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FROM:

Eric Saintrond – FISU Secretary General/CEO

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Re: Chengdu 2021 FISU World University Games – Postponement

Dear Member Associations,
Dear Friends,

As you know, over the last few days, important discussions were held between FISU and the Chengdu 2021 Organising Committee regarding a potential postponement of the Games following the careful evaluation of our Member Associations' feedback and the overall situation.

Today, FISU has officially and publicly announced the postponement of the Chengdu 2021 FISU World University Games to 2023. For further information on this decision, we kindly invite you to read the press release below that was posted on FISU website today ([here](#)).

Chengdu 2021 FISU World University Games Rescheduled For 2023

Following extensive discussions between FISU, the Chengdu 2021 Organising Committee and other stakeholders, a decision has been taken to postpone the FISU World University Games until 2023. The FISU Games had initially been scheduled for the summer of 2021, but were rescheduled following the postponement of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

“The decision to reschedule Chengdu 2021 is not one that was made easily, but it is the right decision for university athletes. Their welfare is always our number one priority. Continued uncertainty over conditions has made rescheduling the sensible choice - a number of National University Sports Federations had already changed their plans,” said Acting FISU President Leonz Eder. “Taking a team to the FISU World University Games is a great responsibility and FISU is confident that this decision will enable the greatest possible number of university athletes to attend next year.”

International university sport has resumed this year, with a number of FISU World University Championships being held.

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"FISU is looking forward to moving back to the rhythm that has proven very successful to date, of having FISU World University Championships one year and then FISU World University Games. This is only possible thanks to the commitment and dedication of all of our hosts around the world, to whom FISU remains deeply grateful. The Chengdu Organising Committee has made great efforts for the preparatory work since its successful bid. FISU thanks the Chengdu Organising Committee for its hard work," continued Eder.

The 2023 FISU World University Games Winter are scheduled for Lake Placid, while the 2025 hosts are Torino for winter and Rhine-Ruhr for summer. A host for the 2027 FISU World University Games is expected to be named later this year.

Although we regret that the Games have to be rescheduled a second time due to the current circumstances, FISU is confident that this decision will enable our event to take place in the best possible conditions. Our Secretariat remains available for any question you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Saintrond', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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