of KFA.

⁴ The chairman, deputy chairman and members of the Audit and Compliance Committee shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of four years and may only be relieved of their duties by the General Assembly. They shall not belong to any other body of KFA and they shall undergo an integrity check, to be conducted by the Ethics Committee, prior to their election or re-election.

⁵ The chairman and deputy chairman of the Audit and Compliance Committee shall be independent. They shall not be considered independent if, at any time during the four years preceding their terms, they or any family member (spouse, children, stepchildren, parents, siblings, domestic partner, parents of spouse/domestic partner and siblings and children of domestic partner):

- held any paid position or material contract (directly or indirectly) with KFA and or any Member/Confederation, League or Club (including any of their affiliated companies/organisations), whereas a voluntary position with an expenses allowance of more than USD 1,000 per month shall also be regarded as a paid position;
- was employed by KFA 's outside legal counsel or by KFA 's auditor (and was engaged in auditing KFA);
- held any paid or voluntary position with a non-profit organisation to which KFA and/or any Member, Confederation, League or Club makes annual payments in excess of USD 100,000.

⁶ If the chairman, the deputy chairman or a member of the Audit and Compliance Committee permanently ceases to perform his official function during his term of office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next General Assembly.

Article **46** **Referees Committee**

The Referees Committee shall implement the Laws of the Game. It shall appoint the referees for matches in competitions organised by KFA, organise refereeing matters within KFA in collaboration with the administration of KFA and monitor the education and training of referees. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and as many members as deemed necessary.

Article **47** **Other Committees**

Whenever required, the BOD may establish other committees other than those stated in this Statutes. The BOD shall appoint the chairman, Deputy chairman and members thereof, provided that their duties and tasks shall be defined under special regulations to be set by the BOD.

Article **48** Club Licensing Committee

Club Licensing Committee is the Committee competent to regulate licensing of clubs at the Association, in accordance with the approved regulations of FIFA and AFC.

Article **49** Electoral Committee

¹ The Electoral Committee is the body in charge of organising and supervising the election process in accordance with the Electoral Code of KFA. In the event of absence of such committee or failure to carry out its duties, General Assembly majority shall have the right to, as an alternative procedure, address FIFA by a proposal for the formation of a committee exceptionally to carry out conducting elections and required duties.

² The Electoral Appeals Committee shall decide on all appeals made against decisions of the Electoral Committee in accordance with the Electoral Code of KFA.

³ The General Assembly shall approve the regulations (Electoral Code) which govern the Electoral Committee's organisation and powers as well as the detailed organisation and proceedings of the elections themselves. The members of the Electoral Committee shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and elected by the General Assembly.

G. GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article **50** General secretariat

The general secretariat shall carry out all the administrative work of KFA under the direction of the General Secretary. The members of the general secretariat are bound by the Internal Organisational Regulations of KFA and shall fulfil the given tasks in good faith.

Article **51** General Secretary

¹ The General Secretary is the chief executive of the general secretariat.

² The General Secretary shall be appointed under a contract governed by the private law and shall possess the necessary professional qualifications. General Secretary shall be full-time employee at the Association and shall not be an employee of government or private sector.

³ He shall be responsible for:

- a) implementing decisions passed by the General Assembly and Board of Directors in compliance with the President's directives;
- b) attending the General Assembly and meetings of the Board of Directors, Bureau of the Board of Directors and the standing and ad-hoc committees;
- c) organising the General Assembly and meetings of the Board of Directors and other bodies;
- d) compiling the minutes for the meetings of the General Assembly, Board of Directors, Bureau of the Board of Directors and standing and ad-hoc committees;
- e) managing and keeping the accounts of KFA properly;
- f) the correspondence of KFA;
- g) relations with the Members, committees, FIFA, and the AFC;

- h) organising the general secretariat;
- i) the appointment and dismissal of staff working in the general secretariat;
- j) proposing managerial staff to the President.

Any additional responsibilities and duties assigned to the General Secretary shall be stipulated in the Internal Organisation Regulations of KFA.

- ⁴ The General Secretary may not be a General Assembly delegate or a member of any body of KFA.

Article 52 Judicial Committees

- ¹ The judicial committees of KFA are:
 - a) the Disciplinary Committee;
 - b) the Ethics Committee;
 - c) the Appeal Committee.
 - ² The judicial committees shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and three ordinary members.
 - ³ The judicial committees are to be composed in such a way that the five members, together, have the knowledge, abilities and specialist experience that is necessary for the due completion of their tasks. All members of the judicial committees shall be qualified to practice law. The term of office of all members shall be four years. The members may be re-elected or completely relieved of their duties at any time by the General Assembly.
 - ⁴ The chairmen, deputy chairmen and other members of the judicial committees shall be elected by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Board of Directors and shall not be members of any other body or committee of KFA.
 - ⁵ The chairman and deputy chairman of the Ethics Committee and the Appeal Committee shall fulfil the same independence criteria that are stipulated in art. 44 par. 5 for the chairman and deputy chairman of the Audit and Compliance Committee.
 - ⁶ If the chairman, the deputy chairman or a member of a judicial committees permanently ceases to perform his official function during his term of office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next General Assembly.
 - ⁷ The responsibilities and function of the judicial committees shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of KFA and the Code of Ethics of KFA approved by the Board of Directors.
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Article 53 Disciplinary Committee

- ¹ The function of the Disciplinary Committee shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of KFA. The Disciplinary Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, as specified in the Disciplinary Code, the chairman may rule alone.
- ² The Disciplinary Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the Disciplinary Code of KFA on Members, Officials, Players, Clubs, match agents and intermediaries, as applicable.
- ³ These provisions do not affect the powers of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.
- ⁴ The Board of Directors shall issue the Disciplinary Code of KFA. These regulations shall be in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code as in force from time to time.

