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**FIFA Executive Committee: ITUC FIFA Joint Inspections in Qatar**

Dear Mr Blatter

Abuses of workers' rights, hazardous work, non-payment of wages and forced labour continue to take place in Qatar. Based on the numbers of reported fatalities from India and Nepal alone over the past three years, in the absence of fundamental reform 4000 workers could die before the start of the 2022 World Cup.

Immediate action must be taken to ensure workers' rights and stop workers dying. Workers' rights must be a condition of Qatar hosting the World Cup in 2022.

The labour inspection system in Qatar has failed, and the government's announcement would simply add some inspectors into a system that doesn't work will not make a difference.

Workers are not able to speak freely as, under the strict visa sponsorship system, employers retain their passports and they are not allowed to change jobs or leave the country without the employer's permission.

We would like to propose a series of joint ITUC / FIFA inspections of workplaces and living quarters in Qatar to monitor the treatment and rights of workers in Qatar.

The International Trade Union Confederation has experts with substantial experience on occupational health and safety, labour rights, living conditions and medical care who could conduct independent and credible inspections and report on conditions in Qatar.

Despite more than two years of dialogue with an entreaty to the Qatar authorities, no substantive steps have been taken by them to guarantee fundamental workers' rights in line with international law.

Joint inspections with FIFA and the ITUC's independent worker representatives would assist FIFA in its stated aim to "uphold the respect for human rights and the application of international norms of behaviour as a principle and part of all of our activities."

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



General Secretary