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To: All NPCs in Africa and Middle East **Date:** 15 August 2003
Attention: Presidents, Secretaries General, **From:** Alison Burchell
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Dear Sir/Madam

IPTT African-Middle East Table Tennis Championships 2003: change of venue and date

As you will know, the uncertainty in the Middle East since the beginning of the year has caused some uncertainty in the organisation of the International Paralympic Table Tennis Africa-Middle East Championships. While South Africa stood in at short notice, there were some concerns about the time allowed for NPCs to prepare their teams adequately. Jordan has now been able to reassess its ability to host the event and has kindly indicated it is willing and able to do so in Amman from 4 to 11 December 2003. We expect the IPC to endorse the event formally during the coming week.

This is, indeed, welcome news as we are able to allow enough time for the preparation as well as to have a Middle Eastern nation host the event after the first was hosted in South Africa in 1999. We believe that spreading the expertise of hosting events such as this is important. Another consideration is that many nations would have budgeted to go to Jordan originally and for some, getting to South Africa would be more expensive.

We apologise for the inconvenience which has been caused but we are confident that the event will happen in Jordan on the specified dates. For further information, please contact the Jordan Sports Federation for the Handicapped on jafh@go.com.jo or on fax +962 65 66 11 73.

Finally, I would like to thank Jordan for taking on this responsibility and to assure you of our support in the preparation of what will be a wonderful event.

Yours faithfully

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