

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Barcelona, 25th of August 2023. In light of the events that have taken place this morning and in response to the bewildering speech given by the president of the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF), Mr. Luis Manuel Rubiales Béjar, the players of the National team, recent World Champions, in support of Jennifer Hermoso, wish to express their strong and firm condemnation of behaviours that have undermined the dignity of women.

Given the statements made by the president of the RFEF, Jennifer Hermoso wants to emphasise that she did not give consent to Mr. Luis Manuel Rubiales Béjar to kiss her during the World Cup Final. "I want to clarify that, as seen in the footage, I never consented to the kiss he gave me, and of course, I never intended to lift the president in the air. I do not tolerate that my word is distrusted, and even less so, the invention of words I never said."

From our union, we want to emphasise that no woman should find herself being doubted in this kind of sensitive situations, even more when there is such undeniable TV footage that has been viewed globally, and certainly, they should not be involved in non-consensual actions.

The players of the Spanish National Football Team, current World champions, expect a strong response from the public authorities so these actions do not go unpunished.

We want to conclude this statement by calling for real structural changes that will help the National Team continue to grow, in order to pass on this great success to future generations. It saddens us that such an unacceptable incident is tarnishing the greatest sporting achievement of Spanish women's football.

After everything that has happened during the award ceremony of the Women's World Cup, we want to declare that all the players who sign this letter will not return to a call-up for the National Team if the current leaders continue.

Signed by:

WORLD CHAMPIONS

Jennifer Hermoso
Alèxia Putellas
Misa Rodríguez
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Claudia Zornoza
Oihane Hernández
Rocío Gálvez
Irene Guerrero
Alba Redondo
Athenea del Castillo
Eva Navarro
Enith Salón
Ivana Andrés
Olga Carmona
Esther González
Salma Paralluelo

OTHER PLAYERS

Elene Lete	Carmen Arce "Kubalita"	María Teresa Andreu
Fiamma Benítez	Priscila Borja	Mar Prieto
Marta Cardona	Natalia Pablos	María José Perez
Maite Oroz	Susana Guerrero	María Marco "Beni"
Patricia Guijarro	Larraitz Lucas	Paula Kasares
Lola Gallardo	Isabel Benito "Chabe"	María Luisa Monzón "Gusa"
Nerea Eizagirre	Amanda Sampedro	Nines Pérez Urda "Quilla"
Ainhoa Moraza	Isabel Fuentes	Angela Martín Martín
María León "Mapi"	Elisabet Sánchez	Victoria Hernandez
Sandra Paños	Mari Paz Azagra	
Claudia Pina	Vanesa Gimbert	
Amair Sarriegi	Virginia Torrecilla	
Leila Ouahabi	Leire Landa	
Laia Aleixandri	Elisabet Ibarra	
Lucía García	Isi Gavilán "Isi"	
Andrea Pereira	Toña Is	
Vero Boquete	Meli Nicolau	
Ainhoa Tirapu	Gurutze Fernandez	
Sandra Vilanova	Auxi Jiménez	
Ana Romero "Willy"	Vanesa Moreno "Vane po"	
Silvia Meseguer	Roser Serra	
Nagore Calderón	María Goñi	
Marta Torrejón	Marta Moreno	
Lucía Rodríguez	Eli Capa	
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