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Statement from H.E. Ambassador Meshal bin Hamad Al Thani on Qatar's Participation in the CONCACAF Gold Cup

HOUSTON — H.E. Sheikh Meshal bin Hamad Al Thani, the Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the United States, released the following statement today ahead of the Qatar vs. Panama match tonight in the 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup.

“Throughout the years, the Gold Cup tournament has gathered millions of fans and viewers from all around the world, and we are honored to be invited to Houston by the Concacaf Football Association to participate in this year’s tournament. Our long-established ties and decades-long relationship with the communities of Southeast Texas make this moment particularly special for us -- we have developed strong partnerships with homegrown Texas businesses as well as local nonprofits who we have worked alongside to provide critical services to the community in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, COVID-19 pandemic, and the recent winter storms.

“At a time when the global dialogue stresses cultural differences over similarities, Qatar has always believed in the power of events like the Gold Cup to unite the world through the universal language of sport. We hope this tournament sets another example of the strong ties between the State of Qatar and the international sports community.

“We wish the best of luck to all teams, and look forward to celebrating alongside all the participating nations in the great city of Houston, Texas.”

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current Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the United States of America is His Excellency Sheikh Meshal Bin Hamad Al-Thani.

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