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The terms given below denote the following:

FAM: Football Association of Maldives.

The AFC: Asian Football Confederation.

Arbitration tribunal: an independent and duly constituted private court of justice acting instead of an ordinary court.

Association: a football association recognised as such by FIFA and by the relevant confederation. It is a member of FIFA, unless a different meaning is evident from the context.

Association football: the game controlled by FIFA and organised by FIFA, the confederations and/or the associations in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

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

Club: a member of an association (that is a member of FIFA and of the relevant confederation) or a member of a league recognised by an association that enters at least one team in a competition.

Congress: the supreme and legislative body of FAM.

Confederation: a group of associations recognised by FIFA that belong to the same continent (or assimilable geographic region).

Executive Committee: the strategic and oversight body of FAM.

Delegate: a natural person validly representing a Member at the Congress.

FIFA: Fédération Internationale de Football Association.

Laws of the Game: the laws of association football issued by The IFAB in accordance with art. 7 of the FIFA Statutes.

League: an organisation that is subordinate to an association.

Member: a legal person that has been admitted into membership of FAM by the Congress.

Official: any board member (including the members of the Executive Committee), committee member, referee and assistant referee, coach, trainer and any other person responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters in FIFA, a confederation, an association, a league or a club as well as any other persons obliged to comply with the FIFA Statutes (except players, match and football agents).

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

Player: a football player licensed by FAM.

SAFF: The South Asian Football Federation.

Regional association: an organisation that is subordinate to an association.

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

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Article 1 Legal form, headquarters and trademarks

1 FAM is a private organisation of an associative nature established in Male' and registered in compliance with the Sports Act [No:30/2015] of the Republic of Maldives. It is formed for an indeterminate period of time.

2 The headquarters of FAM are located in Male', capital of the Republic of Maldives at the following address or at any address as determined by the Executive Committee.

Football Association of Maldives
FAM House, Ujaalaa Hingun,
Male', 20388
Rep. of Maldives

3 FAM is a member of FIFA, The AFC and of SAFF.

4 The flag of FAM is depicted in Annex A of these Statutes.

5 The logo of FAM is depicted in Annex A of these Statutes.

6 The abbreviation of the Football Association of Maldives is FAM.

7 The flag, logo and abbreviation are legally registered with the relevant government department.

Article 2 Objectives

The objectives of FAM are:

a) to improve the game of football constantly and promote, regulate and control it throughout the territory of FAM 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, futsal and beach soccer 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, SAFF and of FAM as well as the Laws of the Game, and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members;

f) to ensure that the game of football is available to and resourced for all who wish to participate throughout the territory of FAM, regardless of gender and age;

g) 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;

h) to promote and strengthen good governance principles and practices at national level and encourage its Members to adopt their own good governance principles;

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i) to promote the development of women's football and the full participation of women at all levels of football governance;

j) to control and supervise all friendly football matches of all forms played throughout the territory of FAM;

k) 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 FAM, in accordance with the relevant Statutes and regulations of FIFA and of the confederations;

l) to manage international sporting relations connected with association football, futsal and beach soccer and to maintain a good and cooperative relationship with other Associations, The AFC and FIFA;

m) to host competitions at international and other levels.

Article 3 Human rights

FAM is committed to respecting all internationally recognised human rights and shall strive to promote the protection of these rights.

Article 4 Non-discrimination and equality

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 other disciplinary measures.

Article 5 Neutrality and institutional independence

1 FAM is neutral in matters of politics and religion.

2 The Members of FAM shall also be neutral in matters of politics and religion and shall ensure that their own members remain neutral.

3 FAM shall remain independent and shall avoid any form of undue political interference. FAM shall manage its affairs independently and shall ensure that its own affairs are not influenced by any third parties.

Article 6 Promoting friendly relations

1 FAM shall promote friendly relations between its Members, clubs, officials and players and in society for humanitarian objectives.

2 FAM shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between the Members, clubs, officials and players.

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Article 7 Players

The status of players and the provisions for their registration and transfer shall be governed by specific regulations issued by the Executive Committee in accordance with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.

Article 8 Laws of the Game

1 FAM and each of its Members shall 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 FAM and each of its Members shall play futsal in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game issued by FIFA. Only FIFA may lay down and alter the Futsal Laws of the Game.

3 FAM and each of its Members shall play beach soccer in accordance with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game issued by FIFA. Only FIFA may lay down and alter the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

Article 9 Conduct of bodies, Officials and others

1 All bodies and officials of FAM shall observe the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions and the Code of Ethics of FIFA, of The AFC, SAFF and of FAM in their activities.

2 Every person and organisation involved in the game of association football, futsal and beach soccer in the territory of FAM is obliged to observe the Statutes and regulations of FIFA, of The AFC, SAFF of FAM and any other relevant statutes, as well as the principles of fair play, loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.

Article 10 Official languages

1 The official languages of FAM shall be Dhivehi and English. Corporate documents (as listed in art. 83 of these Statutes) shall be written in these languages. In the event of any divergence in the interpretation of texts in different languages, the text written in English shall be authoritative.

2 The official languages at the Congress shall be Dhivehi and English.

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Article 11 Admission, suspension and loss of membership

1 The Congress shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a Member.

2 Admission may be granted if the applicant fulfils the requirements of FAM in accordance with these Statutes.

3 Membership is terminated by dissolution, resignation or expulsion. Loss of membership does not relieve the Member from its financial obligations towards FAM or other Members of FAM, but leads to the loss of all rights in relation to FAM.

Article 12 Members

1 The Members of FAM are:

a) First Division Clubs;

b) Second Division Clubs.

2 FAM shall keep a register which shall include the following information on each Member:

a) unique identification number;

b) legal name;

c) legal form;

d) authorised signatories;

e) additional information, in particular relevant to club licensing (e.g. club structure; identity; sporting results), as decided by the Executive Committee.

3 The up-to-date information related to letters a, b, c and d shall be publicly available on the website of FAM.

4 Upon request, FAM shall confirm in writing the status of a Member.

Article 13 Admission

1 Any legal person wishing to become a Member of FAM shall apply in writing to the general secretariat of FAM.

2 The application must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:

a) a copy of its legally valid statutes or constitutional document and, if applicable, regulations;

b) a declaration that it will comply at all times with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of FAM, FIFA and The AFC and ensure that these are also respected, if applicable, by its own members, clubs, officials and players;

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c) a declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game in force as laid down by The IFAB, as well as the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game and the Futsal Laws of the Game as laid down by FIFA;

d) a declaration that it will refer in the last instance (i.e. after exhaustion of all internal channels within FAM) any dispute of national dimension arising from or related to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FAM only to CAS, which shall definitely settle the dispute to the exclusion of any Ordinary court, unless expressly prohibited by the legislation in force in Republic of Maldives;

e) a declaration that any dispute of international dimension arising from or related to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA or of The AFC or of SAFF may only be submitted in the last instance to CAS, as specified in the Statutes of FIFA, of The AFC and of SAFF;

f) a declaration that it recognises CAS as specified in the Statutes of FIFA, of The AFC , SAFF and of FAM and its decisions;

g) a declaration that it is located and registered on the territory of Maldives;

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 declaration to the effect that the members of its own bodies were elected or appointed as a result of a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the election or appointment;

j) a list of officials, specifying those who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;

k) a copy of the minutes of its last Congress or constitutional meeting;

l) if applicable, a declaration that it undertakes to organise or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of FAM;

m) if applicable, a declaration that it will play all official home matches on the territory of FAM.

