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To
Kim Andersen
President, World Sailing

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Dear President,

The EUROSAF Executive Board appreciates your answer to our two letters sent on 27 February and 17 March.

On behalf of the EUROSAF Executive Board I must express our utmost rebuttal to your allegation that “[we made] false accusations against World Sailing or [your]self.”

Maybe our intent was not clear enough, but our letter of 27 February was an extended hand to you to open an internal investigation if the alleged accusations that circulated had any truth in them. It contained no accusation whatsoever, just a *bona fide* demand of information from you, who we considered to be the most truthful source. And it is because the EUROSAF Executive Board was aware that “[we did] not have all the information” that we came to you.

As a matter of procedure, if Mr Wossala was allegedly being accused of wrongdoing, it was not up to him to bring forth any incriminating proof, as you seem to suggest, but rather to those allegedly accusing him. However, the EUROSAF Executive Board did contact the Hungarian Sailing Federation and Mr Wossala. The information received did not present grounds for any investigation to go forward. Therefore, when you did not answer our first letter and did not provide any evidence, we understood there was no reason to open any investigation, consequently informing you in the letter of 17 March.

The EUROSAF Executive Board wants to remind you of our deep commitment in contributing to sailing development and of our loyalty to help World Sailing—and any sailing association—in its projects and goals, even when your email seems to exude a gratuitous distrust towards EUROSAF, especially in its last, incorrect, and unacceptable allegation. Again, it seems appropriate to recall the last paragraph in our previous letter:

The EUROSAF Executive Board finds it deplorable that so much effort, time, and funds are spent in confrontation and noise, when our sport and its most important institution are in deep need of unity and trust; furthermore, it considers fostering them as your institutional obligation.

Sincerely,

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President, EUROSAF