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Dear Sirs,

Thanks for your letter and your facts.

First of all (I list my facts) I must tell you that I don't have anything against CMAS personally, you and fin swimming. We, I organize this competition because of the need for such kind of competition (for clubs and for young swimmers). We tried to do everything correctly to CMAS and with CMAS.

OUR, MY facts

- This competition has 14 years old tradition.
- From the beginning in 1993, all the time till 2001 about all our activities we have been informing CMAS, fin swimming commission.
- We have had contacts with Mme. Lily Runbland, with Mr. Lazslo Kovach, ... all members of Fin swimming commission in past. Mme. Lily Runbland was present at one of the rounds of our competition and was very surprised on organization and number of sportsmen participating on it. She would like to have this competition a part of CMAS competitions.
- Mme. Helena Studenikova has been a member of CMAS fin swimming commission, working on accepting this competition as official CMAS competition,
- Till 1998 all competitions, rounds of Word cup are in CMAS calendar,
- At 2001 you, CMAS send us a declaration, prohibition to use CMAS name, logo and flag on this competition, on competition documents. So we had to do, not to use CMAS logo, and trying to find another international organization to support as, our work and sportsmen or make our own organization. So we had asked CEDIP and I have received official CEDIP consensus.

My opinion, for which I think is the opinion of all underwater sportsmen, people occupied with underwater activities:

- CMAS must have a role of connecting sportsmen and underwater federations and not to separate them, this is not meant only for fin swimming but for all underwater activities: education, researches, all underwater sports (fin swimming, apnea,), CMAS must not begin with new ..ism - cmasism, differentiation of non-CMAS underwater activities, like as racism, terrorism,
- You don't have to have monopoly on any of your activities, this is against international law, so it is better to accept your positive role and on democratic way accept the ideas, different thinking people, And your, our energy should be

oriented on popularization of fin swimming, get sponsors, more media attention, and become a part of regular Olympic program at Olympic games.

- As you see we will stop to organize our competition for this year, but with this you don't win. CMAS, fin swimming will lose one (minimally four) very cheap, well organized and very popular competition for young sportsmen, so you and fin swimming are losing a polygon where young sportsmen can gain experience and routine for strong competition on higher older categories

Best regards

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Sent to all sport friends around the world.