



Football & Politics: FIFA

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Introduction

Principle of FIFA's Founding Fathers:

“While the aim of the ‘no politics’ principle at a national level is to prevent party politics and religious or class conflicts from entering the sporting arena, at an international level, its purpose was to keep conflicts between states at a distance.” (Eisenberg 2005)

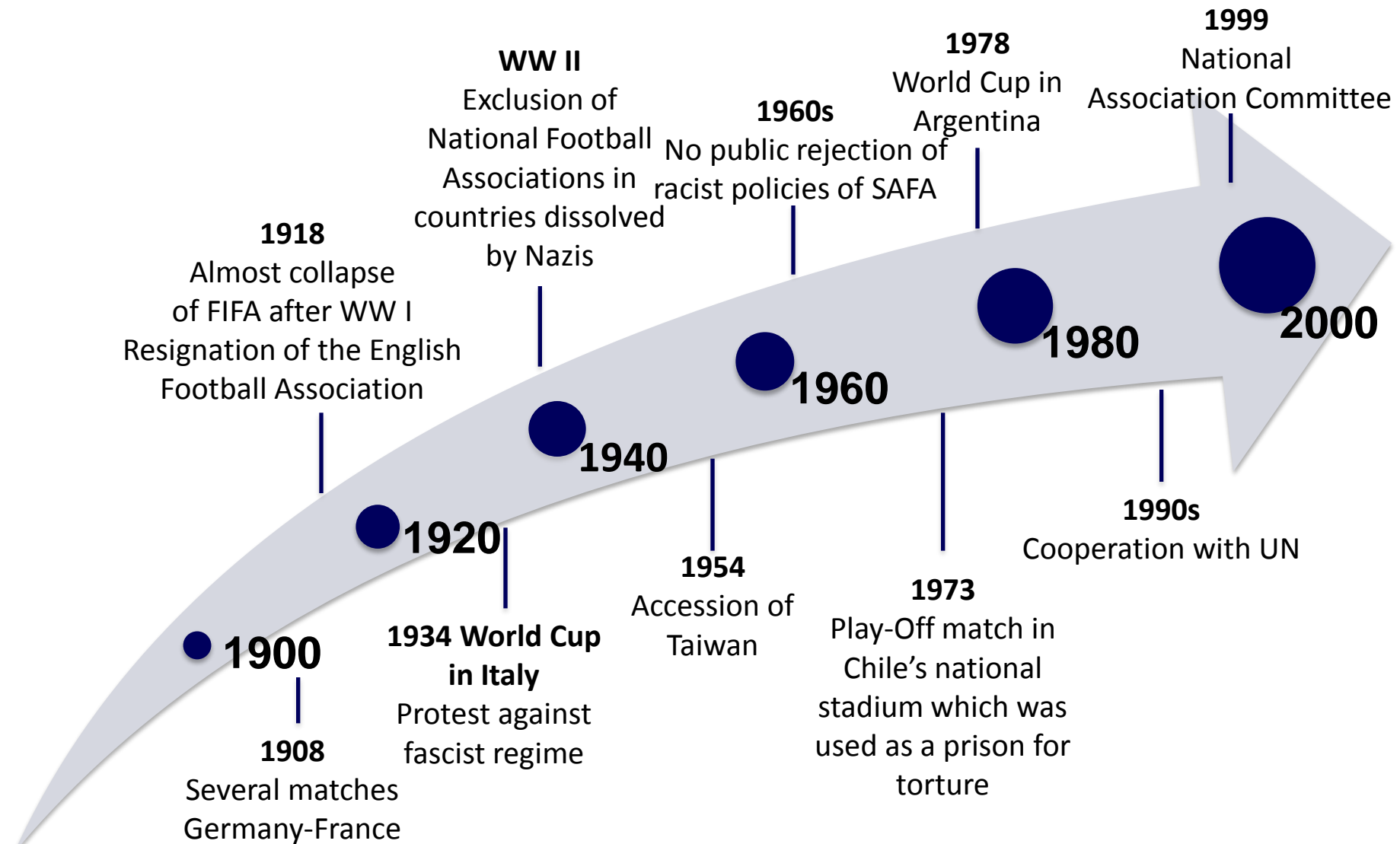


1904



1998 - 2012

FIFA and Politics: Historical Outline



FIFA Statutes and Politics

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Non-discrimination and stance against racism

First Statement:

