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Qatar World Cup - Call on the EU and its member states to urge FIFA to conduct an independent and transparent investigation to human rights and workers' rights breaches during the construction and preparation of the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

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The Youth of the European People's Party,

- Having regard to the Code of Ethics of FIFA¹,
- Having regard to FIFA Legal Handbook²,
- Having regard to FIFA's Human Rights Policy³,
- Having regard to the announcement by the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) of 2 December 2010 regarding the selection of Qatar as the venue for the 2022 Football World Cup,

1. Whereas after several attempts to reform, corruption within FIFA is rampant and systemic and deep-rooted and these circumstances deeply affect the image and integrity of global football;
2. Whereas in 2010, FIFA awarded Qatar the World Cup without conducting human rights due diligence;
3. Whereas Qatar won the FIFA World Cup bidding process amid allegations of bribery and corruption that led to judicial investigations;
4. Whereas it is estimated that there are more than two million migrant workers living in Qatar, They work on construction sites, but also as cleaners, taxi drivers or waiters in restaurants and hotels.
5. Whereas thousands of migrant workers reportedly died and many more were injured during construction works related to the World Cup in Qatar;
6. Whereas significant labour reforms have been announced by Qatar over the past 10 years, but they are either too little or not being implemented⁴.
7. Whereas Qatari employers have disproportionate powers over migrant workers, controlling the entry and right of residence of these individuals and can prosecute them for "hit and run".
8. Whereas Qatar's Penal Code punishes same-sex relations; whereas arbitrary arrests of LGBTQ+ people occur

YEPP calls on :

¹ <https://digitalhub.fifa.com/m/174b40d0256de722/original/upxpc0qzxdgipiiejuj-pdf.pdf>

² <https://digitalhub.fifa.com/m/8222fe0e3964060/original/FIFA-LEGAL-HANDBOOK-EDITION-SEPTEMBER-2022.pdf>

³ <https://digitalhub.fifa.com/m/1a876c66a3f0498d/original/kr05dqyhwr1uhqy2lh6r-pdf.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/nov/22/qatar-labour-rights-reforms-world-cup-legacy>



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1. The EU Member States and associate countries, to exert pressure on FIFA and UEFA to conduct an independent and transparent investigation to human rights violations during the construction and preparation of the 2022 World Cup in Qatar;
2. FIFA to commit for a financial compensation for families victims of the labour policy applied for the construction and preparation of 2022 World Cup
3. The EU Member States and associate countries to exert pressure on UEFA and FIFA for the latter to engage in fundamental reform, creating a credible and independent body that monitors the functioning of the Ethics Committee and assures compliance with sports integrity.