

To. Mr. Haozhe Gao,

Head of World Para Athletics

To. All the Teams and Delegations entered in Dubai 2020 Grand Prix

Dubai, 04 March 2020

Re. Cancellation of Dubai 2020 Para Athletics Grand Prix.

Dear Sport Friends and Colleagues,

With reference to the above subject, we would like to inform you that we have been instructed by our government and local authorities to postpone all the international sport activities scheduled for next two months due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) globally and the recent cases that were diagnosed positive during UAE Cycling Tour in addition to other positive cases of foreign tourists visiting the country.

Our government took the decision to close the schools and universities in the whole country for four weeks starting from Sunday 8th of March 2020 as a measure of precaution to protect the students from any unlikely contagion. Many international sport events, forums, conferences and exhibitions have been either cancelled or postponed for the same reason.

The Organizing committee of Fazza Championships conducted several meetings last couple of days to assess the situation with the international events that were programmed for next few weeks and came with the hard decision to cancel the 12th Fazza WPA G.P. – Dubai 2020 because we won't be able to postpone it before the conclusion of Athletics season in Dubai that is ending mid-April.

We do understand how important these competitions are for your athletes preparing for Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games but we strongly believe that their safety together with their technical and administrative staff is much more important.

Having said that we kindly request you to cancel your flights to Dubai at the earliest opportunity and our Organizing Committee will communicate directly with each delegation to arrange the refund of the hotel payments.

We have been working very hard last 13 years to keep our events in the international calendar as one of the most successful Para Sports Competitions in the world and we will keep working closely with the international federation to maintain the legacy left by

Fazza Competitions for the Paralympic Movement around the world.

On behalf of Fazza Organizing Committee, we hope you and your athletes remain always safe and sound, and continue your preparations for Tokyo 2020 Paralympics Games in the safest possible conditions.

With my kindest regards and best wishes,

Thani Juma Berregad

Chairman

## Fazza International Championships