

LIGUE DU DROIT INTERNATIONAL DES FEMMES

COORDINATION FRANCAISE POUR LE LOBBY EUROPEEN DES FEMMES,

Press release

The International Football Association Board (IFAB), on a proposal from FIFA , hiding behind several months of tests on the safety of footballers and footballers has approved the wearing of Islamic headscarves and Sikh turbans on football fields. And they hide the fact that they are meeting the requirements of Iran and the rich Gulf countries want to impose Muslim world a model dress.

We fully agree with the position taken by Mr Frédéric Thiriez who already in 2012 had joined our denunciation of the decision then still provisional IFAB, flouting its own regulations on the neutrality of sport.

This questionable decision also deprives Muslim athletes who have no need to cover the head and the body to be sure of their faith, to play on par with other sportswomen everywhere through the world.

Again, in France, the reaction came only from representatives of civil society. How Sports Minister MS Fournayron account intend to enforce secularism on sports grounds in France ?

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