Article **54** **Ethics Committee**

- ¹ The function of the Ethics Committee shall be governed by the Code of Ethics of KFA. The Ethics Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, as specified in the Code of Ethics, the chairman may rule alone.
 - ² The Ethics Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes, the Code of Ethics of KFA and the Disciplinary Code of KFA on Officials, Players and match and players' agents.
 - ³ The Executive Committee shall issue the Code of Ethics of KFA, which shall be in accordance with the principles laid down in the FIFA Code of Ethics as in force from time to time.
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Article **55** **Appeal Committee**

- ¹ The duty of the Appeal Committee shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of KFA, the Code of Ethics and the Appeal Regulations approved by KFA. The Appeal Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three of the members are present.
 - ² The Appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary Committee and the Ethics Committee that are not declared final by the relevant regulations of KFA.
 - ³ Decisions pronounced by the Appeal Committee may be appealed to the Arbitration Tribunal or to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in accordance with the provisions in these Statutes. NSAT (National Sport Arbitration Tribunal) or CAS shall not, however, hear appeals on decisions related to violations of the Laws of the Game, and suspensions of up to ten matches or up to six months (with the exception of doping decisions). Such decisions are final.
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Article **56** **Disciplinary measures**

The disciplinary measures are primarily:

- ¹ for natural and legal persons:
 - a) a warning;
 - b) a reprimand;
 - c) a fine;
 - d) the return of awards.
- ² for natural persons:
 - a) a caution;
 - b) an expulsion;
 - c) a match suspension;
 - d) a ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;
 - e) a ban from entering a stadium;
 - f) a ban on taking part in any football-related activity;
 - g) social work.
- ³ for legal persons:
 - a) a transfer ban;

- b) playing a match without spectators;
- c) playing a match on neutral territory;
- d) a ban on playing in a particular stadium;
- e) annulment of the result of the match;
- f) expulsion from a competition;
- g) a forfeit;
- h) deduction of points;
- i) relegation to a lower division;
- j) replaying a match.

Article **57** Arbitration

¹ Sports disputes within KFA or sports disputes affecting Members of KFA, Leagues, members of Leagues, Clubs, members of Clubs, Players and Officials shall not be submitted to Ordinary Courts, unless the FIFA regulations, these Statutes, or mandatory provisions of national law specifically provide for or stipulate recourse to Ordinary Courts.

² Such disputes as specified in art. 68 par. 1 shall be taken to an independent Arbitration Tribunal (National Sports Arbitration Tribunal) recognised by KFA or the AFC, or to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Article **58** Jurisdiction

¹ Recourse may only be made to an Arbitration Tribunal in accordance with art. 68 once all internal channels of KFA have been exhausted.

² KFA shall have jurisdiction on internal national disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to KFA. FIFA shall have jurisdiction on international disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to different Associations and/or Confederations.

Article **59** Court of Arbitration for Sport

¹ In accordance with the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes, any appeal against a final and binding decision passed by FIFA, the AFC, or the Leagues shall be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, unless another Arbitration Tribunal has jurisdiction in accordance with art. 57. NSAT (National Sport Arbitration Tribunal) or CAS shall not, however, hear appeals on decisions related to violations of the Laws of the Game, and suspensions of up to ten matches or up to six months (with the exception of doping decisions). Such decisions are final.

² KFA shall ensure its full compliance and that of all those subject to its jurisdiction with any final decision passed by a FIFA body, by an AFC body, by the Arbitration Tribunal recognised by KFA or by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Article **60** Financial period

- ¹ The financial period of KFA shall be one year and shall begin on 1 April and end on 31 March.
- ² The revenue and expenses of KFA shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. KFA's major duties in the future shall be guaranteed through the creation of reserves.
- ³ The General Secretary is responsible for drawing up the annual consolidated accounts of KFA with its subsidiaries as at 31 March.

Article **61** Revenue

The revenue of KFA arises specifically from:

- a) Members' annual subscriptions;
- b) receipts generated by the marketing of rights to which KFA is entitled;
- c) fines imposed by the authorised bodies;
- d) other subscriptions and receipts in keeping with the objectives pursued by KFA;
- e) donations;
- f) investment of KFA facilities;
- g) any other revenue related to football activities.

Article **62** Expenses

KFA bears:

- a) the expenses stipulated in the budget;
- b) other expenses approved by the General Assembly and expenses that the Board of Directors is entitled to incur within the scope of its authority;
- c) all other expenses in keeping with the objectives pursued by KFA.

