



Statement from the Board of Portuguese Swimming Federation

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The Board of the Portuguese Swimming Federation wishes to express its total support for Antonio Silva as candidate for President of LEN. We also want to emphasise that he is a man of exemplary character and integrity.

With less than a week to go before the election and with Mr Silva and Europe 4 All Aquatics gaining overwhelming support, opponents have turned to publicising allegations from the past as a desperate effort to discredit Mr Silva and tarnish his reputation.

Mr Silva, in the interests of transparency, has given detailed explanations and defended his honour against the allegations in letters to the federations of LEN and also to the Ethics Panel at FINA.

We want to emphasise that Mr Silva emphatically denies any wrongdoing and has never been charged, let alone convicted, of any criminal offence.

Furthermore, the General Assembly of the Portuguese Swimming Federation, in a meeting held on 19 October 2019, in Portimão, Algarve cleared Mr Silva of any wrong doing.

We also expressed trust in Mr Antonio's high standards of ethical behaviour in a letter we sent to all public authorities involved in that case.

The fact is that 40 of LEN's Member Federations have now publicly committed their support to his candidacy, which has been managed in an open and transparent manner.

Antonio Silva is the right man to lead a team from Europe 4 All Aquatics and transform the sport of aquatics for the benefit of all federations and athletes.

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