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***Safe Sport International 2020 Conference (SSI 2020)***  
**SPORT'AIDE POSTPONES SSI 2020 TO SPRING 2021**

**(Quebec City, Thursday, March 12, 2020)** – Due to the current pandemic and related health concerns, yesterday Sport'Aide decided to postpone the next edition of the *Safe Sport International* conference (SSI 2020) planned for Quebec City in April. This conference, “Team up to eliminate violence in sports”, will still be held in Quebec City in April 2021 and when the dates have been confirmed, we will obviously let you know.

*“Aware that any travel in the current environment increases the risk of exposure for the numerous participants expected (over 300 registrations so far) and their community, it was our civic duty to make this difficult, but indisputable choice. On top of that, we were now expecting participants from 38 countries in Quebec,”* explains the General Director of Sport'Aide, **Sylvain Croteau**.

With respect to implementing this postponement, Sport'Aide is already working with its various partners to ensure that the spring 2021 conference will live up to expectations. In the meantime, Sport'Aide will reimburse all registration fees for those who have registered for SSI 2020.

Finally, Sport'Aide, recipient of the most recent *Ensemble contre l'intimidation* award (Together Against Bullying Award), “organization” category, offers a support, orientation and guidance service (24/7, confidential and free) to the victims and witnesses of violence in a sports environment, equips and supports sporting organizations while taking actions to educate and raise the general public's awareness to this social problem recognized by the scientific community, sporting organizations, and government and child protection authorities.

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