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Appeal: Wrong national anthem played at the Men's 50m Rifle Prone winner's ceremony

Dear Mr. Gustavo de Araujo Perazzolo, Dear Mr. Richard Douglas Ewald,

We, from the DGSV (German Deaf Sports Association), would like to inform you about a disaster that took place today. At the Men's 50m Rifle Prone competition a German sportsman took the gold medal. Unfortunately, at the winner's ceremony, the wrong national anthem was played. The anthem that was played was the German anthem from Nazi Germany during World War II. That song has since been banned from being played. Unfortunately, news has already spread through social media and videos taken at the winner's ceremony are spreading through the internet. This situation puts us in a very precarious situation and once we will be back in Germany, we will have to explain this mishap to the German government. We demand that there will be consequences and that someone will take responsibility. Tomorrow we will be in contact with the German embassy and we will discuss further steps. We will also consider to take legal action. Further, we want you to make sure that for any coming events and winner's ceremonies, the correct anthem will be played. Also, we demand that you officially apologize to our German sportsman, Colin Müller, for this faux pas.

Regards,

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Jan Eichler, Deputy Chef de Mission