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Dear President, dear Friend,

We are living an amazing moment in the life of Sport Climbing and of the IFSC. I am proud to say that the IFSC is an Olympic International Sport Federation, only nine years after its creation in 2007. An absolute record, which proves the choices we made together were the right ones. One of the first results of this success is the attached letter, which the IOC sent to all the National Olympic Committees of the world, on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

We know, from the information you have forwarded us that some member Federations are already members of their NOCs, others will have to get this status, but all now - being affiliated to the IFSC - are representing an Olympic sport. In some cases, we imagine that some adjustments might occur in terms of naming, structure, athletes' representation, and so on: the IFSC is at your disposal to help in the transition period.

Moreover, the usual Workshop, scheduled on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in Quebec City, prior to our Plenary Assembly, will be entirely dedicated to the future development of the IFSC member Federations.

Finally, the IFSC will soon have access to the Olympic Solidarity and this will allow us to support the growth of many members, especially in those developing areas of the world that need help.

Having a look at the future, we have been working together with the IOC and Tokyo 2020 since June concerning the Olympic Event format.

The slot given by the IOC offers to the IFSC the participation of 20 male athletes and 20 female athletes, and two medals, one for men and for women (same as surfing).

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 14:30, in Paris Bercy, in occasion of the World Championship, we will present the first draft of the format to the Athletes and to the National Federations. Your delegation attending the 2016 World Championship is warmly invited to participate and I hope to meet you there.

Then, on October 1<sup>st</sup>, the IFSC Executive Board will meet to analyze and vote the proposal to be forwarded to the Plenary Assembly, in Quebec City on March 11<sup>th</sup>, for discussion and final approval.

We will follow the same path for the qualification criteria, to select the first Olympic Climbers.

Looking forward to meeting you soon, with Olympic wishes.

Sincerely,

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