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Dear Mr Scala

I am writing in relation to your role as Chair of the Ad-Hoc Electoral Committee of FIFA. I have a number of questions that relate to the integrity of one of the candidates for the FIFA Presidential election currently scheduled for February 26, as well as your independence from the election process.

Shaikh Salman

- ***Allegations re human rights abuse***

As I am sure you are aware, there are conflicting reports regarding Shaikh Salman's record in respect of human rights in Bahrain.

The Bahrain national news agency – a state-run media organisation – reported in April 2011 that a commission of inquiry to investigate participation in 'Arab Spring' protests by individuals involved in sport had been established and would be chaired by Shaikh Salman. A subsequent Bahrain news agency report on 20 April 2011 details some of the penalties imposed on individual players and clubs that include arrest, jailing and torture of footballers. Yet in a report in USA Today via Associated Press in November last year, Shaikh Salman says it must be a different Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa and that the committee never met.

Could you please advise which version of events you believe is correct, and the basis on which you make that assessment?

If these allegations are correct, do you think it is appropriate for a candidate for the FIFA Presidency to have been involved in such activity?

- ***Allegations re use of GOAL money***

According to reports in the Al Bilad Press in August 2009, the Bahrain Football Association was running at an operating deficit. They sought a payment of USD\$1.7m from the Bahrian government sports organisation to cover costs of USD\$2.2m incurred by Salman in his campaign against Mohamed Bin Hammam for a FIFA Executive Committee spot. The publication alleged that the funds came, in part, from FIFA GOAL monies.

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The Bahrain FA did not deny the report. Instead, in a written statement to Al Wasat Sports, they attacked the person who leaked the material.

Could you please advise whether you have ascertained that GOAL monies were not used for Shaikh Salman's campaign? If you haven't, could you please advise why you have not looked at this matter? If you have, could you please advise the outcome of your deliberations and the basis on which they were made?

If these allegations are correct, do you think it is appropriate for a candidate for the FIFA Presidency to have used GOAL funds in this way?

- ***Allegations re vote buying***

In April 2009, former FIFA Ethics Committee member, and Australian journalist, Les Murray wrote to Judge Petrus Damaseb, then acting chair of the committee, to inform him that information had come to light that Salman was "buying" votes for the 2009 Asian Football Confederation campaign against Mohamed Bin Hammam for between USD\$100,000 and \$300,000. I note that Murray's source was Mr Bin Hammam, who has since been banned from all football activity for life.

Could you please advise whether Mr Murray's allegation has been investigated? If not, why not? If so, what was the outcome of the investigation?

If the allegation is correct, do you think it is appropriate for a candidate for the FIFA Presidency to have bought votes (even if not successful)?

Mr Scala, what information did you take into account in assessing the Presidential candidates as fit for office whilst supervising the integrity tests?

If we assume that you did your job correctly and tested all these allegations and cleared Shaikh Salman of any wrongdoing – which I am prepared to assume - it is important for both Shaikh Salman and yourself that the broader community is aware of this. Without an understanding of the information you took into account in conducting the 'integrity test', it is difficult for the broader community to have confidence in your assessment – or Shaikh Salman – in light of his repeated refusal to respond to legitimate concerns and questions.

I therefore recommend for the sake of FIFA, and your own reputation, that you release this material publicly immediately in respect of all candidates about these matters.

Independence

The second matter I wish to raise with you relates to your independence as Chair of the Ad-Hoc Electoral Committee.

I am aware of the correspondence between you and Damian Collins MP over the debate that did not take place, scheduled for January 27, hosted by the European Parliament and #NewFIFANow.

There are only three options that can be concluded from your responses to Mr Collins.

1. **There was no complaint from a candidate or another party or individual.** If this is the case, why did Prince Ali (and/or his staff) write to Mr Collins MP and Mr Tarabella MEP saying you had informed them of this? Did you or your staff convey this to Prince Ali or his staff? If there was a complaint, could you please advise of the status of your consideration of the complaint, and whether such a proposed debate would have been a breach of the 'regulations' concerning the Presidential election?
2. **There was a complaint, but you only informed Prince Ali.** If this is the case, why did you only inform Prince Ali (or his staff), and not the other candidates? Are you taking action against Mr Champagne for attending?
3. **There was no conversation between you and Prince Ali about a complaint or any other matter related to the debate.** If this is the case, do you think it is appropriate for a candidate for the FIFA Presidency to lie about such a matter?

Once again, for the good of FIFA and yourself, I recommend you refer these options to the independent Ethics Committee for investigation.

I have copied this letter to Mr Cornel Borbely.

I look forward to hearing from you. My email is jaimie.fuller@skins.net.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jaimie', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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