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Dear Presidents,
Dear Friends,

First and foremost, we would like to express our deepest sympathies to those who have been affected by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The COVID-19 has created an unprecedented situation and during this challenging time we must put the safety and health of athletes, officials and all members of our baseball-softball community above everything else.

As the coronavirus continues to spread throughout Europe and the rest of the World, it's very hard to predict when activities will return to normal and when they do, we won't have any guarantee that the virus is fully eradicated.

Many international events such as the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and the European soccer Championships have been postponed, other cancelled.

Organizing any event in June – while hoping that confinement measures have been lifted by then – would be against our moral obligation to prevent the virus from spreading in Europe. It would also not guarantee equality between athletes as they won't have benefited from the same conditions to prepare for the competitions.

Considering all above mentioned and the fact that clearing the calendar of European Cups would also allow National Federations to focus on progressively resuming activities in their own countries when cleared by their Governments and sports authorities, **the CEB Executive Committee has decided on March 30th to cancel all 2020 European Club Competitions: Champions Cup, CEB Cup, Federations Cup and Federation Cup Qualifiers.**

Regarding the European Championships, CEB is closely monitoring the situation with WBSC and no decision has been made yet. The Executive Committee will meet again in the coming weeks to review the situation and make a decision of postponing or cancelling the events.

Until then take care of you, your friends and family. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Didier Seminet
President

Krunoslav Karin
Secretary General