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## **Letter of Support – bid for UEFA Women’s EURO 2025 in Switzerland**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Canton of Bern is extremely proud that the cities of Thun and Bern and their stadiums Stockhorn Arena and Wankdorf Stadium are part of the Swiss bid for UEFA Women’s EURO 2025. We welcome and support the Swiss Football Association’s candidature and would be delighted if Switzerland were to be given the opportunity to host the tournament. With its exciting matches and attractive supporting events, this football festival is of great significance for women’s football in general and will give its further development in Switzerland a valuable boost.

Our canton regularly hosts sporting events of international renown. The FIS ski races in Adelboden and Wengen (Lauberhorn) every January and IRONMAN Thun in July are just two examples. The Canton of Bern also has an outstanding reputation as a venue for world-class sporting events, having hosted UEFA EURO 2008, the 2009 Ice Hockey World Championship, and the 2016 European Artistic Gymnastics Championship, among others. Next year the IFSC Climbing Championships and Paraclimbing World Championships 2023 will be held in Bern.

The successful staging of UEFA EURO 2008 in Switzerland is a shining example of the seamless collaboration between our public authorities (federal government, cantons, and cities), UEFA, and the Swiss Football Association. We are convinced that UEFA Women’s EURO 2025 will once again bring about the same – or an even higher – level of collaboration between the parties involved, including support and coordination between all relevant authorities.

We will do our utmost to ensure that Switzerland as a country and the venues in the Canton of Bern – Thun and Bern – make the organization and implementation of UEFA Women’s EURO 2025 a resounding success. To do so we will support the planning, preparation, implementation, and dismantling phases of the event to the best of our abilities.

In particular, we are willing to accelerate administrative procedures wherever possible to ensure the smooth preparation and implementation of the tournament in line with Swiss law. We are committed to providing our support not only to UEFA itself but also to its member associations, its stakeholders, and visitors from all over Europe, without discrimination of any kind.

In the event that Switzerland is awarded the hosting rights for 2025, we are willing to consider financial

support for the tournament, subject to the approval of the cantonal body responsible for financial decisions.

We welcome and support this candidature and would be delighted if Switzerland were to be selected as the host nation of UEFA Women's EURO 2025.

Kind regards,

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