



## **FIFA statement on the BHRRC report on labour rights in the hospitality sector in Qatar – 14 July 2021**

We have taken note of the report produced by the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre (BHRRC) and its conclusions on workers' rights in the hotel sector in Qatar.

In November and December 2022, the FIFA World Cup will take place in Qatar and we are aware that a number of hotels in the region are in the process of reviewing and addressing gaps within their labour rights practices. We welcome the steps being taken by these businesses, given the need to ensure compliance with the reformed labour legislation in Qatar, and to align with relevant international standards. We trust that the BHRRC report will help shed light on areas of needed improvement.

As part of our own due diligence efforts under the joint [Sustainability Strategy](#) for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, and in line with [FIFA's Human Rights Policy](#) and responsibility under the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, we are currently reviewing the labour rights compliance of hotels and other service companies who will become directly involved in delivering the tournament. This process is based on the Workers' Welfare Standards of the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (SC) and follows the same audit and compliance systems that have been developed and implemented for workers on FIFA World Cup construction sites.

FIFA has also welcomed and been pleased to provide input to the initiative by the Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs (ADLSA), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and the Institute for Human Rights and Business (IHRB) resulting in the development of a [guidance tool](#) on fair recruitment and employment for the hospitality sector in Qatar.

We urge all hotels in Qatar to put in place the necessary measures to ensure that the rights of their workers and the workers of companies they engage with are fully protected. FIFA remains committed, together with our Qatari counterparts, to continuing and further intensifying our own audit and compliance efforts of hotels and service providers that will become involved in the FIFA World Cup preparations and delivery.