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Diving facilities at FINA Masters Championships

Dear Mr Marculescu,

I recently competed at the FINA World Masters Diving Championships, in Gothenburg, Sweden and wish to draw your attention to a matter of utmost importance to all Masters Divers who compete at FINA events.

First I wish to commend the diligence and enthusiasm of the Swedish diving officials who did their best to host a world class event, but were seriously let down by the facilities that were available to them. Diving facilities at a World Championship event that includes synchronised diving should consist of a minimum of:

- Two one metre springboards
- Two three metre springboards
- One five metre platform
- One seven and a half metre platform
- One ten metre platform.

The Valhalla Pool in Gothenburg only had one three metre springboard which seriously hampered training and meant that the synchronised diving had to be transferred to Jonkoping Pool, around 200 kilometres from Gothenburg. After four days of tough competition at Valhalla, competitors in the synchro events were required to report to the pool at 7am when they were bussed to Jonkoping, arriving at around 9am. Competition commenced at 1pm and they were then returned to Gothenburg, arriving after 7pm. This is not conducive to good competition and all the divers felt that they had been let down by the facilities.

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A number of divers from different countries asked me to organise the creation of a resolution that could be signed by the divers so they could demonstrate their feelings to FINA. The resolution (which is appended to this letter) was not openly circulated or promoted, yet over half the diving competitors signed their support. Subsequently teams which are not represented on the document such as the Czech Masters have also indicated their agreement with the contents.

I must emphasise that Masters Divers want to support and compete in FINA Masters Championships; however we feel that proper facilities must be made available in order to maintain the credibility and status that such events should have. We do not want to have to consider alternative events, such as the World Masters Games and ask you to ensure that future FINA Masters diving events are properly resourced.

Yours sincerely,

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