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## **International, national sports associations and federations**

By this letter, the Directorate for the Preparation and Holding of the 5th World Nomad Games (hereinafter the Directorate) expresses its deep respect to you and informs you of the following.

As you know, currently the entire people of Kazakhstan are struggling with the environmental crisis associated with massive floods. As a result of the unprecedented flood situation in the country, Akmola, Aktobe, Kostanay, Atyrau and North Kazakhstan regions were severely affected. More than 118,000 people were evacuated, 5,411 private houses and 1,607 courtyards were flooded. A government commission headed by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan has been established for rapid response to this situation, and today members of the government are based in the emergency operation centers of the affected regions.

Against the background of this crisis, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym-Zhomart Tokayev said that the consequences of floods will be eliminated in the near future, and also guaranteed that the government would compensate for all damages caused to the people of Kazakhstan during floods.

During a meeting with the flood-affected population, the head of state said: "I've canceled the Astana 2024 International Economic Forum to save money. We will reduce the costs of the World Nomad Games. It is no longer possible to cancel such an event, but the budget will be significantly reduced. In addition, the budget for our country's participation in the World Exhibition in Tokyo will be reduced," the head of state said.

In order to preserve the platform for the development of intercultural dialogue among the peoples of the world and the development of the ethnosport movement, the head of state indicated that the dates of the 5th World Nomad Games Astana 2024 will not be postponed and instructed to continue active preparations for the Games. At the same time, due to the large amount of damage caused by the floods, the organizing committee was instructed to significantly reduce the amount of funds allocated from the state budget of the country.

Dear participants of the 5th World Nomad Games Astana 2024, in connection with the above, the Directorate informs you that the decision to reduce financial resources will definitely lead to the optimization of the sports and cultural program of the Games, the exclusion of demonstration sports, shortening the days of the event, reducing weight categories in wrestling and changing the venue of the opening ceremony of the Games.



In addition, we inform you that, as a sign of solidarity, our volunteers are actively helping at disaster sites, providing assistance and support wherever possible. Their dedication during this crisis highlights the spirit of compassion and resilience of our team. We are pleased to announce that our team has unanimously agreed to donate a day's salary for rescue operations in the affected regions. This collective contribution highlights our shared values of community engagement and demonstrates our commitment to supporting those in need, especially during times of crisis.

Although floods pose serious problems, we believe that by continuing to prepare for the Games, we can also make a positive contribution to the recovery process after the crisis, as the games aim to create a platform for bringing people together and strengthening solidarity.

We are confident that thanks to our unity and perseverance, we will overcome these problems and hold the Games at a high level. We take this opportunity to once again confirm our deep respect and best wishes to you.

**Respectfully yours,  
Head of the Directorate for the  
preparation and holding of the  
5th World Nomad Games Astana 2024**

**Nail Nurov**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end, positioned to the right of the name 'Nail Nurov'.