Article 14 Request and procedure for application

1 The Executive Committee shall verify if the formal requirements of art. 13 of these Statutes are complied with. The Executive Committee shall then request that the Congress either admit an applicant or not. The applicant may state the reasons for its application to the Congress.

2 The new Member shall acquire membership rights and duties as soon as it has been admitted. Its delegates are eligible to vote and be elected with immediate effect.

Article 15 Members' rights

1 The Members of FAM have the following rights:

a) to take part in the Congress, to receive its agenda in advance, to be called to the Congress within the prescribed time, to exercise their rights to participate in the debates and discussions and to exercise their voting rights;

b) to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;

c) to nominate candidates for elections and/or appointment to the relevant bodies of FAM;

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d) to be informed of the affairs of FAM through its official bodies and be informed of the decisions taken by the Executive Committee;

e) to take part in competitions (if applicable) and/or other sporting activities and programmes organised by FAM and organise championships (if applicable) following the assignment thereof by FAM and under its auspices;

f) to exercise all other rights arising from the Statutes and regulations of FAM.

2 The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in the Statutes and applicable regulations of FAM.

Article 16 Members' obligations

1 The Members of FAM have the following obligations:

a) to comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, The AFC , SAFF and FAM at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members;

b) to ensure the election of its own decision-making bodies at least every four years;

c) to convene their supreme and legislative body once a year;

d) to take part in competitions (if applicable) and other sporting activities organised by FAM;

e) to pay their membership subscriptions;

f) to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by The IFAB, as well as 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 its members through a statutory provision;

g) to adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute of national dimension arising from or related to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FAM may only be referred in the last instance (i.e. after exhaustion of all internal channels within FAM) to CAS, which shall definitely settle the dispute to the exclusion of any Ordinary court, unless expressly prohibited by the legislation in force in Republic of Maldives;

h) to adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute of international dimension arising from or related to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA or of The AFC or SAFF may only be submitted in the last instance to CAS, as specified in the Statutes of FIFA, of The AFC and of SAFF;

i) to manage their affairs independently and ensure that their own affairs are not influenced by any third parties in accordance with art. 21 of these Statutes;

j) to ensure that their bodies are either elected or appointed according to a procedure that guarantees the complete independence and integrity of the election or appointment process;

k) to communicate to FAM any amendment to its statutes and regulations as well as any changes to its internal organisation (e.g. the list of officials who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties);

l) not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognised or with Members that have been suspended or expelled;

m) to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision and ensure that these are also respected by their members through a statutory provision;

n) to observe the mandatory items specified under art. 13 par. 2 of these Statutes for the duration of their affiliation;

o) to administer a register of members which shall regularly be updated;

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p) to ratify statutes that are in accordance with the requirements of these Statutes;

q) to comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, The AFC , SAFF and FAM.

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

3 Violation of par. 1 i) above may also lead to sanctions, even if the third-party influence was not the fault of the Member concerned. Each Member of FAM is responsible towards it for any and all acts of the members of their bodies caused by the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of such members.

Article 17 Suspension

1 The Congress is responsible for suspending a Member. The Executive Committee may, however, prior to a vote of the Congress, temporarily suspend with immediate effect a Member that seriously and/or repeatedly violates its obligations as a Member. The suspension approved by the Executive Committee shall last until the next Congress, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime.

2 The motion for suspension must be adopted by a three-quarter majority of the valid votes cast. A suspension of a Member by the Congress or a temporary suspension by the Executive Committee shall be confirmed at the next Congress. If it is not confirmed, the suspension shall be automatically lifted with immediate effect.

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

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

Article 18 Expulsion

1 The Congress may expel a Member if it seriously and repeatedly violates the Statutes, regulations directives or decisions of FIFA, The AFC , SAFF and FAM.

2 The motion for expulsion must be adopted by a three-quarter majority of the valid votes cast.

Article 19 Resignation

1 A Member may resign from FAM 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.

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

Article 20 Dissolution

1 If a Member dissolves, either voluntarily or due to legal reasons, its membership to FAM shall terminate with immediate effect at the moment its legal personality ceases to exist.

2 The executive body of the Member shall immediately inform the general secretariat of FAM when the dissolution procedure begins.

Article 21 Independence of Members and their bodies

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

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

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

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

Article 22 Status of clubs, leagues, regional associations and other groups of clubs

1 Clubs, leagues, regional associations or any other groups of clubs affiliated to FAM shall be subordinate to and recognised by FAM. There shall only be one top-tier national league on the territory of FAM.

2 These Statutes define the scope of authority and the rights and duties of the entities mentioned in par. 1 above. Their statutes and regulations shall be in line with the requirements and obligations of the Statutes and regulations of FAM. FAM shall have the primary responsibility to regulate matters relating to refereeing, the fight against doping, the registration of players, club licensing, the imposition of disciplinary measures, including for ethical misconduct, as well as measures required to protect the integrity of competitions, including the fight against match-fixing.

3 The entities mentioned in par. 1 above shall take all decisions on any matters regarding their membership independently of any external body. This obligation applies regardless of their corporate structure.

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

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Article 23 Honorary president and honorary member

1 The Congress may bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member upon any person for meritorious service to football.

2 The Executive Committee shall make these nominations.

3 The honorary president or honorary member may take part in the Congress. They may join the debates but are not entitled to vote.

Article 24 Bodies

1 The Congress is the supreme and legislative body.

2 The Executive Committee is the strategic and oversight body.

3 The general secretariat is the executive, operational and administrative body.

4 Standing and ad hoc committees shall advise and assist the Executive Committee and the general secretariat in fulfilling their duties.

5 The club licensing bodies are in charge of the club licensing system within FAM.

6 The independent committees fulfil their functions in accordance with these Statutes and applicable regulations. The independent committees are the Audit and Compliance Committee, the electoral committees and the judicial bodies.

7 The judicial bodies are the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee and the Appeal Committee.

8 The bodies shall be either elected or appointed by FAM itself without any undue 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 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 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 cases of potential conflicts of interest, etc.).

Article 25 Dismissal of a member of a body

1 The Congress may dismiss a member of a body. The Executive Committee may also dismiss a member of a body provisionally, with the exception of the members of the independent committees. The provisional dismissal approved by the Executive Committee shall be confirmed by the next Congress, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime. If the next Congress is of an elective nature, a dismissed member shall be allowed to be an elective candidate (provided that the member in question fulfils the

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relevant eligibility criteria) on a conditional basis depending on the final decision of the Congress on the dismissal which shall be taken before the election.

