



1 August 2024

(By Email)

Business & Human Rights Resource Centre  
London, UK

Attn: Isobel Archer- Labour & Migrant Worker Rights

Dear BHRRC,

**UN Working Group for Arbitrary Detention – Opinion No. 12/2024 concerning Abdullah Ibhais**

Thank you for your email of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024 seeking our feedback on the abovementioned UN Working Group advisory opinion.

Mr. Ibhais first reached out to adidas, along with other FIFA Sponsors, in September 2021.

At the time, we explained that we held no relationship with his employer, i.e. the Supreme Committee, and it was mutually agreed that he should raise his complaint directly with FIFA using their [World Cup 2022 grievance mechanism](#), which he did.

FIFA followed up and engaged with Supreme Committee and the Qatari government, as the legal proceedings continued.

Mr. Ibhais' family kept us abreast of his legal case, which went through several rounds of appeal until reaching the Court of Cassation, Qatar's apex appellant body. On appeal, Mr. Ibhais received a reduced prison sentence, but the court did not overturn his conviction.

His family also kindly shared with us the recent [opinion](#) of UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, which has challenged the legality of this conviction and requested that the Qatari government immediately remedy the situation.

On our part we have raise this case with FIFA, to understand what steps they can take and how best we can support their follow-up actions.

Sincerely,

William Anderson  
Vice President, Global  
Social & Environmental Affairs