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Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your letter from the 22nd of April. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all our donors for their on-going support to our Federation, especially during this unprecedented crisis posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

In response to the issues you have outlined in your letter, we would firstly like to confirm that the final Governing Council meeting will still take place in 15-16 May via a virtual format. We recognize that convening a virtual meeting does come with its challenges in particular due to different languages and time zones. We do however acknowledge these are exceptional times and we are making every effort possible to ensure we have the adequate technical support in place to convene the meeting as originally planned.

We would also like to inform you that the Governing Council is following through on all of the outcomes from last year's momentous General Assembly in Delhi and we are moving ahead on schedule with all the management and governance reforms despite the exceptional circumstances we find ourselves in. Most importantly, during the May meeting, the Governing Council will be reviewing and approving the Transition Committee's recommendations for the Board of Trustees positions and will also be discussing and approving amendments to the revised regulations, byelaws and policies.

Governance policies and responsibilities of the Federation state that "IPPF fully recognizes its obligation to be programmatically and financially accountable to all its donors, while protecting the Federation's autonomy". We would like to reassure that the Federation's Trustees will be ensuring we fulfil these obligations and that we live up to the commitments we made in Delhi for our Federation.

We would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support and encouragement throughout IPPF's reform journey as we bring it to the finish line for a brand new IPPF.

Warm Regards,



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