2 The motion for dismissal must be justified and shall be sent to the members of the Executive Committee and/or to the Members of FAM along with the respective agenda.

3 The member of the body in question has the right to defend himself in front of the Executive Committee and/or the Congress.

4 The motion for dismissal shall be decided by means of secret ballot at the Executive Committee and/or the Congress. For the motion to be passed, a majority of three-quarters of the valid votes cast is required.

5 The member dismissed (provisionally or not) is relieved of his/her functions with immediate effect.

A. Congress

Article 26 Definition and composition

1 The Congress is a meeting at which all of the Members regularly convene. It represents the supreme and legislative authority of FAM. Only a Congress that is duly convened has the authority to make decisions. The Congress may be held in person or by videoconference.

2 The Congress shall be constituted in accordance with the principles of representative democracy and shall take into account the importance of gender equality in football, the interests of women's football and stakeholders' representation in football.

3 The Congress may be ordinary or extraordinary.

4 The President shall chair the Congress in compliance with these Statutes, the Standing Orders of the Congress as well as any applicable regulations.

5 The Executive Committee may appoint observers who take part in the Congress without the right to debate or to vote.

Article 27 Delegates and votes

1 The Congress is composed of 33 delegates. The number of delegates is allocated as follows:

a) for each of the 10 First Division clubs: 2 delegates with 1 vote each (Total of 20 votes);

b) for each of the 13 Second Division Clubs: 1 delegate with 1 vote each (Total of 13 votes).

2 Delegates must belong to the Member that they represent and be appointed or elected by the appropriate body of that Member. They must also be able to produce evidence of this upon request.

3 Each delegate has one vote in the Congress. Only the delegates present are entitled to vote. Attendance by videoconference shall constitute presence. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted. When a Congress is held by videoconference, voting online is permitted.

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4 The members of the Executive Committee and the General Secretary shall take part in the Congress without voting rights. During their terms of office, members of the Executive Committee may not be appointed as delegates to the Congress.

Article 28 Areas of authority

The Congress has the following areas of authority:

a) adopting or amending these Statutes, the Standing Orders of the Congress and the Electoral Code of FAM;

b) appointing three Members to check the minutes and approving the minutes of the last meeting;

c) electing the President, the vice-president(s) and members of the Executive Committee;

d) electing[1] the chairpersons, the deputy chairpersons and members of the independent committees (i.e. Audit and Compliance Committee, electoral committees and judicial bodies), upon proposal of the Executive Committee;

e) appointing scrutineers to count the votes and to assist the Electoral Committee in distributing the ballot papers issued for the elections;

f) approving the annual audited financial statements, including the consolidated financial statements and the annual report;

g) approving the budget;

h) approving the activity report (containing the activities of FAM since the last Congress);

i) appointing the independent and external auditors upon proposal of the Executive Committee;

j) fixing the membership subscriptions upon proposal of the Executive Committee;

k) bestowing the title of honorary president or honorary member, upon proposal of the Executive Committee;

l) admitting, suspending or expelling a Member;

m) dismissing a member of a body of FAM;

n) dissolving FAM and deciding upon the utilisation of its financial assets;

o) passing decisions at the request of a Member in accordance with these Statutes or passing any decision entrusted to the Congress in accordance with these Statutes.

Article 29 Quorum

1 Decisions passed by the Congress shall only be valid if a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the Members eligible to vote are present.

2 If a quorum is not achieved, a second Congress shall take place the next day at the same time and with the same agenda.

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3 A quorum is not required for the second meeting of the Congress unless an item on the agenda proposes the amendment of these Statutes, the election of the President, vice-presidents or members of the Executive Committee, the election of the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons or members of the independent committees, the dismissal of a member of a body, the suspension or expulsion of a Member or the dissolution of FAM.

4 Once it is declared that the Congress has been convened and composed in accordance with these Statutes, the quorum shall not be influenced by delegates departing.

Article 30 Decisions

1 A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count, unless decided otherwise by the Congress. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favour of a motion or if at least 10 delegates representing the Members present and eligible to vote request it, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order.

2 Unless otherwise stipulated in these 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 way as well as abstentions[2] shall be disregarded when calculating the majority.

Article 31 Elections

1 Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. However, if the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacant positions, the Congress may decide to proceed otherwise (by show of hands/cards or by acclamation).

2 Elections shall be conducted in accordance with the Electoral Code of FAM and shall be supervised by the Electoral Committee.

3 The election for the positions within the Executive Committee shall take place by list.

4 Every list in the election for the positions within the Executive Committee shall be proposed by at least five voting Members (including at least two Member clubs belonging to the First Division) and be composed in accordance with art. 38 par. 1. Each Member shall support one list only. If a Member supports more than one list, none of its expressions of support shall be considered valid.

5 For the election for the positions within the Executive Committee, a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is necessary for a list to be elected. If there are more than two lists, whichever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated after each ballot until only two lists are left.

6 For the election of the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the independent committees (i.e. Audit and Compliance Committee, electoral committees and judicial bodies), the candidate(s) who receive(s) the most votes in respect of the free seat(s) shall be elected. These elections may be conducted en bloc. However, at the request of at least 10 delegates representing the Members, a separate vote for a specific candidate shall take place.

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7 In case of a tied vote in any elections of any body, two new ballots shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure set forth in this article. If the tied vote remains, the relevant position shall remain vacant until a new elective Congress convenes to proceed with new elections according to these Statutes.

8 Blank ballot papers, invalid votes or electronic votes manipulated in any way as well as abstentions shall be disregarded when calculating the majority.

9 Candidatures for any of the positions of the Executive Committee shall be sent to the general secretariat at least 45 days before the relevant elective Congress. The official list of candidates must be passed to the Members of FAM at least 10 days before the Congress at which the Executive Committee shall be elected. The provisions of this paragraph shall also apply when elections take place during an Extraordinary Congress.

10 Candidatures for any of the positions of the independent committees (i.e. Audit and Compliance Committee, electoral committees and judicial bodies) shall be sent to the general secretariat at least 45 days before the relevant elective Congress. The official list of candidates must be passed to the Members of FAM at least 10 days before the Congress at which the members in question shall be elected.

Article 32 Ordinary Congress

1 The Ordinary Congress shall be held every year.

2 The Executive Committee shall fix the place and date. The Members shall be notified in writing at least 60 days in advance.

3 Any proposal that a Member wishes to submit to the Congress shall be sent to the general secretariat in writing, with a brief explanation, at least 30 days before the date of the Congress.

4 The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least 10 days before the date of the Congress. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the activity report, the financial statements, the independent and external auditors' report and any other relevant documents, including the official list of candidates (if relevant).

