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To: **MEMBER FEDERATIONS**
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Executive Board Members
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Dentsu Athletics

Re: **World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Yangzhou22**

Dear all,

The World Athletics Council has reluctantly decided to cancel the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Yangzhou22 in November 2022, as a consequence of the pandemic.

Following extensive discussions with the Local Organising Committee and the Chinese Athletics Association, it has been mutually agreed that the championships cannot be held in Yangzhou this year.

However, the Council also resolved to grant the World Athletics Road Running Championships to Yangzhou in March 2027.

We would like to acknowledge the positive and constructive way that the Chinese Athletics Association, the Yangzhou Local Organising Committee and the Yangzhou Municipal People's Government have engaged in the discussions relating to this decision and the valuable efforts they have put into the event in terms of planning and preparation.

At this stage, there is unfortunately no possibility of being able to relocate the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships and find a new host in 2022. The next edition of the event will therefore be in its new format as the World Athletics Road Running Championships to be held in Riga, Latvia from 30 September to 1 October 2023.

For additional information, please find the link to the press release, which will be issued today, [here](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or events@worldathletics.org.

Kind regards,

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Chief Executive Officer