



## Cayman Islands Football Association Press Release Monday July 3, 2017

The Cayman Islands Football Association (**CIFA**) recently learned of the arrest of its First Vice President Bruce Blake by the Anti-Corruption Commission investigators. Based on the statement by Mr. Blake's attorney, we understand that the investigation is focused on specific transactions of the former president and former treasurer. It is understood that no charges have been brought against Mr. Blake and that the Association itself is not under investigation.

CIFA recognizes that the presumption of innocent until proven guilty is an important individual right enshrined in law.

CIFA further reaffirms its policy on good governance and transparency, whereby any serving executive member, employee or appointee who is confirmed to be under investigation by a competent authority, or is arrested, or charged, shall immediately be suspended from all football related activities on behalf of CIFA and shall not be involved in the day to day administration of the Company, nor shall be authorized to represent CIFA in any activity what so ever.

As a result of the foregoing, CIFA hereby wishes to inform its members and stakeholders that as a provisional measure in the best interests of the Association, and in keeping with its policies of good governance and transparency it has temporarily suspended Bruce Blake as an executive member with immediate effect. During the period of suspension, Mr. Blake shall not be involved in the day to day administration of the Company, nor shall be authorized to represent CIFA in any activity, transaction or act whatsoever.

CIFA, which recently received the necessary financial approval for funding from FIFA to conduct its forensic audit expects that this independent forensic review and audits will provide the basis for appropriate legal action in the future aimed at the restitution of funds defrauded from the Association.

CIFA continues to reaffirm its commitment to transparency and accountability.

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