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Resolution # 03: FIFA World cup

We, the delegates attending the African Journalists Leaders' Conference from five regions of the African Continent, being held in Accra, Ghana, from 1st to 2nd June 2021, under the auspices of the Federation of African Journalists (FAJ) and hosted by the Ghana Journalists Association (GJA):

Note:

1. **With dismay** recent attempts by external elements from the United Arab Emirates who deliberately tried to manipulate journalists' organisations in Africa to issue public statements or campaign against 2022 FIFA World Cup, that will be hosted by the State of Qatar.
2. **With serious** concern efforts to use Africa and its institutions as political football in order to settle scores in political disputes and drag African journalists into activities beyond their primary interests, scope and mandate.
3. **Serious challenges** facing journalists in Africa in covering adequately global events such as the World Cup.

Resolve to:

1. **Reject with contempt** these despicable attempts to use and manipulate African journalists and their organisations as tools to challenge the organisation of 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.
2. **Reiterate** the full support of the Federation of African Journalists (FAJ) to the position taken by the International Trade Unions Confederation (ITUC) about the labour rights situation in Qatar and note the unparalleled progress so far made.
4. **Work** for the facilitation of African journalists in covering the 2022 FIFA World Cup to directly inform African peoples about these global soccer events.
5. **Call upon** the Confederation of African Football (CAF) and the qualifying National teams from Africa to be vigilant about these manipulative attempts and ensure Africa's dignified and prominent participation in the 2022 FIFA World Cup.
6. **Call upon** CAF and FIFA to investigate and penalize the people and forces behind this unprecedented interference in global soccer events which has the potential to compromise African journalists reporting on the world's biggest football event.
7. **Mandate** the Steering Committee of FAJ to develop a close working relationship with CAF to facilitate and advance the work and interests of African journalists.

Done on 2nd June 2021 in Accra, Ghana

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