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**RE: FINA DIVING WORLD CUP 2021**

Dear Sirs,

Following the communication sent to you on March 31, 2021, FINA received today further worrying news from the Japanese authorities.

In view of this information, and as a matter of urgency, the FINA Executive has taken today the decision of **cancelling** the FINA Diving World Cup, scheduled to take place on April 18-23, 2021 in Tokyo (JPN).

The developments motivating this decision include:

1. A very negative opinion from FINA's Task Force on the COVID-19 plan sent by Tokyo. In their view, this plan will not properly ensure health and protection guarantees to participants;
2. A new communication from Tokyo requesting FINA responsibility for the additional costs related with the implementation of COVID-19 countermeasures;
3. Reports from National Federations that Japanese Embassies around the world are still not ready to launch the visa procedure;
4. The mandatory three-day quarantine is requiring a change of travel plans for ITOs, TDC members, and FINA staff. This has obviously some financial consequences and some withdrawals have already been communicated to FINA.

As you know, we are now approaching a long weekend, where many countries of the world are celebrating Easter. Tomorrow, Friday, is holiday and in many of those nations Monday (April 5) is also a day-off.

In view of the above, and despite all best efforts and understanding from FINA, the Executive was obliged to take this drastic decision.

FINA sincerely believes that the Japanese Government did not take all the necessary measures to ensure a successful and fair organisation of this competition. This is of course regrettable, but FINA has an utmost duty to respect its athletes, coaches, officials and respective National Federations.

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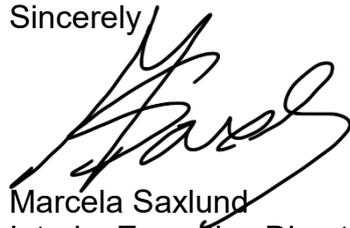
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We will now immediately take all the necessary steps to find an alternative date/location for the staging of the FINA Diving World Cup 2021.

FINA sincerely regrets this situation and expresses its gratitude to all National Federations for their understanding on this matter.

Sincerely



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