Article 33 Ordinary Congress agenda

1 The General Secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Executive Committee and the Members.

2 The Congress agenda shall include the following mandatory items (in chronological order):

a) a declaration that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with these Statutes;

b) approval of the agenda;

c) an address by the President;

d) appointment of Members to check the minutes;

e) appointment of scrutineers;

f) suspension or expulsion of Members (if applicable);

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g) approval of the minutes of the preceding Congress;

h) activity report (containing the activities since the last Congress);

i) presentation of the consolidated and revised balance sheet and the profit and loss statement, as well as the independent and external auditors' report;

j) approval of the audited financial statements;

k) approval of the budget;

l) votes on proposals for amendments to these Statutes, the Standing Orders of the Congress and the Electoral Code of FAM (if applicable);

m) discussion of proposals submitted by the Members and the Executive Committee in accordance with the procedure stipulated under art. 32 par. 3 of these Statutes;

n) appointment of the independent and external auditors (if applicable) upon proposal of the Executive Committee;

o) dismissal of a member of a body of FAM (if applicable);

p) election of the President, vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee (if applicable);

q) elections of the members of the independent committees, i.e. the Audit and Compliance Committee, electoral committees and judicial bodies (if applicable), upon proposal of the Executive Committee;

r) admission for membership (if applicable).

3 The Congress shall not take a decision on any point not included in the agenda.

4 The agenda of an Ordinary Congress may be altered, provided more than 50% of the delegates representing the Members present at the Congress and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.

Article 34 Extraordinary Congress

1 The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time.

2 The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Congress if two-thirds of the delegates representing the Members of FAM make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items to be included in the agenda. An Extraordinary Congress shall be held within 30 days of receipt of the request. If an Extraordinary Congress is not convened, the delegates representing the Members who requested it may convene the Congress themselves. In doing so, they shall inform all the Members of FAM and the Executive Committee of the date and location of the Extraordinary Congress, along with the items to be included in the agenda in accordance with par. 3 below.

3 The Members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda at least 10 days before the date of an Extraordinary Congress. This convocation shall contain the agenda and any other relevant documents.

4 When an Extraordinary Congress is convened on the initiative of the Executive Committee, it must draw up the agenda. When it is convened upon the request of the Members, the agenda must contain the points raised by those Members.

5 The agenda of an Extraordinary Congress must not be altered.

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Article 35 Amendments to the Statutes, Standing Orders of the Congress and Electoral Code

1 The Congress is responsible for amending these Statutes, the Standing Orders of the Congress, and the Electoral Code of the FAM.

2 Any proposals for an amendment to these Statutes, the Standing Orders of the Congress and the Electoral Code must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the Executive Committee. A proposal submitted by delegates representing a Member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least nine other delegates representing the Members.

3 A proposal for an amendment to these Statutes, the Standing Orders of the Congress or to the Electoral Code of FAM shall be adopted only if at least two-thirds of the delegates representing the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

4 FAM shall communicate to FIFA and The AFC any proposal of amendments to its Statutes or Electoral Code translated, if necessary, into a common official language of FIFA and The AFC.

Article 36 Minutes

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

Article 37 Effective dates of decisions

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

B. Executive Committee

Article 38 Composition

1 The Executive Committee shall consist of 11 members, at least two of whom shall be women, as follows:

a) 1 President;

b) 1 First Vice-President;

c) 2 Second Vice-Presidents;

c) 7 ordinary members.

2 The President, the vice-president(s) and the other members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Congress in accordance with art. 31 of these Statutes. They shall

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undergo an integrity check, to be conducted by the Electoral Committee, prior to their election or re-election.

3 The mandate of the President, vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee shall be for four years. Their term of office shall follow the same electoral cycle. Their mandates shall immediately begin after the end of the Congress which has elected them and expire at the end of the Congress at which their successors are elected. No person may serve as President for more than three terms of office (whether consecutive or not). All other members (including any vice-president) of the Executive Committee may serve for no more than three terms of office (whether consecutive or not). Any partial term of office shall count as one full term.

4 All members of the Executive Committee shall fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

a) Shall be a Maldivian Citizen.

b) Shall not be below 21 years of age and shall not be above 65 years of age at the time of the submission of his candidacy ;

c) Shall have already been active as an Official in football or as a former football player for two of the last five years ;

d) Shall have completed an academic secondary school education or its equivalent ;

e) Shall not have been subject to criminal convictions or disciplinary sanctions by a state court, in particular if the offence in question was a substantive issue and not a minor infraction or procedural misconduct ;

f) Shall not have been found guilty and/or sentenced by the FIFA Ethics Committee or any other sporting body with a sanction that would seriously put into question the discharge of the office concerned ;

g) shall fulfil the prerequisites stipulated in art. 24 par. 8 of these Statutes.

5 A member of the Executive Committee may not at the same time be a member of an independent committee and may not be appointed/elected as a delegate representing a Member at the Congress.

6 If a position or up to 50% of the positions of the Executive Committee become vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill the position(s) in question until the next Congress, when replacement(s) for the position(s) will be elected for the remaining period of office.

7 If more than 50% of the positions of the Executive Committee become vacant, the General Secretary shall convene an Elective Extraordinary Congress immediately within the prescribed period of time. In the meantime, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall take care of the daily affairs of FAM until new elections are held.

8 Any position within the Executive Committee shall be considered vacant in case of death, resignation or if the member concerned is permanently prevented from performing his official function.

Article 39 Meetings

1 The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year. The meetings of the Executive Committee may be held in person or by videoconference.

2 The President shall convene the Executive Committee meetings. If more than 50% of the Executive Committee members request a meeting, the President shall convene it so that the meeting is held within 14 days of the receipt of the request. If the President does not

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convene the requested meeting by the aforementioned deadline, the other members of the Executive Committee shall convene it themselves but must send the agenda to all members of the Executive Committee at least three days before the meeting in line with par. 3 below.

3 The President, assisted by the general secretariat, shall compile the agenda, which needs to be notified to the members at least ten days prior to the meeting. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda. The members of the Executive Committee must submit the items they wish to be included in the agenda for the meeting to the general secretariat at least seven days before the meeting. As a rule, the final agenda and the relevant documents must be sent out to the members of the Executive Committee at least three days before the meeting.

4 The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee in a consultative role and without voting rights. If the General Secretary is unable to attend a meeting, the General Secretary may nominate a representative to attend the meeting on his/her behalf.

5 The meetings of the Executive Committee shall not be held in public. The Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee.

6 The President may also convene the Executive Committee on an urgent basis to deal with any matter requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee. In such cases, the deadlines mentioned in par. 3 above may be either reduced or disregarded if the urgency so requires.

