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To:

- **Ms. Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen, Director-General, DG EAC (European Commission)**
- **Mr. Normunds Popens, Deputy Director-General, DG EAC**
- **Ms. Florencia van Houdt, Head of Sport Unit, DG EAC**

Subject: Urgent escalation: lack of transparency and integrity concerns at UEFA regarding the Steaua Bucharest vs. FCSB case.

Dear Ms. Ahrenkilde Hansen, Dear Mr. Popens, Dear Ms. van Houdt,

I am formally escalating a matter that raises serious concerns about transparency, financial integrity, and historical accuracy within UEFA.

On 6 June 2025, UEFA Integrity & Discipline officially acknowledged receipt of my submissions regarding the final ruling of the Romanian Supreme Court (High Court of Cassation and Justice) in Steaua Bucharest vs. FCSB — which definitively confirmed Steaua Bucharest's legal identity and rights. Despite this formal acknowledgment, no substantive reply has been issued to date.

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Beyond the silence on a Supreme Court ruling, two additional issues require urgent attention:

1. Financial integrity: Over the years, UEFA distributed competition revenues to FCSB while national courts established that FCSB has no entitlement to Steaua Bucharest's identity. There are substantiated concerns that parts of these funds may have been illicitly returned ("kickbacks"). This demands immediate clarification and, if within remit, referral to the competent bodies for assessment.

2. Historical accuracy: UEFA's official communications continue to credit FCSB with Steaua's 1986 European Cup title, contradicting the settled legal position in Romania. This misrepresentation undermines legal clarity and UEFA's own integrity commitments and should be rectified without delay.

This is not a local quarrel; it is a test of UEFA's credibility and its adherence to transparency and the rule of law. While UEFA is headquartered outside the EU, its activities substantially affect the EU internal market and are subject to EU law where applicable.

I respectfully request:

- A formal statement acknowledging the Romanian Supreme Court's decision and its implications;
- Clarification and investigation regarding the distribution and potential misuse of UEFA funds awarded to FCSB;
- Immediate correction of historical inaccuracies on UEFA's platforms, including recognition of Steaua Bucharest as the 1986 European Cup winner;

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• Guidance on how the European Commission intends to ensure accountability from organizations whose conduct impacts EU stakeholders and values.

Attachments:

1) UEFA Integrity & Discipline – Acknowledgment of receipt (6 June 2025)

2) CIARO Report to UEFA – Steaua Bucharest Identity Fraud Case (submitted July 2022)

Respectfully,

Ilie Zavragiu

President CIARO

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