TO UEFA AUTHORITIES

SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT: Threats made by TFF President İbrahim Hacıosmanoğlu against GSK President Dursun Özbek on a local sports television channel, violating the principles of neutrality, abuse of office, and breaching Articles 15 and 24 of the FIFA Code of Ethics.
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Istanbul, Turkey

COMPLAINED LOCAL FOOTBALL FEDERATION: Turkish Football Federation (TFF)EVIDENCE OF COMPLAINT

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RELEVANT REGULATIONS: FIFA and UEFA regulations and directives concerning neutrality and ethical conduct.

DETAILS OF THE COMPLAINT:

1. Incident Description:
On December 5, 2024, between 20:00 and 21:00 local time, TFF President İbrahim Hacıosmanoğlu appeared on TRT1 Sports Channel and made statements against Galatasaray Sports Club (GSK) that compromised his neutrality.
He made baseless claims regarding Galatasaray matches, referees officiating these matches, and their decisions, favoring rival teams and disadvantaging GSK.
Notably, he threatened our club president, stating:

"...You will declare war on me, consider me nonexistent; do I run from war? But there's no need for war."
"...I respect Galatasaray, but I have no respect for Dursun Özbek..."
"...If people have derived these from my transparent speech, they will be judged. The price for this will be heavy."

As the TFF President, he should choose his words carefully, considering his position and the sport he represents.
Given that sports promote universal peace and friendship, his repeated references to war and the explicit threat "the price for this will be heavy" against a club president under his jurisdiction are incompatible with the ethics of sports, fraternity, communities, and especially FIFA's Code of Ethics.

2. Legal Action:
Following the threat by the TFF President, our Club President filed a criminal complaint on December 6, 2024, with the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office under Article 106 of the Turkish Penal Code concerning the crime of threat.
Turkish Penal Code Article 106: "A person who threatens another individual with an attack on their or their relative's life, physical or sexual immunity shall be sentenced to imprisonment from six months to two years."

3. Conflict of Interest and Neutrality:
A Federation or its President must not have any animosity that could affect their decisions regarding the clubs, club presidents, and institutions they oversee, either before or after their election.
If a Federation President experiences such animosity or conflict, they are obliged to resign.
FIFA's Code of Ethics is mandatory for all members. Federations that do not adhere to these rules may be suspended from FIFA's organizations after an investigation by the FIFA Ethics Committee.
As you know, UEFA is also a subsidiary of FIFA.
The Turkish Football Federation's statute addresses impartiality and non-discrimination as follows:

Article 3: "TFF is impartial in all matters. Any form of discrimination against any country, person, or group of people is strictly prohibited. Members who engage in discrimination shall be suspended or expelled."

Article 7: "Members and officials serving in TFF bodies and committees are obliged to act in accordance with the statutes, directives, regulations, and decisions of FIFA, UEFA, and TFF, as well as FIFA's ethical rules and Fair Play principles, considering loyalty, integrity, and sportsmanship."

4. Violation of FIFA Code of Ethics:
Article 15 of FIFA's Code of Ethics details the principle of neutrality.
Article 24 addresses the protection of physical and mental integrity.
The TFF President's threatening statements against our Club President Dursun Özbek in the visual media should be evaluated within the context of Article 24.
Additionally, there is significant public debate regarding alleged tampering and interruptions in the VAR recordings of the Sivasspor-Galatasaray match on December 10, 2024. These recordings should also be examined.

The FIFA Statutes grant FIFA the authority to remove the executive boards of member federations in extraordinary circumstances. Furthermore, TFF's membership can be suspended. In this context, it is imperative that FIFA reviews the presidency of İbrahim Hacıosmanoğlu, who has acted and made statements contrary to neutrality, the universal rules of sports, and Articles 15 and 24 of FIFA's Code of Ethics, and conducts the necessary investigations for his dismissal.

CONCLUSION AND REQUEST:
We respectfully request that FIFA initiates the necessary investigations and actions to review and potentially dismiss Turkish Football Federation President İbrahim Hacıosmanoğlu, who has acted contrary to neutrality, the universal rules of sports, and Articles 15 and 24 of FIFA's Code of Ethics, and to inform us of the developments regarding this matter.

COMPLAINANT REQUESTING REVIEW

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