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To: Cornel Marculescu, Executive Director  
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Re: Urgent Request for Targeted Out-of-Competition Testing of Top Ten Swimmers before the Rio Games

We have learned from the WADA Independent Commission that state-sponsored doping in Russia involved athletes from sports other than just athletics, including swimmers. We also know that there are a number of top swimmers from other countries where there has been a history of doping, and many would question the effectiveness of their National Anti-Doping Organizations.

Our request is that FINA develop a specialized Test Distribution Plan to test the top ten swimmers in each of the Olympic events at least six times out-of-competition prior to the Rio games. Those tests would include the collection of both urine and blood, and the samples would be analyzed for all prohibited substances, including HGH, EPO, and micro-dosing of steroids using isotope ratio mass spectrometry. In conducting these tests, FINA could collaborate with a handful of National Anti-Doping Organizations around the world which have impeccable reputations (for example, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, the Australian Anti-Doping Authority, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, UK Anti-Doping, and the Japan Anti-Doping Agency) in order to partially offset the cost to FINA. In the opinion of the clean swimmers of the world, there is no more important priority for the use of FINA funds.

We also urge FINA to support, both politically and financially, IOC President Thomas Bach's initiative to outsource international sample collection and adjudication to an independent agency.

Thank you for considering this urgent request.

c: Chuck Wielgus

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