

**BY EMAIL**

Slovak Football Association (SFZ)  
Tomášikova 30C  
SK-821 01 Bratislava

To the attention of: Mr Kováčik Ján, President

26 January 2026

**Your letter regarding the SFZ electoral processes**

Dear President,

We refer to your correspondence dated 19 January 2026 and take due note of the position of the Slovak Football Association (SFZ) concerning statements by third parties which may have an impact on the democratic integrity of the forthcoming Elective Congress of the SFZ, scheduled to take place on 27 February 2026.

FIFA and UEFA wish to reiterate that they attach the utmost importance to the protection of the independence and autonomy of their member associations. In this context, both organisations are closely monitoring the processes and procedures governing elective congresses of their member associations and maintain a strict and unwavering position that any electoral process must be conducted without any form of undue influence or interference, whether direct or indirect, and in accordance with the fundamental principles of democracy, transparency and fairness.

The principles enshrined in the FIFA and UEFA Statutes expressly safeguard the institutional independence of our member associations and confirm their statutory obligation, as members of FIFA and UEFA, to manage and administer their internal affairs independently and without undue influence from third parties. In this respect, reference is made to Article 14 paragraph 1 (i) and Article 19 of the FIFA Statutes, as well as to Article 7bis paragraph 2 of the UEFA Statutes, which prohibit political interference and require the independence of member associations to be preserved at all times.

FIFA and UEFA take seriously any allegations that may call into question the free and fair conduct of elections within a member association. Accordingly, we confirm that both organisations will continue to closely monitor all relevant developments related to the SFZ electoral process.

In this respect, FIFA and UEFA further inform you that representatives of both organisations will attend and observe the SFZ Elective Congress, with the objective of overseeing that the electoral process is



conducted in strict compliance with the SFZ Statutes, as well as with the applicable statutes, regulations and principles of FIFA and UEFA.

We thank you for bringing this matter to our attention and remain at your disposal should further clarification or cooperation be required.

Yours sincerely,

**FIFA**

Elkhan Mammadov  
Chief Member Associations Officer

**UEFA**

Zoran Lakovic  
Deputy General Secretary