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## 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia

Dear President, Dev Hany

The FIFA delegation and all of the participating National Teams have returned home with a host of unforgettable memories and having made many warm-hearted new friendships during their stay in Russia for what was a spectacular 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia, the best FIFA World Cup ever, thanks to the quality of football showcased and to the remarkable organisation of the competition.

By means of this letter, I would like to express our most sincere appreciation to your National Team for participating in this 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the FIFA World Cup, Egypt's first appearance at the tournament since 1990. The 2018 FIFA World Cup was an unforgettable celebration of football and a major factor in this was no doubt the participation of *The Pharaohs*.

I personally was very happy and proud to be able to attend in your presence one of your matches, against Uruguay, at the Ekaterinburg Arena on 15 June 2018.

Please pass on my compliments to all those who have contributed to this campaign, the players, the head coach Héctor Cúper, but also the technical and medical team and, of course, the numerous fans.

Such achievement is no doubt based on hard work, professionalism and attention to detail, as well as passion and love of the game. All this augurs well for a very promising future and will undoubtedly pave the way for future success.

I wish you all the best for the future and look forward to seeing you next month at The Best - FIFA Football Awards 2018 in London.

Yours sincerely,

Gianni Infantino