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to the Commission**

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Subject: Renewal of the contract between Kylian Mbappé and the PSG: sporting integrity and financial stability in European football placed at risk

Kylian Mbappé renewed his contract with Paris Saint-Germain recently: according to press reports, the French player will now be paid between EUR 40 and 50 million net per season, in addition to a signing bonus of at least EUR 120 million.

European workers and fans were in uproar at this news.

Spain's La Liga has described as scandalous the fact that a club like the PSG, which reported debts of over EUR 220 million last season – as well as making huge losses in the seasons prior to that – is now taking on a similarly sized investment.

The Commission launched a permanent dialogue with the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) many years ago to ensure the good governance and sustainability of European football, safeguarding the integrity of competitions and the development of grass-roots football.

UEFA itself launched its Financial Fair Play concept in 2009 with the aim, as stated by its then President Platini, of ensuring football's general well-being, provided all clubs played according to the rules by complying with the financial fair play criteria and ensuring their balance sheet was sustainable.

This being so, would the Commission not agree that in addition to being harmful, the agreement signed to renew Mbappé's contract will undermine sporting integrity and the financial stability of European football, putting uniformity in competitions at risk?