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The Secretary General  
Confederation of African Football (CAF)  
Cairo, Egypt

**Urgent Request for Intervention and Guidance on Governance Issues at SAFA**

Dear SG Mosengo-Omba,

I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention a series of pressing governance and ethical challenges within the South African Football Association (SAFA), which urgently require the attention and intervention of CAF. These issues, if left unaddressed, could lead to further instability, reputational harm, and the potential collapse of trust within the football fraternity in South Africa.

Despite ongoing criminal proceedings against the SAFA President and other implicated officials, the association has failed to take appropriate action. The lack of accountability has been compounded by alarming reports of threats of violence against witnesses, misuse of association resources, and procedural violations that undermine SAFA's statutes and the principles of good governance.

The attached dossier outlines the following key concerns:

- Allegations of financial mismanagement and abuse of SAFA resources, including illegal payments, fraudulent contracts, and manipulation of procurement processes.
- Escalation of violence and intimidation tactics targeting witnesses involved in ongoing legal proceedings.
- Attempts to destabilize provincial structures, including the Northern Cape, to entrench undue influence.
- The risk of losing key sponsors due to inaction and reputational damage caused by these unresolved governance issues.
- Instances of statutory breaches, including the irregular appointment of senior officials and the circumvention of NEC authority.

CAF's directive in May 2024 to institute an inquiry into these matters was a welcome step, but there has been limited transparency regarding the progress of this investigation. As such, we respectfully request an update on the status of the inquiry, as well as CAF's latest position regarding the fraud and theft charges against the SAFA President.

In light of the escalating risks, I kindly urge CAF to:

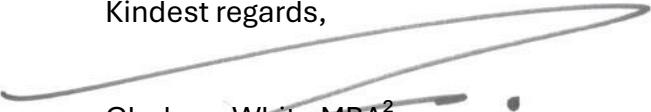
1. Expedite the release of a preliminary report on the inquiry and share its findings with all relevant stakeholders.

2. Consider suspending the SAFA President and implicated officials to ensure an impartial process and restore public trust.
3. Provide clear guidance on resolving these governance challenges in alignment with CAF's statutes and principles.

We are confident that CAF, under the visionary leadership of President Dr. Patrice Motsepe, will act decisively to protect the integrity of African football. The intervention of CAF at this juncture is critical to safeguarding the future of the game in South Africa and ensuring that football remains a unifying force across the continent.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I remain available for further discussions or to provide additional information should it be required.

Kindest regards,



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