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**June 14, 2018**

**Dear Justice Yeboah,**

**Re: Complaint against the Palestinian Football Association  
and its President Jibril Rajoub for breaching the FIFA Statutes  
and Disciplinary Code**

According to media reports, FIFA has initiated disciplinary proceedings against Jibril Rajoud, the president of the Palestinian Football Association (PFA) for calling to burn pictures and shirts of Lionel Messi, threats against the Argentinian football team and comparing Israel to pre- world war two Europe.

On March 30, 2017, PMW submitted a detailed complaint against the PFA and its president Jibril Rajoub.

As detailed in the complaint, the PFA and its President use and abuse Palestinian football to **support and glorify terrorism; incite hatred and violence; promote racism; and prohibiting the use of football as a bridge for peace.**

On 25 May 2017 PMW submitted an additional complaint against the PFA and Rajoub for their continued supervision of the annual football tournament named after Abu Jihad - Khalil Al-Wazir, the arch-terrorist responsible for the murder of 125 Israelis.

On 3 June 2018, PMW submitted an additional complaint against the PFA and Rajoub for his continued politicization of football and prohibition of using sports to promote peace.

Noting yesterday's decision, and noting that FIFA has done nothing, to date, with our complaints, PMW requests that the disciplinary committee deal not only with the complaints against Rajoub regarding Messi and the Argentinian football team, but also with our accumulative complaints.

It should be noted, that FIFA's Disciplinary Code does prevent submission of complaints by private institutions, as evidence by the decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sports in the case of Simunic v' FIFA, (CAS 2014/A/3562 Josip Simunic v. Fédération Internationale de Football Association). As noted in the decision, the original complaint for those proceedings was submitted by a private institution such as PMW.

Should the Disciplinary Committee deal only with the complaints against Rajoub related to Messi and the Argentinian football team, the clear implication would be that while attacks on football stars is unacceptable to FIFA, incitement to murder Israelis and the glorification of terrorist murderers of Israelis is acceptable.

This clearly discriminatory and even racist approach cannot and must not be reflective of FIFA's message.

**Yours respectfully,**



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