



# Kıbrıs Türk Futbol Federasyonu

## Cyprus Turkish Football Association

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UEFA,  
Ceferin Aleksander  
President

### What About the Children on the North of the Island?

Dear Mr President,

Despite all efforts put forward by CTFA, Turkish Cypriots are being ignored and neglected by the UEFA and FIFA for a very long time. This long-lasting attitude has been severely hampering the will of our children to play football.

In spite of all efforts and attempts to overcome this obstacle, our children are kept distant from all international organisations as per to political reasons. However, it cannot be expected that we would accept our children to be neglected on grassroots level.

During this week, GRASSROOTS organisation was held in the Southern part of Cyprus which was supported by the UEFA and pioneering veteran footballers of the world. But what about children on the Northern part of Cyprus whom have been encountering embargoes put against them due to the political reasons generated? What about the Turkish Cypriot children who have been affected by the political problems arisen throughout the island? By visiting only the South of the island right next to us we are clearly being neglected and therefore would like to ask how long will the UEFA continue to overlook these unfair embargoes that our children are exposed to?

The pure will of our children and youngsters is to play football which is not in any sense related to politics. This truth is well known by the UEFA and FIFA authorities as this was well explained in various occasions in Zurich at FIFA, in Lefkoşa and we will carry on to explain in any possible platform. We do not want our children to be the target of these unfair isolations any longer.

You are well aware that expecting the politicians to overcome specific obstacles for children to play football with their friends is against the spirit of sports and football. One of UEFA's main ambitions is to expand the game of football globally without the influence of politics. As part of its mission, does UEFA really want to promote and ensure that the football game is the most played sport, or does it want to continue to restrain it?



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There are also Turkish Cypriot children living on this island.

During the meeting held last week, it was indicated that "Balls will be donated to every school." We would like to ask: Which Cyprus? Which schools? Do the children living on the northern part of the island deserve to be humiliated while children living on the southern part of the island are being awarded? We are not the creators of this situation. However, we continue to be the victims of it due to your attitudes.

It is apparent that our efforts have not managed to draw your attention until today. But we are determined to raise our voice even stronger and defend our righteous case at every possible platform. Therefore, as we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that you should not and cannot neglect and ignore the Turkish Cypriot children any longer; we condemn such unilaterally aligned stance and we request to reclaim the rights of our children to play football with their friends throughout the world.

Sincerely Yours,



Hasan Şenöğlü  
President

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