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Dear Mr. Jadue:

The Anti-Defamation League wrote to FIFA in response to the actions of El Palestino soccer club which blatantly violated the international regulations and code of ethics governing professional soccer. We also sent you a copy of our letter to FIFA.

We welcome the decision by the Asociación Nacional de Fútbol Profesional de Chile – ANFP- to discipline the El Palestino soccer club for its deliberate and repeated offensive and highly politicized violations which involved depicting the map of “Palestine” in place of the numeral one on the team jersey. By imposing the highest possible fine and prohibiting the team from using the offending imagery on its jersey, ANFP delivered a strong message to El Palestino and all soccer fans in Chile that inappropriate and offensive political expression has no place on the soccer field.

The action taken by ANFP reinforces the ideals of healthy competition in the sport of soccer in Chile and will help further understanding and respect among the teams and fans in your country. We expect the team to fully comply with your ruling and that its new jersey and all on-field behavior will conform to the rules, regulations and codes of conduct of the ANFP.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) founded in 1913, is an international organization that works in the United States and around the world, fighting anti-Semitism, bigotry, hatred and discrimination of all kinds while promoting democracy and human relations based upon respect, understanding and dialogue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abraham Foxman'.

Abraham Foxman
National Director