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Candidature for the UEFA Women's EURO 2025 in Switzerland

Dear Mr General Secretary,
Dear Sir or Madam,

With the present letter I confirm the support of my department for the candidature of the Swiss Football Association SFA for the UEFA Women's EURO 2025. Hosting this European Championship would be highly important for Switzerland and Swiss sports. The Federal Council, too, has already stated its opinion regarding this project, acknowledging it as a great opportunity for the further development of women's and girls' football in Switzerland. It is willing to support the SFA within the scope of its competencies regarding the preliminary work for this project and to submit the financing proposals to the Federal Assembly at the given time.

Further, I would like to point out that at the time of submission of the bid dossier, the Confederation and the majority of the involved cantons and host cities will not yet have adopted final decisions regarding the financial support for this project. This national undertaking requires a substantial coordination effort as well as negotiations between the various levels of government and the relevant sports federation in order to determine the necessary services to be provided, the definition of responsibilities, and the allocation of tasks. This work is currently being intensively pursued and will be continued with high priority in the coming months. Switzerland can draw on the solid experience it has gained from collaborating with public and private partners in a large number of major events, including EURO 08.

In Switzerland, public decisions to provide financial support for such projects are subject to democratic decision-making processes at the communal, cantonal and national level. The respective procedures are underway or will be initiated as soon as possible. This may, however, take some time depending on the areas of responsibility in each particular case. At the national level, the Federal Council is likely to submit the respective financing requests to the Federal Parliament in the first half of 2023.



With regard to the legal and official framework for the hosting of this tournament in Switzerland, further talks between the relevant federal, cantonal and communal authorities and the SFA or UEFA will be needed. In the "commitment letters", the relevant federal authorities have set out the current situation in the individual areas of responsibility. I am convinced that Switzerland will be able, within the existing legal framework, to offer attractive conditions agreeable to all parties for a first-class hosting of the Women's EURO 2025 within the country.

From the point of view both of the sporting community and of society as a whole, hosting the Women's EURO 2025 would be a major bonus for Switzerland. I can assure you that my department and I will support the SFA and the participating public and private partners to the best of our abilities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Viola Amherd'.

Viola Amherd
Federal Councillor