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Dear President,

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), the world's largest organisation of journalists, is leading a campaign against sexism in sport. For this reason, and in view of the Football World Cup being held in Qatar in November, the Gender Council of our Federation, which represents 600,000 journalists in more than 150 countries, is calling for respect for the human rights of professionals reporting on the tournament, especially women and LGTBI people.

We are aware of the complexity of organising such an event and the controversies that have arisen over the choice of a country that is far from respecting gender equality, as well as the efforts made to overcome this situation. Nevertheless, we must insist on the respect of the human rights of media professionals, both for those coming from abroad and those working locally.

In this respect, it seems essential to us that the organisation of this event frees itself from, and ensures the eradication of, any discrimination, including those based on gender, including with regard to information professionals.

Furthermore, we would like to extend our demand for gender equality to the football players themselves, to the teams of the different countries and to the spectators of the matches.

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We would also like the IFJ's request to be passed on to the Director of Communications, Fatima Al Nuami, whom we expect to be vigilant in respecting the work of journalists.

We thank you in advance and remain at your disposal for any further information.



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