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Onderwerp: Qatar - Tell FIFA to break the conspiracy of silence

Dear Veerle,

On Thursday FIFA's 25 strong Executive Committee will meet in Zurich.

4000 migrant workers will die before a ball is kicked [1] in the 2022 World Cup unless FIFA and the Qatar authorities take action.

We need your help to [tell FIFA to break the conspiracy of silence](#) over the treatment of migrant workers in Qatar.

It's time for FIFA to [rerun the vote unless workers' rights are respected in Qatar](#).

FIFA have promised to discuss the matter at their next meeting.[2]

Workers in Qatar need more from FIFA than just putting labour rights and working conditions in Qatar on the agenda – they need action to stop workers dying.

FIFA have responded to the difficulties of players taking part in a summer World Cup where temperatures can reach 50 degrees Celsius by agreeing to discuss a shift from a summer to a winter World Cup at their Executive Committee meeting later this week. This is an unprecedented decision in World Cup history.

It took FIFA three years to realise it is hot in the desert in summer. We can't wait that long for them to realise that they must take action to stop **workers dying in Qatar as they build World Cup infrastructure**.

We need you to [sign up to tell FIFA to rerun the vote](#).

Will you ask five friends to tell FIFA to rerun the vote?

1.2 million migrant workers are forced to work in the extremely high temperatures in the summer months. The lack of protection and rights means at least **one migrant worker dies every day**.

FIFA must break the conspiracy of silence about the treatment of migrant workers in Qatar and take action.

FIFA can make a difference and save lives; they must

- Put labour rights and **working conditions in Qatar as a standing agenda item** on their Executive Committee meeting;
- Make **workers' rights a condition of Qatar hosting the World Cup** in 2022;
- **Investigate the deaths of workers** in Qatar, the abuses of labour rights and reporting the full findings to football fans, public and families of those who died;
- **Monitor the treatment and rights of workers** in Qatar and make sure responsible recruitment companies are used to hire workers needed for World Cup jobs.

People should not pay with the lives for the World Cup to be a sporting and commercial success.

Yours,

Sharan
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P.S. Don't let FIFA and the Qatar authorities cover up labour rights abuses. Make sure the world knows them. Share rerunthevote.org on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

[1] <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2013/sep/26/qatar-world-cup-migrant-workers-dead>

[2] <http://www1.skysports.com/football/news/12040/8942861/fifa-concerned-over-qatar>