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TO: GSC MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING **FROM:** OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: NOTICE RELATING TO CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) AS ADDRESSED BY H.E. PRESIDENT CYRIL M. RAMAPHOSA

Dear GSC Members

Please receive notice. The GSC has taken cognisance of the speech addressed to the nation on Sunday 15 March 2020 at 19h35, in which the President declared "We have now declared a national state of disaster in terms of the Disaster Management Act."

He further went on to address the spread of the disease as well as the expectant measures that must be followed by all South Africans to deal with the spread of the virus. He further went on to state the following:

""Secondly, it is essential therefore that we minimize the risk of the spread of this virus by limiting contact amongst groups of people.

While we appreciate the economic, religious, and cultural significance of social and community gatherings, the coronavirus is spread through contact between persons.

As we have said before, the current circumstances require extraordinary measures to curb the spread of infections. Countries that have heeded the call to implement these radical measures, have fared much better than those than do not.

Therefore to encourage social distancing Cabinet has decided on these additional measures:

Gatherings of more than 100 people will be prohibited.

Mass celebrations of upcoming national days such as Human Rights Day and other large government events will be cancelled.

Where small gatherings are unavoidable, organisers will need to put in place stringent measures of prevention and control."

It is therefore with the above in mind that the GSC hereby issues this statement and advises.

The GSC hereby requests and urges all Federations to ensure that all meetings, conferences, tournaments, leagues and other sport related gatherings and activities be postponed, until Mid-April as per the request from the Presidency of the Republic of South Africa.

As soon as the President of the Republic has issued any new information or uplifted the current bans we will furnish such information to you our membership immediately.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours in Sport

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