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Aleksander Ceferin
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Dear Mr Ceferin,

I am writing to you today in response to the appalling racist abuse encountered by the England football team in Bulgaria last night.

As I am sure you will agree, no player, manager, supporter, or participant in sport should have to tolerate discrimination of any kind.

The England players and management showed tremendous dignity and I am incredibly proud with how they conducted themselves throughout the match.

It was a step in the right direction to see the UEFA protocol engaged during the match, but there is much more that needs to be done.

I appreciate that it is for the English FA to work directly with UEFA on this important issue, including what action will be taken next following the events of last night.

I also welcome the swift action of the Bulgarian Government and am appreciative of their efforts.

The terrible events last night demonstrate clearly that much more needs to be done to stamp racism out of the game, once and for all.

I urge UEFA to take urgent action to ensure that all football authorities and fans are clear that the consequences of failing to tackle this issue will be severe.

The England team has my full support and I welcome tough action from UEFA in response.

With best wishes,

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