Article 40 Powers

The Executive Committee shall have the following powers:

a) passing decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the Congress or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes;

b) preparing, with the assistance of the general secretariat, and convening the Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress;

c) appointing the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the standing committees;

d) deciding to set up ad hoc committees if necessary at any time;

e) approving and issuing the regulations for the organisation of standing committees and ad hoc committees;

f) appointing or dismissing the General Secretary upon proposal of the President;

g) proposing the independent and external auditors to the Congress;

h) appointing replacements for vacancies in the independent committees until the next Congress;

i) approving and issuing regulations governing the conditions of participation in and the staging of competitions organised by FAM;

j) approving and issuing regulations regarding a club licensing system governing the participation of clubs in the competition of FAM and The AFC, in compliance with the minimum requirements of the club licensing system as set up by The AFC and FIFA;

k) appointing the coaches for the representative teams and other technical staff;

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l) approving and issuing the Internal Organisation Regulations of FAM.

m) ensuring that these Statutes are applied and adopting the executive arrangements required for their application;

n) dismissing a member of a body, with the exception of independent committees, or suspending a Member of FAM provisionally until the next Congress;

o) delegating tasks under its authority to other bodies;

p) appointing observers who may take part in the Congress without the right to debate or to vote;

q) Authorising major expenditures and major financial commitments;

r) Supervising fundraising, sponsorships, and investment decisions;

s) Approving key contracts and leases;

t) Supervising major events, programs, and strategic initiatives;

u) Approving compliance, risk management, and internal control policies proposed by the Audit and Compliance Committee.

Article 41 Decisions

1 The Executive Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless a majority (more than 50%) of its members are present. Attendance by videoconference shall constitute presence.

2 The Executive Committee shall reach decisions by a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast, unless otherwise stipulated in these Statutes. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted. When a meeting of the Executive Committee is held by videoconference, voting online or through other modern means of written communication (e.g. emails, messaging apps) are permitted.

3 Any member of the Executive Committee must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interests.

4 The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes.

5 The decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall come into effect immediately, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.

C. PRESIDENT

Article 42 President

1 The President is primarily responsible for:

a) ensuring that the statutory objectives, mission, strategic direction, policies and values of FAM are sustainably pursued and fostering a positive image of FAM;

b) implementing the decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee through the general secretariat;

c) ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes;

d) supervising the work of the general secretariat;

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e) the relations between FAM and its Members, FIFA, The AFC, SAFF, political bodies and other organisations.

2 Only the President may propose to the Executive Committee the appointment of the General Secretary. The President may however also propose to the Executive Committee the dismissal of the General Secretary.

3 The President shall preside over the Congress and the Executive Committee meetings and those committees of which the President has been appointed chairperson.

4 The President shall have an ordinary vote on the Executive Committee.

5 If the President is absent or unavailable, the longest-serving vice-president available shall deputise.

6 If the position of the President becomes vacant in the sense of art. 38 par. 8 of these Statutes, the First Vice-President shall deputise until the next Congress. This Congress shall elect a new President for the remaining period of office.

7 Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the Internal Organisation Regulations of FAM.

Article 43 Representation and signature

The President represents FAM generally. The Executive Committee shall adopt special provisions in the Internal Organisation Regulations of FAM regarding the joint signature of office holders.

D. GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 44 General secretariat

The general secretariat is the executive, operational and administrative body and shall carry out the work of FAM under the direction of the General Secretary. The members of the general secretariat are bound by the Internal Organisational Regulations of FAM and shall fulfil the given tasks in good faith.

Article 45 General Secretary

1 The General Secretary is the chief executive officer of FAM.

2 The General Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Committee upon proposal of the President on the basis of an agreement governed by private law and shall have the necessary professional qualifications and/or experience.

3 The General Secretary shall be responsible for:

a) implementing decisions passed by the Congress and Executive Committee in compliance with the President's directives;

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b) attending the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee and the standing and ad hoc committees;

c) organising the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee and other bodies;

d) compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, Executive Committee and standing and ad hoc committees;

e) managing and keeping the accounts;

f) correspondence;

g) the relations with the Members, committees, FIFA and The AFC, SAFF under the direction of the President;

h) organising the general secretariat;

i) the appointment and dismissal of staff working in the general secretariat;

j) providing the electoral committees with logistic and operative support for the elections.

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

5. The General Secretary shall not be a Congress delegate or a member of any other body.

E. STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 46 Standing committees

1 The standing committees are:

a) Finance Committee;
b) Competitions Committee;
c) Technical and Development Committee;
d) Referees Committee;
e) Committee for Women's Football;
f) Players' Status Committee;
g) Amateur and Grassroots Committee;
h) Medical Committee;
i) Media and Communication Committee;
j) Legal Committee.

2 Chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the standing committees may be members of the Executive Committee.

3 The members of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee upon proposal of the Members of FAM or the President. The chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and the members of the standing committees shall be appointed for a term of office of four years. They may be appointed or dismissed by the Executive Committee at any time without the approval of the Congress.

4 The members of the standing committees shall have altogether the capacity, knowledge, ability and experience required to fulfil the tasks and duties of their respective committees. The Executive Committee shall ensure appropriate female and stakeholders' representation on standing committees.

5 Each chairperson shall represent his/her standing committee and conduct business in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Internal Organisation Regulations of FAM approved by the Executive Committee.

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6 Each chairperson shall fix the dates of meetings in collaboration with the General Secretary, ensure that all tasks are carried out and report back to the Executive Committee. Meetings may take place in person or by videoconference.

7 The Executive Committee and each standing committee, the latter with the approval of the Executive Committee, may, if necessary, set up a bureau and/or sub-committee to settle urgent matters; in such a case, decisions may be passed through modern means of written communication (e.g. emails, messaging apps). Any discussions and decisions of the bureau and/or sub-committee shall be reported to the relevant standing committee as soon as it is practicable to do so.

8 Each standing committee may propose to the Executive Committee amendments to the relevant provisions of the Internal Organisation Regulations of FAM that concern its committee.

Article 47 Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall monitor the financial management of FAM and advise the Executive Committee on financial matters and asset management. It shall analyse the budget and the financial statements prepared by the General Secretary and submit them to the Executive Committee for approval. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and three members.

Article 48 Competitions Committee

The Competitions Committee shall organise FAM's competitions of association football, futsal and beach soccer at any level within FAM in compliance with the provisions of these Statutes and the regulations applicable to FAM's competitions. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and three members.

Article 49 Technical and Development Committee

The Technical and Development Committee shall primarily analyse the basic aspects of football training and technical development in football. It shall also be in charge of FAM's development programmes, devising and proposing appropriate strategies, monitoring these strategies and analysing the support and programmes provided to the Members of FAM and providing advice to the Executive Committee on technical and development matters in general. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and three members.

Article 50 Referees Committee

The Referees Committee shall implement the Laws of the Game as well as the Futsal Laws of the Game and the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game. It shall appoint the referees and assistant referees for matches in competitions organised by FAM, organise refereeing matters within FAM in collaboration with the administration and monitor the education and training of

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referees. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and three members, all of whom shall be ex-referees.

Article 51 Committee for Women's Football

The Committee for Women's Football shall organise FAM's women's football competitions and deal with all matters relating to women's football. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and three members. At least three members of this Committee must be Women.

Article 52 Players' Status Committee

1 The Players' Status Committee shall set up and monitor compliance with transfer regulations in accordance with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and determine the status of players for the various competitions of FAM. The Executive Committee may approve special regulations governing the Players' Status Committee's powers of jurisdiction. The Players' Status Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and five members.

