

To: SAFA CEO

**Response to the Recent Round Robin Directive Contradicting NEC Resolutions and Disciplinary Inconsistencies**

Dear Mme Monyepao,

This correspondence is prompted by grave concerns about misrepresentation and undermining of the NEC resolutions from the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 in Nelspruit. The report authored by Mr. Poobalan Govindasami contradicts the collective decisions made by the NEC, particularly regarding the appeal against the docking of three points, which was respectfully and unanimously rejected. It is advisable that the transcripts and recordings of the meeting be revisited for accuracy. The misleading statements by the SAFA President on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025, as reported by Newzroom Afrika, falsely suggest that the issue was closed and misrepresent the NEC's unified position. The SAFA President and CEO must represent SAFA's collective interests and must not pursue personal agendas that contradict NEC rulings.

SAFA Statutes empower the NEC as a collective decision-making body with no authority vested in individuals to override resolutions. Thus, Mr. Govindasami's report nullifying NEC resolutions amounts to negligence and deliberate misrepresentation warranting reporting him to the Legal Practitioner Council as a legal practitioner. Additionally, his false declaration to the SAFA Congress regarding the withdrawal of criminal charges against the SAFA President and CEO is a matter of serious concern.

The NEC unanimously resolved that negligence and incompetence by the Team Manager, which resulted in multimillion-rand losses including a FIFA fine exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand rand plus match win bonuses, should be referred to the CEO as head of administration for appropriate action. It is unacceptable that this same Team Manager, who should have retired in September last year, was granted an illegal two-year contract extension. This raises questions of accountability and governance integrity within SAFA. Given the financial impact, it is only fair that the costs incurred from this negligence be recouped from the Team Manager.

Furthermore, the NEC resolved that the Head of Delegation's failure to lead effectively warranted relinquishing his duties, with the Rwanda fixture marking his final assignment. It must be clarified that no member suggested tabling these reports for round robin discussions, which would contradict SAFA Statutes.

Lastly, the reckless actions of the Minister in unilaterally sending letters to FIFA and CAF without consent, risking SAFA's and South Africa's standing, must be addressed. The Minister's disregard for ongoing criminal proceedings involving senior SAFA officials, despite being informed, is concerning and calls for urgent corrective measures.

It is critical that the CEO's office upholds the NEC's resolutions and SAFA's governance principles by addressing these issues decisively and transparently.

Kindest regards,

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