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## Financial irregularities in the Ukraine during preparations for the UEFA EURO 2012

Dear Mr. Platini,

We have been contacted these days by Ukrainian citizens and representatives of the political opposition with the appeal to assess irregularities during the preparations for the UEFA EURO 2012.

As also stated by international media, Ukraine cancelled all competitive tendering when it became clear that the necessary infrastructural preparations could not be made within time schedule. Public authorities justified the awarding of no-bid contracts as an "exceptional measure" to complete the task. Since then, a lack of transparency in the procurement process for the modernisation of stadiums, streets and railways in the Ukraine can be observed. It seems not even clear how much money the Ukraine spent for the new infrastructure altogether.

For you as a representative of the association conducting the tournament these irregularities cannot be unanswered. Not only would it mean a damage to UEFA's image if the cancellation of competitive tendering was tolerated just to ensure the final round could start on time, but UEFA would act against its own assertions if it tolerated such practices by looking the other way. In several statements such as your answer to our first letter you mentioned that the UEFA would conduct the tournament with "open eyes". The critical

political situation in the Ukraine led you to those words. We appeal to you to remember those words also in respect to the financial irregularities. Citizens who feel being left in the dark concerning the amount of public money that was being spent and who witness that less streets and railways are being built than were promised, loose faith in the political system, and in UEFA. To this end we kindly ask you to answer the following questions:

What actions did the UEFA take to monitor the construction process regarding the preparations for the EURO 2012?

Does the UEFA have any information about the amount of money being spent for the preparation of the tournament so far?

If so, what is the overall cost of Euro 2012 in the Ukraine?

Does the UEFA know about the 800 million US-Dollars that the company Altkom received for no-bid contracts all over the Ukraine?

Does the UEFA or any of her associated members have contact to Lana Zamba or the 24 companies which were connected to her?

How does the UEFA comment on Mr. Kolesnikovs words, that "UEFA's senior management is pleased with the state of the stadiums and with preparations for the tournament matches"?

What actions does the UEFA take to monitor the situation in the Ukraine after the EURO 2012, regarding the infrastructure?

Does the UEFA have knowledge of an external auditor examining the accounts after the EURO 2012 or is it in any way involved in an independent audition after the tournament?

Respectfully yours

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