2 Players' status disputes involving FAM, its Members, clubs, players, officials, licensed match agents and football agents shall be settled in the last instance by an independent and duly constituted arbitration tribunal in accordance with these Statutes and subject to any applicable national law.

Article 53 Amateur and Grassroots Committee

The Amateur and Grassroots Committee shall deal with all matters relating to amateur and grassroots within FAM and its Members. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and three members.

Article 54 Medical Committee

The Medical Committee shall deal with all Medical related aspects within FAM, including doping. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and three members. At least three members of this Committee shall be qualified to practice medicine.

Article 55 Media and Communication Committee

The Media and Communication Committee shall deal with all Media and Communication related aspects within FAM. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and three members.

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Article 56 Legal Committee

The Legal Committee shall deal with all legal related matters relating to FAM. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and three members, all of whom shall be qualified to practice law.

Article 57 Ad hoc committees

The Executive Committee may, if necessary, create ad hoc committees for special duties and a limited period of time. The Executive Committee shall appoint a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and the appropriate number of members. The duties and function of ad hoc committees are defined in special regulations approved by the Executive Committee. An ad hoc committee shall report directly to the Executive Committee.

F. CLUB LICENSING BODIES

Article 58 Club licensing bodies

1 The club licensing bodies shall be in charge of the club licensing system within FAM in accordance with the Club Licensing Regulations of FAM and The AFC.

2 The club licensing bodies consist of a first instance body and an appeal body.

3 Decisions passed by the club licensing appeal body may only be appealed before CAS in the last instance in accordance with the provisions in these Statutes.

V. INDEPENDENT COMMITTEES

Article 59 Institutional independence

1 The independent committees as well as their individual members shall conduct their activities and perform their duties entirely independently but always in the interests of FAM and in accordance with its Statutes and regulations.

2 The chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the independent committees shall be elected by the Congress upon proposal of the Executive Committee and may only be relieved of their duties by the Congress. They shall not be members of any other body of FAM.

3 The mandate of all members of the independent committees shall last for four years. They may be re-elected for a maximum of three terms.

4 The chairpersons, deputy-chairpersons and members of the Audit and Compliance Committee and of the electoral committees as well as the chairpersons and deputy-chairpersons of the judicial bodies shall comply with the independence criteria as defined in par. 5 below.

5 The persons mentioned in par. 4 above as well as any of their immediate family members may not exercise or have exercised during the four years preceding their initial terms any

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executive function at FAM, one of FAM's Members, a league or a club (including any of their affiliated companies/organisations), nor have or have had in the four years preceding their initial term any material business relationship with FAM, one of FAM's Members, a league or a club (including any of their affiliated companies/organisations). "Immediate family member" shall mean, with respect to a person, such person's spouse or domestic partner, siblings, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, children (including any stepchild or adopted child), grandchildren, son-, daughter-, father- or mother-in-law, and including anyone else, whether by blood or otherwise, with whom the individual has a relationship akin to a family relationship for which such person provides financial support.

6 The chairpersons, deputy-chairpersons and members of the independent committees shall undergo an integrity check to be conducted by the Electoral Committee prior to their election or re-election.

Article 60 Audit and Compliance Committee

1 The Audit and Compliance Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and three members. Its 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 FAM.

2 The Audit and Compliance Committee shall advise, assist and oversee the Executive Committee in monitoring FAM's financial and compliance matters, set up compliance mechanisms and monitor compliance with the relevant regulations of FAM. 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 Audit and Compliance Committee shall furthermore monitor FAM's financial and compliance matters and suggest to the appropriate bodies any action that it deems necessary as a result of such monitoring. The Audit and Compliance Committee shall, with the assistance of the general secretariat, implement a compliance programme within FAM.

3 Details on the Audit and Compliance Committee's responsibilities, its internal cooperation and other procedural matters are stipulated in the Internal Organisation Regulations of FAM.

4 The Audit and Compliance Committee shall submit to the Congress an annual FAM Audit and Compliance Report.

5 If the chairperson, the deputy chairperson or a member of the Audit and Compliance Committee permanently ceases to perform his/her official function during his term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next Congress.

Article 61 Electoral committees

1 The electoral committees are the bodies in charge of organising and supervising the election process in accordance with the Electoral Code of FAM. The electoral committees consist of the Electoral Committee (the first instance body) and the Election Appeal Committee (the second instance body).

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2 The composition and function of the electoral committees shall be governed by the Electoral Code of FAM.

Article 62 Judicial bodies

1 The judicial bodies are:

a) the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee;

b) the Appeal Committee.

2 The judicial bodies are to be composed in such a way that the members, together, have the knowledge, abilities and specialist experience that is necessary for the due completion of their tasks and duties. The chairpersons and deputy chairpersons of the judicial bodies shall be qualified to practise law.

3 If the chairperson, the deputy chairperson or a member of a judicial body permanently ceases to perform his/her official function during his/her term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next Congress, in which the Congress shall appoint a new member of the respective judicial body for the remaining period.

4 The responsibilities and function of the judicial bodies shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary and Ethics Code of FAM.

Article 63 Disciplinary and Ethics Committee

1 The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and the necessary number of other members as determined in the Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

2 The function of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall be governed by the Disciplinary and Ethics Code of FAM.

3 The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the Disciplinary and Ethics Code of FAM on Members, officials, players, clubs, licensed match agents and football agents.

4 These provisions do not affect the powers of the Congress and the Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.

5 The Executive Committee shall issue the Disciplinary and Ethics Code of FAM, which shall be in accordance with the principles laid down in the FIFA Disciplinary Code and the FIFA Ethics Code.

Article 64 Appeal Committee

1 The Appeal Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and the necessary number of other members as determined in the Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

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2 The function of the Appeal Committee shall be governed by the Disciplinary and Ethics Code of FAM.

3 The Appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee that are not declared final by the relevant regulations of FAM.

4 Decisions pronounced by the Appeal Committee may only be referred to CAS in accordance with the provisions in these Statutes.

VI. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Article 65 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;
- h) compliance training.

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.

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VII. ARBITRATION

Article 66 Arbitration

1 Disputes within FAM or disputes affecting Members of FAM, leagues, members of leagues, clubs, members of clubs, players and officials may only be referred in the last instance (i.e. after exhaustion of all internal channels within FAM) to CAS, which shall settle the dispute definitively to the exclusion of any ordinary court, unless expressly prohibited by the legislation in Republic of Maldives.

2 Disputes of international dimension arising from or related to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, of The AFC or of SAFF may only be submitted in the last instance to CAS as specified in the Statutes of FIFA, of The AFC and of SAFF.

Article 67 Jurisdiction

1 FAM shall have jurisdiction on internal national disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging or affiliated to FAM.

2 FIFA and/or The AFC shall have jurisdiction on international disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to different associations and/or confederations, in accordance with the relevant regulations.

3 FAM shall ensure its full compliance and that of all those subject to its jurisdiction with any final decision passed by a FIFA body, a body of The AFC or CAS.

