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Dear Prime Minister,

It was with immense sadness that I learnt this morning of the tragedy loss of the lives of President Lech Kaczynski, his wife Maria and countless prominent figures from your nation's political, economic and military elite in this tragic accident in Smolensk.

President Kaczynski's strength, determination and unwavering principles made him extremely popular with the Polish people. His energetic patriotism was evident in everything he did and his decades of dedication played an influential role in shaping modern-day Polish society during a time of change. His passing will thus undoubtedly be the cause of great sorrow.

That he should lose his life while travelling to commemorate the anniversary of the loss of thousands of Polish lives in Katyn heightens the this tragedy, yet at the same time it is indicative of his abiding devotion to his country and his compatriots.

On behalf of the worldwide football family, I would like to extend my condolences and deepest sympathy to you and the people of Poland, particularly the families and close friends of President Kaczynski, his wife and all those who lost their lives, at this harrowing time, and wish you strength and fortitude for the challenging days that lie ahead.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph S. Blatter