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**UNFP joins the "Justice for Players" class action lawsuit**

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**After a thorough review of the initiative led by "Justice for Players", the UNFP Board of Directors unanimously decided to join the class action lawsuit launched by the Dutch foundation as a co-plaintiff, with two priority objectives.**

**1. To achieve sustainable reform of the transfer system**

The Diarra ruling by the Court of Justice of the European Union established the illegality of certain provisions of the FIFA transfer regulations. This decision calls for a reform that the UNFP considers essential.

We want this reform to be the result of negotiations between social partners, in accordance with European law, and not a unilateral imposition. Social dialogue must become central to the regulation of the professional footballers' labour market.

At the same time, the UNFP reaffirms its support for the governance framework of European football. We welcome the progress already made through reforms and dialogue at European level, where the involvement of FIFPRO Europe will continue to ensure that players' perspectives contribute to building the future of football across the continent.

**2. Obtaining fair compensation for aggrieved players**

The CJEU has recognised that players who played in the EU or the United Kingdom between 2002 and today have suffered damage as a result of restrictive rules that have been deemed illegal. The UNFP will ensure that its members and former members receive fair compensation for this damage.

Beyond this procedure, the UNFP remains committed to achieving sustainable structural progress. We will continue to prioritise dialogue with all stakeholders in football in order to develop balanced solutions for players.

**The class action is open to all players and former players, regardless of their nationality, who have been under contract with a club in an EU Member State or the United Kingdom.**

For more information: [justiceforplayers.com](https://justiceforplayers.com/)

**David Terrier, President of the UNFP**

*"As a union representing more than 90% of professional players in France, it is our responsibility to join this class action. Our main objective is to offer FIFA a new opportunity to sit down at the negotiating table with players' representatives in order to jointly develop new regulations that comply with European law and strike a fair balance between the interests of employees and employers. We also recognise the importance of recent advances at European level, particularly thanks to the strong partnership that FIFPRO Europe has developed with UEFA. Building on these achievements, the UNFP will play its full role as a social partner to enable the emergence of renewed governance and an objective, transparent and balanced transfer system."*