



Dear President,

The entire world has been and still is very hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and its heavy health, physical, psychological and economic consequences. The world of sport and athletes have had to abruptly cease all activity, and unfortunately delays and cancellations have been necessary.

The FIE Executive Committee has analysed in detail the current situation, the resumption of competitions and events, and the priority and practical conditions to be introduced to protect the health of all participants and to ensure fair criteria for all stakeholders.

An FIE COVID-19 Task Force has been set up and the Medical and Legal Commissions have provided considerable assistance. The Athletes', SEMI, Refereeing Commissions, and the Coaching Council have been consulted so that their opinions and recommendations could be considered.

We sincerely thank these bodies and all those who, through their assistance, their contribution and their generous and supportive efforts, have assisted us tirelessly in this difficult and unprecedented period.

In view of the above, the Executive Committee therefore examined the recommendations received and the potential risks, in order to determine the attached action plan and decisions. Some of these decisions have been difficult to make, but the protection of the health of athletes and the fencing family, as well as reasonable and equitable conditions, have taken precedence over any other consideration.

Finally, I proposed to the Executive Committee to introduce an unprecedented global support plan of 1.000.000 CHF to help you overcome this crisis.

We can be proud of the admirable solidarity and unity demonstrated by the fencing family and I thank you for this.

Alisher Usmanov
President