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*Dear friends,*

We are pleased to extend you an invitation to take part in the "Solidarity Games" multidisciplinary international competitions in swimming, artistic swimming, and diving in Kazan in 2022 ("Solidarity Games").

In the present context, the possibility of staging the competitions, which embody mutual respect and convey the humanistic value of fair competition, is acquiring particular importance. Solidarity Games symbolise the support for the athletes and formation of a healthy lifestyle across the population. The main message the events spread is strengthening international friendly ties along with embracing the genuine Olympic movement principles.

Games organised by the ANO "Directorate for Sports and Social Projects" will take place in Kazan, which is the "Sports Capital of Russia" and the centre of gravity of the most large-scale events in aquatics, as it has all necessary resources and vast experience in holding international competitions, among which are the 16<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships 2015, FINA World Series, and FINA Swimming World Cup.

Solidarity Games will be held in three stages at one of the most beautiful indoor aquatic sports venue worldwide – Aquatics Palace:

I stage "World" comprises the Finals of the International Swimming Cup, Diving Competitions, and Artistic Swimming Competitions scheduled to take place from 18 July to 3 August 2022.

II stage "Sport" embraces the Tatarstan President's Diving Cup and Swimming Championship (25m) planned for 9-26 November 2022.

III stage "Legends" is organised together with the eminent, decorated, world-known champions: Vladimir Salnikov Swimming Cup, Svetlana Romashina Artistic Swimming Cup, and Dmitry Sautin Diving Cup.

Our close-knit team is putting every effort to make the competitions unforgettable for the guests of our wonderful, hospitable city.

Your participation in the Games will significantly contribute to the development of aquatic sports, favourably impact the promotion of sport among the younger generation, and will embody mutual trust and respect to the diversity of cultures.

Welcome to Kazan!

Best regards,

Maksim Denisov