VIII. FINANCE

Article 68 Financial period

1 The financial period of FAM shall be one year and shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December.

2 The revenue and expenses of FAM shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. FAM'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 FAM with its subsidiaries as at 31 March.

Article 69 Revenue

The revenue of FAM comprises:

a) Members' annual subscriptions;
b) receipts generated by the marketing of rights to which FAM is entitled;
c) fines imposed by the authorised bodies;

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d) other subscriptions and receipts in keeping with the objectives pursued by FAM;
e) donations;
f) any other revenue related to football activities;
h) funding from the Government;
g) funding from FIFA and from The AFC.

Article 70 Expenses

FAM shall bear:

a) the expenses stipulated in the budget;
b) other expenses approved by the Congress and expenses that the Executive Committee is entitled to incur within the scope of its authority;
c) all other expenses in keeping with the objectives pursued by FAM.

Article 71 Independent and external auditors

The independent and external auditors appointed by the Congress shall audit on a yearly basis the accounts approved by the Executive Committee in accordance with the appropriate principles of accounting and present a report to the Congress. The independent and external auditors shall be licensed by the institute of Chartered Accountants of the Maldives. The independent and external auditors shall be appointed for a term of four years and shall be rotated at the end of each term.

Article 72 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 Congress at which they are admitted.

2 The Congress shall fix the amount of the annual subscription every four years on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. It shall be the same for every Member and amount to no more than MVR 1,500.

Article 73 Settlement

FAM may debit any Member's assets and accounts to settle claims.

Article 74 Levies

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

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Article 75 Publication of financial data

1 FAM shall publish on its official website the financial documents referred to under art. 33 par. 2 i), j) and k) of these Statutes once the relevant items have been approved by the Congress.

2 FAM shall publish on its official website the annual report of the FAM Audit and Compliance Committee.

3 The remuneration of the members of the Executive Committee (including its President), the General Secretary and the members of the independent committees shall also be made publicly available (e.g. through the official website of FAM) on a regular basis.

IX. COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS IN COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Article 76 Competitions

1 FAM shall organise and coordinate the following official competitions held within its territory:

a) Dhivehi League / Premier League.
b) Second Division.
c) F.A. Cup.
d) Charity Shield.
e) President's Cup.
f) Youth Competitions.

2 The Executive Committee may delegate to FAM's subordinate leagues the authority to organise competitions (e.g. by means of a proper and comprehensive agreement). The competitions organised by the leagues shall not interfere with those competitions organised by FAM. Competitions organised by FAM shall take priority.

3 The Executive Committee may issue special regulations to this end.

4 The Executive Committee may create additional competitions, including competitions at the regional level, subject to approval by the FAM Congress.

Article 77 Rights

1 FAM the original owner of all of the rights emanating from competitions and other events coming under its 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 Executive Committee shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilised and shall draw up special regulations to this end. FAM shall ensure that the sale of such rights is carried out in a transparent manner and in compliance with the Statutes and regulations of FAM as well as mandatory national laws.

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Article 78 Authorisation to distribute

1 FAM 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, without any restrictions.

2 The Executive Committee shall issue special regulations to this end.

X. INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

Article 79 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 FAM is bound by the international match calendar compiled by FIFA.

Article 80 Contacts

FAM, its Members, players, officials, licensed match agents and football agents may not play matches or make sporting contacts with associations that are not members of FIFA or provisional members of a confederation without the approval of FIFA.

Article 81 Approval

1 Clubs, leagues or any other group of clubs that are affiliated to FAM may only join another association with the authorisation of FAM, the other association, the respective confederation(s) and FIFA.

2 Clubs, leagues or any other group of clubs that are affiliated to FAM cannot participate in competitions on the territory of another association without the authorisation of FAM, the other association, FIFA and the respective confederation(s) according to the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.

XI. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 82 Unforeseen contingencies and force majeure

The Executive Committee shall have the power to decide on all cases of force majeure and on all matters not provided for in these Statutes; such decisions shall take into account the

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relevant regulations of FIFA, of The AFC and of SAFF, as well as any applicable mandatory laws.

Article 83 Publication of corporate documents

FAM shall make available on its official website the following documents and information:

a) Statutes and Standing Orders of the Congress;
b) Electoral Code;
c) Disciplinary and Ethics Code;
d) Internal Organisation Regulations;
e) most important/key decisions;
f) its strategy;
g) agenda for Executive Committee and Congress meetings;
h) circular letters;
i) Annual Report of the Audit and Compliance Committee.

Article 84 Dissolution

1 Any decision relating to the dissolution of FAM requires a majority of three-quarters of all of the Members of FAM, which must be obtained at a Congress specially convened for the purpose.

2 If FAM is disbanded, its assets shall be transferred to an entity as determined under national law. Such entity shall hold these assets as a trustee in accordance with the relevant professional duties until FAM is re-established. The final Congress may, however, choose another recipient for the assets on the basis of a three-quarters majority.

Article 85 Enforcement

These Statutes were adopted at the Congress in Male on 27 June 2025 and come into force on 28 June 2025. The former Statutes of FAM are hereby repealed.

Article 86 Transitional provisions

1 The Members as defined under Article 12 of these Statutes shall, at the time of adoption of these Statutes, be deemed to possess all rights of Members as set out herein. However, they shall be granted a period of 12 months, as from the adoption of these Statutes, to comply with the mandatory requirements stipulated in art. 13 par. 2, as well as art. 16 par. 1 g), h), k), o) and p) of these Statutes. Any Member which does not comply with all of these requirements within the aforementioned timeframe, shall automatically lose its right to vote at the Congress and the delegate(s) of the Member in question shall not be taken into account when establishing the quorum. The Member in question shall only regain

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its right to vote at the Congress once it has fully complied with its obligations as mentioned in this paragraph.

2 The term limits as defined in art. 38 par. 3 of these Statutes shall only apply as from the elections of the members of the Executive Committee which shall take place following the adoption of these Statutes.

3 The requirement to have already been active in football as provided for in art. 38 par. 4 c of these Statutes shall not apply to the female candidates running for a position of members of the Executive Committee on the occasion of the first elections of the Executive Committee that shall take place following the adoption of these Statutes.

4 Upon adoption of these Statutes, the Executive Committee shall appoint the members of the Standing Committees as defined under art. 46 to 56 of these Statutes.

5 Within 12 months upon the adoption of these Statutes, the Congress shall elect the relevant members of the independent committees as defined under art. 59 to 64 of the Statutes that are not already in office. Within this same period, the Congress shall also dismiss the relevant members of the independent committees that do not comply with the independence criteria mentioned under art. 59 par. 5 of these Statutes and elect the relevant number of members to fill the positions.

6 The FAM shall have one year as from the adoption of these Statutes to ensure that all other regulations, codes or any other relevant legal document are brought in line with the provisions of these Statutes.

