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**TO: ALL CANA FEDERATIONS
CANA SWIMMING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
CANA OPEN WATER SWIMMING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
CANA BUREAU MEMBERS**

RE: AFRICAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 17–22 APRIL 2020, DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA, UPDATE

Swimming South Africa was privileged to be granted the hosting of the 14th CANA African Swimming Championships on behalf of CANA. As you are aware we have been monitoring developments in regard to the Coronavirus and have been in daily deliberations with CANA in this regard.

The deliberation and considerations regarding the Coronavirus Situation and possible impact on the hosting of the African Swimming Championships scheduled for Durban 17-22 April 2020 are:

- Predictability within respective countries and their Government advice:
- Predictability of South African Government entry proposals:
- Predictability of Quarantine impositions:
- Doubt if the Coronavirus would spread further; or will it be contained or be suppressed:
- How many countries will eventually attend the Championships in Durban:
- Should the Championships continue with a relatively small number of countries:
- Possibility of the spread of Coronavirus in the water borne environment:
- Possibility of huge financial losses if the Championships were cancelled or postponed at a later date:

Although the Championships will only take place in late April, but bearing in mind the above considerations and related issues in consultation with CANA, a decision has been made to **POSTPONE** the Championships to later date.

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We are of course disappointed, noting though that we must ensure our athletes are protected, as our primary stakeholders. As you can understand, this will also affect the presentation of the Electoral Quadrennial General Congress.

We thank you for your understanding.

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