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To the **Presidents**  
of the IFSC National Federations

Dear President, dear Friend,

I have the unpleasant task to spend some words on the shameful incident that resulted in the cancellation of the Belgrade Bouldering World Cup.

The decision was taken by the IFSC Delegate on Wednesday morning upon the report of the Chief routesetter. Below you can see some of the pictures taken at that time, showing the situation in Belgrade, less than 48 hours before the start of the competition.

At that point, they were in the impossibility to do anything, but cancel the event.

I want to express to you and to all your athletes my personal sadness and disappointment, as well those of the IFSC, for what happened (or did not happen, should I say?) in Belgrade.

The IFSC Board is considering further actions to investigate about responsibilities and to get compensation for the loss we have suffered.

However, I hope that from this sad story we can learn, and be able to work together, to improve our sport and to avoid that such shameful incidents occur again.

Looking forward to meeting you in Imst, in occasion of our Plenary Assembly  
Best regards

Marco Maria Scolari  
IFSC President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marco Maria Scolari', is positioned below the typed name and title.

Torino, 23 June 2008

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