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Dear Mr. Seppey

Having read your letter of 25 July carefully, the Executive Board and the Programme Committee of Play the Game would like to address your concerns and add a few comments to the position of the FIVB with respect to the upcoming debate about governance in sports at the world communication conference Play the Game from 6-10 November 2005 in Copenhagen.

Firstly, we must disappoint you by stating that we have no intention of changing the programme of Play the Game or modifying the invitation given to one of the critics of the FIVB leadership, Ing. Mario Goijman from Argentina.

We have taken your claims about the illegality of such debate seriously. But after consultations with legal experts in Denmark and Switzerland, Play the Game has confirmed that staging a debate about the governance practices of the FIVB constitutes no breach of Danish law or of internationally acknowledged legal principles.

We recognise that a rule of "secrecy of inquiry" exists in the Canton de Vaud in Switzerland where the FIVB is located. We understand that this regional rule applies to certain initial phases of a legal case. However, as the lawsuit filed by Mr. Goijman against the FIVB has passed through the procedures encompassed by that rule and will soon be subject to an open and public trial, we believe that the FIVB has nothing to fear from local authorities, should it decide to join the debates at Play the Game.

Moreover, the debates at Play the Game have a much broader aim than deciding whether one or the other action is criminal – we prefer to leave such decisions to the courts of this world. Our aim is to raise many-sided debates about the standards of governance in the sports world as such, be it at the FIVB or other international sports federations. As part of the conference schedule and in co-operation with Transparency International, the participants will work on a proposal for guidelines to counter corruption in sport.

We believe that the critical viewpoints of Mr. Goijman is a most relevant starting point for a public debate on governance in international sport, and we equally uphold our belief that the debate can only be strengthened should the FIVB decide to contribute with its own views on the matter.

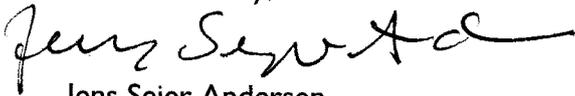
It will not be the first time in the history of Play the Game that strongly conflicting viewpoints meet in a direct debate, and we take pride in assuring that all viewpoints and speakers get a fair treatment.

At the end of your letter you send an unmistakable warning that if Play the Game does not change its programme according to your wishes, you will take legal action against each individual member of Play the Game' governing board and programme committee.

Such action is of course your civic right, but we will encourage you not to waste your valuable time and the resources of the FIVB on that kind of pointless exercise. In your own letter you indicate that you prefer political debate to judicial procedures on matters like the ones in question. Therefore we can only repeat our invitation to the FIVB to engage in open, frank and fair debates at Play the Game.

Our doors are open. We hope you will take up the challenge and enter in a constructive dialogue on suitable governance practices in the pursuit of democracy, transparency and freedom of expression in world sport.

Yours sincerely,



Jens Sejer Andersen
Director

PS. Allow us to correct the misunderstanding that the former General Manager of the FIVB, Mr. Lars Haue-Pedersen, should have played a key role in Play the Game's considerations about raising a debate on the FIVB. These considerations were made public long before Mr. Pedersen entered the Programme Committee in his capacity as a PR-advisor for the tourism body, Wonderful Copenhagen. Mr. Pedersen has neither wished nor been invited to take part in the public debate about the FIVB.

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