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The President

Dear Ice Hockey friends,

After 25 years of service within the IIHF family - as a member, committee member, Council member, Treasurer, and now President - I am incredibly proud of what we have built together for the sport of ice hockey.

These past five years as President have been among the most challenging, yet also the most meaningful, of my career. Together, we have launched a new strategic vision (ICE 26), navigated the challenges of COVID - including hosting an Olympic Games during the pandemic – and establishing new health standards, rebuilt and strengthened our relationships with the IOC, the wider Olympic family, and ice hockey leagues and clubs around the world. This includes our strong partnership with the NHL, NHLPA and PWHL, which has helped us welcome back players to the Olympic stage for a true best-on-best competition. And those are just the highlights of what we have accomplished together.

I am incredibly proud to have been a guardian of our sport, our events, our organization, and our values, safeguarding them during these critical and uncertain times. However, none of this would have been possible without your trust, your collaboration, and your unwavering support. For that, I truly thank you.

With the IIHF in a strong and stable position, I feel it is the right time to pass the puck to a younger leader. After much deliberation, I have made the decision not to seek re-election as IIHF President, as I believe that it is time for a new leader to take the reins and continue to move our sport forward. I am taking the opportunity to announce this today as I want to ensure that our organization and future leaders prepare themselves for the road ahead. And I am committed to ensuring a smooth and effective transition for the benefit of the global ice hockey community.

There still a lot to do and I am very focused on my work and my mandate as IIHF President. The months ahead will be very active, with important initiatives and announcements still to come as I complete my term in October.

While I plan to spend more time with my family in the future, ice hockey will always be a part of me and you can be assured that I will always continue to support our great sport just in a different way. Especially with the preparations to welcome you all to France in 2028 for the Men's World Championships - and, of course, the French Alps 2030 Winter Olympic Games.

Yours in hockey,

Luc Tardif
IIHF President