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Dear Friends across the World,

Ten years ago, the first 57 National Federations came together in Frankfurt and founded the IFSC. In the ten years that have passed Sport Climbing has grown dramatically and our athletes have performed spectacularly in events all around the world.

In 2007, very few visionaries would have been able to predict how far we have come in just ten years. From the birth as an organisation, today we are able to fill arenas with standing ovations.

We held stunning World Championships, high quality World Cups and featured in the 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, with thousands of youngsters lining up for climbing. To crown the success of the growing sport and growing events Sport Climbing was finally included in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic program in a historical decision in August this past year.

I would like to take this opportunity to express its heartfelt thanks from all of us at the IFSC to all of the athletes, National Federations, event organisers, officials, sponsors and media which have supported us on this incredible journey.

We have prepared a short video to celebrate the occasion, which can be found [here](#). We would be thrilled if you would share this video on the 27th of January on your social media and celebrate with us.

Thank you so much for your support over the years.

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Best regards,

Marco Maria Solaris
IFSC PRESIDENT