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**Re: racism at Apoel Nicosia v Chelsea
UEFA Champions League match, 30 September 2009**

We are writing to you again with regards to further incidents of racist activity by Greek Cypriot Apoel supporters against Turkish Cypriots at the above mentioned UEFA sponsored football match.

We have been provided with new evidence of appalling racism and propaganda. A copy of the attached pamphlet, titled: "30 years of Apoel Nicosia, 1979-2009", had been left on every seat allocated for the Chelsea fans. This leaflet, along with banners of "Cyprus is Greek", has clearly demonstrated that Apoel Nicosia has broken UEFA rules.

ATCA represents thousands of Turkish Cypriots worldwide and on their behalf we would like to see an additional disciplinary charge against Apoel Nicosia. It seems to us that the measures to stop this happening were inadequate and could easily have been avoided.

We would like to thank UEFA for including the third charge against the Greek Cypriot football team, but now we hope to receive confirmation of the inclusion of a fourth charge arising from the above mentioned activities.

Due to the seriousness of these blatant manifestations of racism at such a prestigious and highly attended European football game in the UK, we hope that UEFA will work with us in calling attention to such intolerance by securing an appropriate course of action and apology by Apoel Nicosia FC to all Turkish Cypriots of Northern Cyprus and abroad.

It should also be pointed out that the Greek Cypriot Football Association has not taken any disciplinary action to date and they too are in breach of UEFA rules.



We believe that racism of this magnitude represents a particularly vicious form of unreason and fear in the search for a UN sponsored political agreement in Cyprus, where we believe it is precisely the mission of UEFA to dispel any such future actions by Apoel Nicosia wishing to publicise their fascist motives within a UEFA sponsored football match and set an example of the importance of diversity at a European and global platform.

Many British Turkish Cypriots supporting Chelsea FC in the UK have expressed their dismay and disgust at what was seen in the above match and have called upon ATCA-UK in channelling their heartfelt grievances of such insulting, aggressive and provocative behaviour by Greek Cypriot fans.

We have raised this incident with other ethnic minority groups in both the UK and abroad particularly interested in observing the outcome of this official complaint against Apoel Nicosia, and hope that UEFA will impose the toughest sanctions.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. David Milliband, UK Foreign Minister
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Kemal Koprulu, TRNC London Representative
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