7 For the elections of the Executive Committee which shall take place following the adoption of these Statutes, the normalisation committee shall act as the Electoral Committee as defined in the Electoral Code. Any appeal against any decision of the normalisation committee in connection with the elections, shall be referred to CAS.

8 The Executive Committee elected following the adoption of these Statutes shall work towards developing a comprehensive plan for establishing a women's football competition. This plan shall be submitted to the Congress for approval within one year from the date these Statutes come into effect. The plan should include details on competition structure, participation criteria, and any necessary regulations to ensure the successful implementation and sustainability of the competition.

9 The Executive Committee elected following the adoption of these Statutes shall work towards the establishment of Regional Associations affiliated to FAM.

10 In order to ensure the completion of the mandate of the FAM Normalisation Committee on time before the end of July 2025, the following exceptional deadlines shall apply, instead of the deadlines stipulated in the new FAM Electoral Code, for the electoral process leading to the election of the FAM Executive Committee which will take place during the FAM Extraordinary Elective Congress on 26 July 2025:

i. Candidatures for any of the positions of the Executive Committee shall be sent by recorded post, by email with delivery notification, or delivered by hand in exchange for confirmation of receipt, to the general secretariat at least 20 days before the relevant elective Congress. Candidatures received by the general secretariat shall immediately be forwarded to the secretary of the Electoral Committee as well as to the Audit and Compliance Committee for the relevant integrity checks to be carried out as per Annexe A of the Statutes of FAM.

ii. Within three days of the deadline for submission of the candidatures, the Electoral Committee shall inform in writing those candidates who have failed to provide all the relevant documents in support of their candidatures and grant them another four days to complete their applications. If the relevant candidates fail to complete their applications within the prescribed deadline, their candidatures shall be declared invalid. This paragraph does not apply to the expressions of support

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stipulated in art. 31 par. 4 of the Statutes and to the obligation to provide the full list of candidates as stipulated in article. 38 par. 1 of these Statutes, which need to be submitted within the deadline for submission of the candidatures for the Executive Committee without failure.

iii. The candidatures for the Executive Committee shall be examined by the Electoral Committee within nine days of the deadline for their submission and the candidates shall be informed of the decision of the Electoral Committee within the same period.

iv. Any appeal against any decision of the Normalization Committee related to the elections shall be submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Adopted Timeline:

Announcement and launch of the electoral process: June 28, 2025
Deadline for submission of candidatures: July 6, 2025
Deadline to inform candidates of missing documents: July 9, 2025
Deadline to complete application files: July 13, 2025
Deadline for communicating the decisions: July 15, 2025
Formal Convocation: July 16, 2025
Elective General Assembly: July 26, 2025

Male, 27 June 2025

For Football Association of Maldives

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Acting General Secretary

ANNEXE A – QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INTEGRITY CHECKS

Part 1: General provisions

1 The integrity checks with regard to candidates for, and holders of, official positions within FAM that are subject to such checks ("candidates or holders") shall be conducted by the relevant body in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes and this annexe.

2 Candidates or holders are obliged to comply with the screening and self-disclosure process as outlined in parts 2 and 3 below. Prior to the screening process, every candidate or holder shall give written consent to said process through a form provided by the relevant body conducting the integrity check. If such written consent is not provided, the candidate or holder shall be deemed not to have passed the integrity check.

3 Candidates or holders shall act in good faith at all times and shall fully collaborate to establish the relevant facts upon reasonable notice. If the candidate or holder concerned does not cooperate with the body competent to conduct the integrity check, the candidate or holder shall be deemed not to have passed the integrity check.

4 The candidate or holder shall be deemed not to have passed the integrity check, if he:
a) has been subject to criminal convictions or disciplinary sanctions by a state court, in particular if the offence in question was a substantive issue and not a minor infraction or procedural misconduct;

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b) has been found guilty and/or sentenced by the FIFA Ethics Committee or any other sporting body with a sanction that would seriously put into question the discharge of the office concerned.

5 Subject to the relevant provisions regarding disclosure and forwarding of the information and related data obtained in the context of integrity checks in accordance with this annexe, all such information and related data must be treated as strictly confidential by the body conducting the integrity check concerned.

Part 2: Screening process

1 At the beginning of the screening process, every candidate or holder shall undergo an identification check ("ID check"). In this context, the candidate or holder shall submit a valid copy of his/her passport to the body in charge of performing the integrity check. The ID check shall include verification/identification of the following elements:

a) name(s) and surname(s);

b) address of residence;

c) date and place of birth;

d) nationality/nationalities.

2 Every candidate or holder shall complete the questionnaire contained in part 3 below.

3 The body in charge of performing the integrity check may conduct independent research and/or investigations in order to obtain further relevant information on a particular candidate or holder, which may include information on intermediaries and related parties, mandates, potential conflicts of interest and significant participations as well as civil and criminal proceedings/investigations.

Part 3: Questionnaire

First name(s):	
Surname(s):	
Address of residence:	
Date and place of birth:	
Nationality/nationalities:	
Profession:	

1 Have you previously been convicted by a final decision of any intentional indictable offence or of any offence corresponding to a violation of the rules of conduct set out in part II section 5 of the FIFA Code of Ethics?

No ☐ Yes ☐

If yes, please specify:

2 Has a sports governing body ever imposed any disciplinary or similar sanction or measure on you in the past for actions which amount to a violation of the rules of conduct set out in part II section 5 of the FIFA Code of Ethics?

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No ☐ Yes ☐

If yes, please specify:

3 Are you the subject of any pending civil, criminal or disciplinary proceedings or investigations?

No ☐ Yes ☐

If yes, please specify:

4 I am fully aware that I am subject to the provisions of the Disciplinary and Ethics Code of FAM and to the provisions of the Statutes and other regulations of FAM that may address integrity issues, and I fully comply with such provisions.

5 I currently hold the following positions in football:

6 The following facts and circumstances may give rise to potential conflicts of interest regarding me (cf. in particular art. 23 par. 9 of these Statutes):

7 Remarks and observations which may be of potential relevance in the context of the integrity check:

8 I am fully aware and agree that this questionnaire is made available to the members of the appropriate body of FAM.

9 I am fully aware and confirm that I must notify the body conducting the integrity check of any relevant facts and circumstances arising after the integrity check has been completed.

10 I am fully aware and confirm that I am obliged to collaborate fully to establish the relevant facts with regard to the integrity check to which I am subject. In particular, I will comply with requests for any documents, information or any other material of any nature held by me. In addition, I will comply with the procurement and provision of documents, information or any other material of any nature not held by me but which I am entitled to obtain.

11 I am fully aware and confirm that the body conducting the integrity check may also request information on possible sanctions (questions 1 and 2 above) directly from FIFA or the relevant confederation as well as from other institutions such as the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, or the International Olympic Committee. In this regard, I hereby release the relevant institutions from any obligation of confidentiality relating to the information concerned.

12 I am fully aware and confirm that the body conducting the integrity check may collect further information on me in accordance with part 2 par. 3 of this annexe.

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(Place and date) (Signature)

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Annex B FAM Flag & Logo

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