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**EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN ARCHERY UNION**

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To EMAU Member Associations  
  
Cc EMAU Council  
EMAU Committees  
FITA Secretary General

Dear All,

I really regret to inform you that the Hellenic Archery Federation informed the EMAU office about their decision to cancel the organization of the Grand Prix 1<sup>st</sup> leg, which was scheduled from 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010 in Rhodes (GRE).

Such information was received by fax on 8 January, it was followed by a letter from EMAU stating that it was a very serious decision for which we asked them to change their mind and confirm again the organization. Although they had proposed to host the event, unfortunately, today they have just re-confirmed their determination to cancel the tournament, due to financial crisis.

For your information, I quote afterwards the letter sent from Mr Gerasimos Raptis, Secretary General of the Hellenic Archery Federation *"We are at the unpleasant position to inform you that the Hellenic Archery Federation is unable to conduct the 1<sup>st</sup> leg of the European Grand Prix. The reason which we forced us to take such a decision is that the Greek General Secretariat of Sports didn't give us the permission to undertake such an event, given the current financial situation in Greece"*.

For the above mentioned reason, now EMAU is forced to deal with the removal of the 1<sup>st</sup> leg of the Grand Prix 2010 from the international calendar. We have already informed the Hellenic Archery Federation that in future EMAU will not assign anymore the organization of a European event to Greece.

On behalf of EMAU Council, I really apologize for any inconvenience that such a removal might cause you.

With my best regards,

Marinella Piscioti  
EMAU Secretary General