



GOVERNMENT DECLARATION

Fédération Internationale de
Football Association (FIFA)
FIFA President
FIFA-Strasse 20
CH-8044 Zurich
Switzerland

31 October 2019

Government Declaration relating to 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup™

Dear Mr President

On behalf of the Government of *New Zealand* we very much welcome the possibility that the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup™ may be staged in *New Zealand and Australia*, in this regard, we hereby declare the following:

- (i) *New Zealand* will welcome the presence of FIFA, all member associations of FIFA and all visitors from around the world in *New Zealand* in connection with the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup™ and its ancillary events ("Competition"). In particular, *New Zealand* will ensure that the national anthem of each competing team may be played before kick-off at every match and before and during any other event or ceremony in relation with the Competition, and that the national flag of each competing team may be flown and/or displayed inside the stadiums and that there shall be no discrimination of whatever nature.
- (ii) *New Zealand* will fully support FIFA and its subsidiaries established in *New Zealand* as well as *New Zealand Football* ("Hosting Association") in connection with the hosting and staging of the Competition.
- (iii) The Government of New Zealand will fully support FIFA and the Hosting Association in their efforts to ensure that the hosting and staging of the Competition and any legacy and post-event related activities do not involve adverse impacts on internationally recognised human rights, including labour rights.

- (iv) The Government of New Zealand is committed to respecting, protecting and fulfilling human rights in connection with the hosting and staging of the Competition and any legacy and post-event related activities, with particular attention to the provision of security, potential resettlement and eviction, labour rights (including those of migrant workers), rights of children, gender and other forms of discrimination and freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, and will ensure that access to effective remedies is available where such adverse impacts do occur, including judicial and non-judicial complaint mechanisms with the power to investigate, punish and redress human rights violations.
- (v) In the event that the Hosting Association has been selected by FIFA to co-organise the Competition together with another FIFA member association as co-hosting association, the Government of New Zealand is committed to support the co-hosting of the Competition by the relevant FIFA member associations, for example by allowing the smooth transfer of goods and services between the co-hosting countries pursuant to the applicable laws.

31.10.19 Auckland NZ

Date/Place

Government of *New Zealand*



Hon Phil Twyford

Minister for Economic Development

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