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SAC Statement on cricket governance in France

As one of the clubs that helped found France Cricket, we wish to see the country's governing body work for the benefit of all to promote & develop our sport across the country, with full transparency & accountability. This includes a renewed commitment to developing cricket beyond the Paris/Ile de France region.

Like so many involved in cricket teams in France, we are saddened & dismayed by the recent reports of irregularities & poor governance by France Cricket (link to France 24 report).

Judging by the facts reported in the France 24 article, it would appear the current leadership of France Cricket is falling short in that mission. As such, we have no confidence in the current leadership of France Cricket & look forward to a renewal of the leadership team with one that fully reflects the geographical diversity of the membership.

We also call on the ICC to carry out a thorough investigation of France Cricket & all allegations of fake matches, false declarations & player accreditations. We believe that there are enough questions raised for the ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit to intervene and to look into this matter and help put French cricket back on the right track.

With one of the most diverse club memberships in France, we at SAC are baffled by the current leadership's response to these allegations. Neither France24's report nor the allegations made have cited anyone's country of origin or ethnicity.

We are, like many other teams across France, passionate about supporting and developing the game throughout this country & stand with those who share our values of working together to ensure that this remains the case.

SAC Cricket Committee