

# **Corruption in Sport: opportunities and mechanisms**

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# Korruption im Sport

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“Corruption is operationally defined as the misuse of entrusted power for private gain.”

The IOC has sent a letter to all bid committees for the 1996 to 2006 Games, asking them if they are aware of any corruption.

This is like sending a letter to the proverbial fox in the hen house asking:

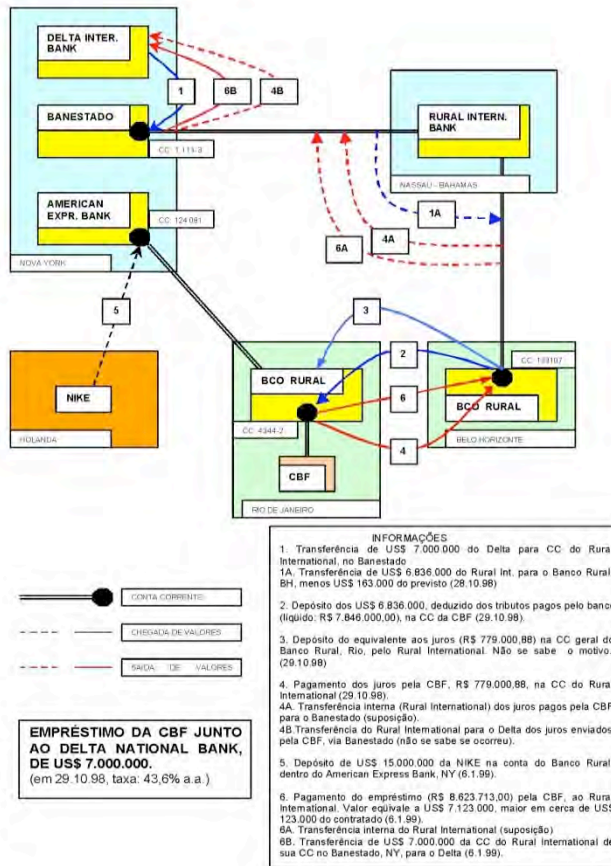
“Would you mind telling us how many chickens you have eaten?”

Then, if the fox sends back a polite note, “None, thank you,” you issue a public statement exonerating the fox. Incredible.

David D'Alessandro, New York Times, Feb 15, 1999



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A few more million US-dollars for Mr Teixeira.



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## MINUTES

of meeting no. 4 of the

### Committee for Ethics and Fair Play

held at FIFA House, Zürich

on 15 February 2006, 17.00 CET

**Present:** Senes Erzik (Chairman), Mohammed Bin Hammam (Deputy Chairman), Gabriel Abossolo, Juan Pedro Damiani, Burton K. Halmes, Les Murray, Dominique Rocheteau, Mohammed Yusuf (members), Urs Linsi (FIFA General Secretary), Markus Siegler, Heinz Tännler, Paola Mueller (FIFA Administration).

President Joseph S. Blatter to open the meeting and welcome the members.

Jack A. Warner (partially in attendance in order to be heard)

**Absent:** -

**Duration:** 17.00-20.30 CET



## **1. Fatih Terim**

The committee members were informed that following the investigations by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee into the occurrences at the qualifying match between Turkey and Switzerland no disciplinary proceedings could be instituted against Turkey national coach Fatih Terim as his conduct did not constitute an offence under the FIFA Disciplinary Code. It was suggested, however, that Mr Terim had at least whipped up the emotions and made for a negative atmosphere. It was pointed out that a national coach had a role model function and that FIFA should therefore condemn this kind of 'incitement'. In response to a proposal by deputy chairman Mohammed Bin Hammam (chairman Senes Erzik had stood down for this agenda item) the committee agreed to issue a general declaration at its next meeting according to which such wrongdoing by persons with a role model function would be expressly condemned. No conclusion was reached with regard to Mr Terim.

## **2. Weinreich/Berliner Zeitung**

The committee was informed that the German journalist Jens Weinreich had recently published two factually inaccurate articles on FIFA attacking the integrity of the FIFA president and the FIFA general secretary, in particular. The journalist/the newspaper had in the meantime been ordered by a court to publish a retraction. The general secretary Urs Linsi proposed that the journalist be declared a *persona non grata*, as his misconduct was comparable with that of the journalist Jennings, the damage to FIFA's image had been considerable and the deliberate dissemination of untruths had been confirmed by a state court. The committee unanimously agreed the general secretary's motion and referred the matter to the Executive Committee for ratification.



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- The business of the international sport organizations has to be put under the umbrella of the international Anti-Corruption-Conventions.
- The Olympic sport system needs a totally independent World-Anti-Corruption-Agency (like WADA, the World-Anti-Doping-Agency) with a World-Anti-Corruption-Code.
- Sufficient measures have to be implemented in the Olympic Charter.
- The Olympic world needs an independent supervisor council, with an important role for non-governmental organizations.
- Tools such as Transparency's Corruption Perceptions Index, Bribe Payer's Index and Global Corruption Barometer should also be worked out for the Olympic world.
- Corruption indices and things like black lists are definitely necessary.
- The fight against corruption has to be one of the main topics of the Olympic Congress 2009 in Copenhagen.