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Dear FIFA managers,
Dear UEFA managers,

Since October the 7th more than 30,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza by Israel in an unprecedented massacre against the Palestinian people.

We, as MEPs and political representatives of the peoples of Europe, **call on FIFA, UEFA and all other competent bodies to take decisive actions against the continuing human rights violations in Palestine.**

The indiscriminate killing of civilians, the blockade of humanitarian aid or the destruction of infrastructure -which also affects players, referees, public servants, and sports facilities- is a crime that we cannot ignore.

Both, FIFA and UEFA, claim to promote the values of equality, respect and human rights through football. All of these are undoubtedly being violated in Gaza today.

Football cannot contribute to legitimize the occupation and extermination of the Palestinian people. For all these reasons, and following historical examples such as the veto applied to the apartheid in South Africa, we call for an immediate expulsion, as a measure of pressure, of the Israeli national team and the rest of Israeli teams from all European and international competitions until this genocide ends.

Sport cannot serve as a display for those who violate the most essential rights of an entire population.

Not in our name.

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