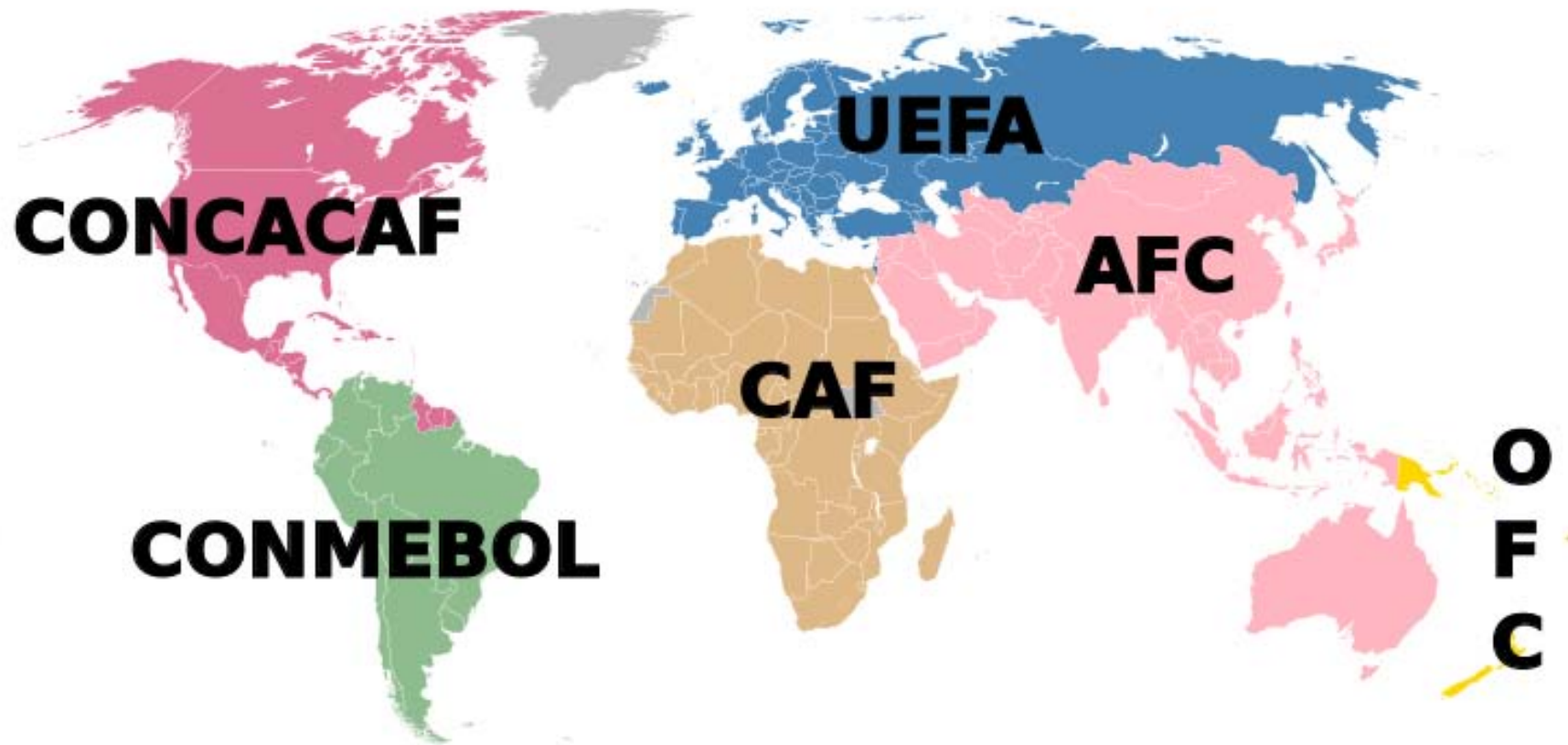
The ambivalence of the “no politics” principle throughout FIFA’s history is unmistakable.

The Strategic Committee shall deal with global strategies for football and its political, economic and social status.

Key Facts of FIFA

Foundation / Headquarters	Function	Objectives	Finances (2011)	Memberships
<p>1904 in Paris as FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association)</p> <p>Headquarter: Zurich (Switzerland)</p> <p>President: Sepp Blatter since 1998</p>	<p>International governing body of association football, futsal and beach soccer</p>	<p>Organization of football's major international tournaments, notably the World Cup for women and men</p> <p>Improve the game of football constantly and promote it globally in the light of its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programs</p>	<p>Revenue: 1,070 Mio. USD</p> <p>Expenses: 1,034 Mio. USD</p> <p>Reserves: 1,293 Mio. USD</p>	<p>209 national football associations</p>

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Palestine Football: Escape to Victory?

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I have been extremely heartened to read that the **first international friendly match** was played in Palestine for the first time yesterday as the Palestinian National side drew 1-1 with neighbor and rival, Jordan. Now that FIFA has officially recognized Palestine's right to play a home match (for the first time in its history), is that not a form of international recognition of the State of Palestine?

An overjoyed fan at Ramallah's new FIFA-sponsored \$4 million football stadium summed it up perfectly:

Our national team, in our stadium, means we exist no less than any other nation in the world.

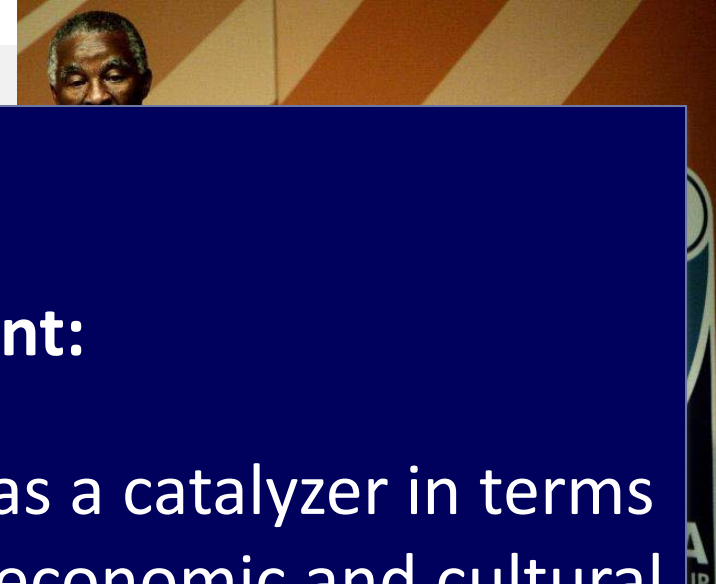


The politics of FIFA and the Hijab

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“This is an African journey of hope –



Second Statement:

FIFA is instrumentalized by politics as a catalyzer in terms of sovereignty and nation building, economic and cultural development.

World Cup.” (Mbeki 2004)

Conclusion

- Founding principle of FIFA: „no politics“
- However, throughout history there are several links between FIFA and politics
- In the legal framework politics is mentioned rarely but with high relevance
- FIFA is instrumentalised by:
 - Politically disputed territories and non-sovereign entities
 - Nations to reach economic and cultural development goals

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Discussion Question

Which position should the FIFA take in the case of Ukraine?

