Українська Асоціація Футболу / Ukrainian Association of Football звернулася до УЄФА щодо інциденту під час матчу Ліги конференцій «Аріс»— «Динамо».

10 серпня на трибунах Kleanthis Vikelidis Stadium (Салоніки, Греція) було продемонстровано обурливий банер на адресу захисників «Азовсталі», що було видно в трансляції матчу.

Просимо УЄФА та колег із Грецької федерації футболу уважно розглянути епізод і знайти можливість вжити суворих заходів щодо порушників, а також запобіжних заходів для превенції подібних випадків надалі, – йдеться у зверненні.

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To: UEFA

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Re: Hatred message towards war in Ukraine

## Dear Sirs and Madams,

On behalf of the team of the Ukrainian Association of Football, let me ensure you in our highest respect and great appreciation to UEFA and the whole European Football Family for strong commitment in standing with Ukraine since the first days of war, unleashed by the russian terrorist state towards us, generating the threat for the Europe's safety.

Hereby we are forced to address you regarding the offensive and hazardous incident happened during the recent 1st leg match of the 3rd qualifying round of the UEFA Conference League between FC Aris Thessaloniki (Greece) and FC Dynamo Kyiv (Ukraine). The insulting banner against the defenders of Azovstal, namely, "Smash Azov nazis" ("Destroy the Nazis of Azov") has been demonstrated at the stands of the 'Kleanthis Vikelidis Stadium' (Thessaloniki, Greece), which was seen on the broadcasting. Presumingly, the banner was produced by the local ultras who are connected with russian fan-movements, as the message on the banner is fully aligned with the russian propaganda. The violating banner was eventually removed after approximately 10 minutes. However, the fact of this incident concerned us greatly as it is a hazardous signal of rude misperception of the tragic events in Ukraine as well as just the example of inacceptable for the Football Family promotion of violence on the matches of UEFA competitions.

The defenders of Azovstal, also known as Azov division of the Ukrainian army, have no link to nazi, nor anyone from the Ukrainian society has, but this is the message by russian propaganda worldwide. Apart of that, we are convinced that the fans in Greece are not duly informed about the scale of tragedy in Ukraine to express any judgements about. But above all, following the range of UEFA Regulations as well as the regular common sense and humanitarian values, any form of manifestation of hate speech and call to violence are illegal and have to restricted from the stadiums of the civilized world.

We have no doubt in the power of football in ensuring human values and promoting human rights for peace and security. Due to this, we ask for the kind consideration by the UEFA and the colleagues from the Hellenic FF of the described crucial episode, and for finding the possibility to