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### FIFA WARNS AGAINST THIRD PARTY AND POLITICAL INTERFERENCE

In an official correspondence dated Tuesday the 9th February 2021 directed to the General Secretary of the Sierra Leone Football Association by The World Governing Body for football FIFA has responded over the recent parliamentary summons of the SLFA and its Electoral and Judicial bodies.

FIFA noted with concern stating, **“We took note of the resolution issued on 5 February 2021 by the Chairman of Parliamentary Oversight Committee for Sports, which appears to have instructed the Independent Committees and judicial bodies of the SLFA to put the ongoing electoral process on hold while the matter is being adjourned”**.

On a firm cautionary note, the letter stated, **“In this context we would like to remind you that according to art. 14 par 1 i) and article 19 par 1 of the FIFA statutes, all Member Associations of FIFA including SLFA are obliged to manage their affairs independently and without undue influence from third parties, including Government Authorities”**.

Adding that, **“Any breach of this obligation may lead to sanctions as provided for in the FIFA statutes, which may also include the suspension of the Member Association”**.

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