

Lausanne, 6 March 2015

**Mr. Viktor Orbán**  
Prime Minister of Hungary

**Mr. Tamas Gyárfás**  
Chairman of the Hungarian Swimming Association

Dear Sirs,

As you are aware, in 2011 FINA decided that Guadalajara, Mexico would host the 17<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championship to be held in 2017. In February 2015, the Mexican Swimming Association informed us that due to financial difficulties Mexico and Guadalajara are not in the position to host the 17<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championship and therefore, withdrew from organizing the event.

FINA now urgently needs to find a new candidate for organizing the World Championship. FINA had previously decided to grant the right to host the FINA World Championship to Budapest, Hungary in 2021. Based on the fact that Hungary has already made some preparations for organizing the World Championship in 2021, we believe Hungary would be an ideal candidate to host the 17<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championship in Budapest. We therefore request you to consider that Hungary replace Guadalajara in 2017.

Guadalajara only informed us that they are unable to host the 17<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championship in February of 2015. This decision created a very difficult situation for FINA, as it has left very little time to select a new venue for the World Championship. Hungary has successfully organized European and World Championships in the past and we believe that Hungary is capable of organizing and hosting the 17<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championship in spite of the very short time remaining to establish the necessary facilities and to successfully, host such a high profile sporting event. We would be honored if Hungary could undertake the hosting of the 17<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championship.

If Hungary is prepared to assist FINA in this difficult situation, FINA intends to make its final decision soon and the signing of a host agreement with the Hungarian Government and the Hungarian Swimming Association would take place in early March.

We are looking forward to your positive and urgent decision.

Yours sincerely,



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