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Confederation of African Football reiterates its commitment to “Make Peace Happen”



Libreville, 10 February 2012: The Confederation of African Football (CAF) today reaffirmed its commitment to support the African Union (AU) Commission in its conflict resolution and peace building efforts, within the framework of the “Make Peace Happen” campaign.

Speaking on the occasion of the 34th CAF Ordinary General Assembly, the President of the CAF, Issa Hayatou, said his organization was ready to undertake joint actions with the AU to promote peace and security in Africa. *“CAF will continue working closely with the AU to secure, consolidate and promote peace, through football,”* he said.

Speaking during the Opening Session of the General Assembly, the Chairperson of the Commission, Dr. Jean Ping, congratulated CAF on a wonderful job done in organizing a successful Africa Cup of Nations tournament that would remain in the minds of Africans for many years to come. He expressed AU’s gratitude for CAF’s continued support in advocating for a culture of peace on the continent through football, and urged it to remain resolute in the common pursuit of the objective of a peaceful and prosperous Africa. *“Let us summon all the passion and energies that we have witnessed in the football stadia over the last three weeks and channel them towards nurturing a culture and spirit of peaceful coexistence on the continent,”* he added.

The General Assembly, which is the supreme authority of CAF, was officially opened by President Ali Bongo Ondimba of Gabon. FIFA’s President, Joseph Sepp Blatter, was among the key speakers during the opening session of the event. Delegates who attended the General Assembly are drawn from the 53 National Associations, Zonal

Unions and representatives of other Confederations such as UEFA, as well as partners and sponsors.



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