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To: **MEMBER FEDERATIONS**  
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Executive Board Members  
Commission Chairpersons  
Area Associations  
Dentsu Athletics

Re: **World Athletics Indoor Championships – Nanjing 2021 Postponed**

Dear all,

It is with regret that we have agreed with the organisers of the World Athletics Indoor Championships in Nanjing (19-21 March 2021) to postpone the event to March 2023.

Whilst we have been liaising with the Organising Committee and the Chinese Athletics Association to evaluate the staging over the last few weeks, given the current global situation, there is still significant uncertainty about the state of the Covid-19 pandemic in the early part of 2021.

For the safety of our athletes and technical officials, we must duly consider the risks in bringing a large group of people to attend the event under the pandemic situation and fully respect and carry out the pandemic prevention policy of the host country.

The indoor season for athletics falls within a narrow calendar window (up to the end of March) so it is not possible to extend the event to later in the year.

We would like Nanjing to be the host of our World Indoor Championships given the extensive planning and preparation they have put into this event so have agreed they will stage the event one year after the World Athletics Indoor Championships Belgrade 2022.

For additional information, please find the link to the press release [here](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or you can also send them directly to [events@worldathletics.org](mailto:events@worldathletics.org).

Kind regards,

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