Article **63** Independent and external auditors

The independent and external auditors appointed by the General Assembly shall audit the accounts approved by the Finance Committee on a yearly basis in accordance with the appropriate principles of accounting and present a report to the General Assembly every year. The auditors shall be appointed for a period of four years. This mandate may be renewed.

Article **64** Membership subscriptions

- ¹ Membership subscriptions are due on 1 January. The annual subscription for new Members for the year in question shall be paid within 30 days of the close of the General Assembly at which they are admitted.

² The General Assembly shall fix the amount of the annual subscription every four years on the recommendation of the Board of Directors. It shall be the same for every Member.

Article 65 Settlement

KFA may debit any Member's assets to settle claims.

Article 66 Levies

KFA may demand that a levy be paid by its Members for matches.

VI. COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS IN COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Article 67 Competitions

¹ KFA organises and coordinates the following official competitions held within its territory:

- a) League;
- b) Emir's Cup;
- c) Crown Prince's Cup;
- d) Youth, junior and grass roots League and Cup competitions.

² The Board of Directors may issue special regulations to this end.

Article 68 Club licensing

The Board of Directors of KFA will set up regulations regarding a club licensing system governing the participation of Clubs in the competitions of KFA, in compliance with the minimum requirements of the club licensing system as set up by the AFC in conformity with the FIFA Club Licensing Regulations.

Article 69 Rights

¹ KFA and its Members are the original owners of all of the rights emanating from competitions and other events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time and place. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law.

² The Board of Directors shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilised and draw up special regulations to this end.

Article **70** **Authorisation**

KFA and its Members are exclusively responsible for authorising the distribution of image and sound and other data carriers of football matches and events coming under their respective jurisdiction, and without any restrictions as to content, time, place, technical and legal aspects.

VII. INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

Article **71** **International matches and competitions**

¹ The authority for organising international matches and competitions between representative teams and between Leagues, Club teams and/or scratch teams lies solely with FIFA, the Confederation(s) and/or the Association(s) concerned. No such match or competition shall take place without the prior permission of FIFA, the Confederation(s) and/or the Association(s) concerned in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.

² KFA is bound to comply with the international match calendar compiled by FIFA.

Article **72** **Contacts**

KFA, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents shall not play matches or make sporting contact with Associations that are not members of FIFA or with provisional members of a Confederation without the approval of FIFA.

Article **73** **Approval**

¹ Clubs, Leagues or any other group of Clubs that are affiliated to KFA may only join another Association with the authorisation of KFA, the other Association, the respective Confederation(s) and FIFA.

² Clubs, Leagues or any other group of Clubs that are affiliated to KFA cannot participate in competitions on the territory of another Association without the authorisation of KFA, the other Association(s), FIFA and the respective Confederation(s) according to the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.

VIII. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article **74** **Unforeseen contingencies and force majeure**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to decide on all cases of force majeure and on all matters not provided for in these Statutes, such decisions to be made according to right and justice, taking into account the relevant regulations of FIFA and the AFC.

Article **75** **Dissolution**

¹ Any decision relating to the dissolution of KFA requires a majority of two-thirds of all of the Members of KFA, which must be obtained at a General Assembly specially convened for the purpose.

² If KFA is disbanded, its assets shall be transferred to the Public Authority for Sports. It shall hold these assets as a trustee in accordance with the relevant professional duties until KFA is re-established. The final General Assembly may, however, choose another recipient for the assets on the basis of a two-thirds majority.

Article **76** **Transitional Provisions**

As an exception of the terms and procedures stipulated in the applicable Statutes, the following procedures and terms shall be followed, only one time, regarding electing new BOD for a new term.

¹ General Secretariat shall be responsible for invitation and notification of members of the place and date of the Extraordinary General Assembly (Electoral) within ten days from date of publishing the Statutes in the Official Gazette.

² Electoral Committee shall carry out duties assigned thereto and stipulated herein in accordance with rules regulating its work and in compliance with provisions of this Article, taking into account the application provisions of Article (49) hereof in case the Electoral Committee fails to carry out its duties in accordance with provisions of this Article, taking into account updating terms and dates prescribed for the electoral General Assembly, if necessary.

³ Procedures stipulated in Article (30), Paragraph (B) hereof shall be followed.

⁴ New formation of the elected BOD shall be announced the next day of completing election of positions and membership. Term of the current BOD shall be deemed expired as of date of electing new BOD in accordance with provisions of this Article.

⁵ All Association's committees stated in this Statutes, notarized by Resolution No. (10) of 2018, published in the Official Gazette on 17.04.2018 and amendments thereto, shall continue carrying out their duties in accordance with provisions of regulations and resolutions regulating works of the Association until the new elected BOD revoke these committees and approve the new administrative and executive structure along with its regulations

Article **77** **Enforcement**

These Statutes were adopted at the **Extraordinary General Assembly in Kuwait on 24 February 2022** and will come into force as of date of publishing in the Official gazette.

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