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The Football Federation of El Salvador has recently announced that they have temporarily banned 22 players for a period of 30 days as a provisional disciplinary measure in order to provide the best environment to conduct an in-depth investigation on alleged match manipulation incidents.

CONCACAF is deeply saddened by these claims of match manipulation within the football community. The Confederation fully supports the Football Federation of El Salvador and other pertinent organizations involved in the above mentioned investigation and hopes for a fair due process in order to determine the validity of these accusations.

The fight against match-manipulation to protect the integrity of the beautiful game is a top priority for the Confederation. In alignment with FIFA guidelines and in line with CONCACAF's commitment to ensure the legitimacy of each game played throughout the region, it is our duty to fight against organized crime alongside all stakeholders involved.