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To: The President of the Italian Squash Federation

Copy: European Squash Member Nations. WSF.

Dear Mr. Piero Bartoletti

Firstly, we feel very sorry about the fact that Italy has been struck by the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) so badly. Our primary focus is the safety and health of our players, coaches and supporters. As you will appreciate, this issue is very complicated and affects many parties.

We can assure you that the European Squash Federation Board has been liaising almost daily, whilst following up the situation in various European countries.

At the moment, the position is as follows:

- Neither the European Squash Federation nor our Championships hosts should cancel any Championship unless they are told to do so by their authorities/government. So, at this stage we just go ahead as planned. If Championship events are cancelled, ESF and hosts will look into the various possibilities.
- Presently, it is the responsibility of Member Nations to decide whether they wish to participate in a Championship or not. This Spring there are 4 events: Slovenia, The Netherlands (2) and England. Currently, we have had no signal from these local authorities.
- We are urging participating Member Nations to check their insurances. The host nations should also check their insurance policies.

**The following statement is published online on the ESF website :**

*"At present, all ESF circuit events (Junior and Masters) and ESF Championship events are going ahead as planned. It is possible that this may change at relatively short notice due to spread of the coronavirus. We will update our website with any changes that are enforced in the interest of public health.*

**NB** *Individuals and teams travelling to events should have travel insurance which provides cover for 'Travel Disruption' if an event is cancelled due to travel restrictions imposed by government/national health officials/WHO. Please check your travel insurance terms and conditions, the decision to travel as always, is at your own risk."*

ESF would like to provide reassurance that we are following the outbreak on a daily basis. This communication today will be sent to all hosts and Member Nations who have entered players and teams into these Championships.

Please keep Thomas Troedsson updated on your current situation. Thomas is the point of communication for all MNFs with regards to this matter.

With kind regards

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