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The Secretary General Fédération Guinéenne de Football (FGF) Conakry Republic of Guinea

Dear Secretary General,

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

It is with much grief and sorrow that the Nigeria Football Federation learnt of the deaths of scores of football fans after a football match in the city of N'zerekore, Guinea's second largest city, on Sunday, 1st December 2024, following a controversial refereeing decision, according to reports.

We have also read reports that the carnage occurred during the final of a football tournament organized in honour of the Head of State of the Republic, Mamady Doumbouya.

The NFF and the Nigeria Football family commiserate with you and the leadership of the FGF on this very sad occasion. Our hearts go out to the families of the fatalities - most of whom we learnt, painfully, are children.

Football is a game of peace, joy and conviviality, and is meant to foster friendship and camaraderie, as well as a sense of unity and community. Incidents like what happened in N'zerekore gnaw at our hearts, cast pall of gloom on the sports world and defeat the essence of the beautiful game.

We earnestly pray that the Almighty God will console the families that the fatalities have left behind, and also grant the FGF and the Guinean football fraternity the fortitude to bear the losses.

Please accept our heartfelt condolence.

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