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COMMUNIQUE - WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022 CANCELLED

Dear Representatives,

I trust you have all had a Blessed festive period with family and friends and that 2022 will auger well for us all.

Unfortunately for now, we have to inform you that the Exco and the OC of the World Indoor Championship scheduled for 1st week of March 2022 in Doetinchem, Netherlands, agreed to CANCEL the event.

Given: a) The low number of entries both in the closed and open events; b) The ongoing global uncertainties with the increased transmissibility of the Omicron variant which leads to unpredictable travel and related restrictions; c) The different levels of lock down in member countries which prevents teams to properly train and prepare for the event, and d) Lack of financial viability of the event, we unfortunately did not have much of a choice. Also, there is no real secondary need to have the event at this stage as was the case with Outdoors last year where qualifications for the World Games were at stake.

We do realise the importance of having international events and the wish to return to some normality and will re-look the situation in the coming months in an effort the possibly re-schedule either later this year, or early in 2023. Where required, we will also consider utilising some of the TWIF reserves to financially de-risk such events as was the case with this event with a suitable agreement with organisers.

The situation and the international calendar will also be discussed at Congress in April 2022. We are hopeful that with increased global

immunity due to positive Covid cases linked to vaccinations and booster shots being rolled out in many countries, that it would be possible to have a more predictable travel and quarantine regime going forward.

For now, I wish to encourage everybody to ensure that they are being vaccinated and/or get booster shots as and when required in terms of the various domestic arrangements in various countries.

We do understand that there will be disappointment especially amongst those members/clubs that have entered for the Indoors and trust that you will accept the rationale behind this decision.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anton Rabe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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