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IFSC HOLDS TELECONFERENCE WITH BOARD, OFFICIALS, STAFF AND MEMBER FEDERATIONS, SUPPORTS IOC DECISION

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The International Federation of Sport Climbing held a teleconference today at 1:00 pm (UTC+1:00), welcoming many of its National Federations, along with officials and members of the IFSC Executive Board and IFSC Staff.

The following nations or regions were represented in the audience: Australia; Austria; Belgium; Brazil; Canada; the Czech Republic; France; Great Britain; Germany; Hong Kong, China; Hungary; Indonesia; the Islamic Republic of Iran; Israel; Italy; Japan; Latvia; Lithuania; Nepal; Netherlands; Norway; New Zealand; the People's Republic of China; Poland; Portugal; the Republic of Korea; the Russian Federation; Slovenia; Spain; Switzerland; Ukraine; the United States of America and Venezuela.

The IFSC President Marco Sclaris shared a message of hope and unity:

"I am only the President of an International Sport Federation and I cannot set rules. But I can give you all a recommendation, a strong recommendation, which is also an appeal: stay at home. Rocks and walls won't move, the virus does. Stay at home. This is the only way to contain the pandemic, this is the only way to protect yourselves, also the only way to protect others. We are going through this nightmare together, we'll get out of it together."

The meeting took place shortly before the International Olympic Committee and the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee released a joint statement, making the postponement of the Olympic Games to "not later than summer 2021" official.

The IFSC President Marco Sclaris commented:

"Day after day, it became clearer that the postponement of the Games was the only way to guarantee a fair and collective participation to Tokyo 2020. The IFSC welcomes and supports the decision taken by the IOC, the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee, the Japanese Government and all the authorities involved. The outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus forced all of us to take unprecedented measures to contain the spread, ultimately this one. Right now, all our efforts have to be focused on the end of this pandemic. There will be time for competing, there will be time for sports. Now the world is ill, but one day we will celebrate its recovery with our world cups and championships. We will climb the world again!"

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