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Dear Candidates,

Next week, one of you will be elected as the next President of the IOC.

To the incoming President, we ask that over the coming years and the course of your presidency one issue be above all others: the care of our planet.

Rising temperatures and extreme weather are already disrupting competition schedules, putting iconic venues at risk and affecting the health of athletes and fans.

This year's devastating wildfires in Los Angeles —host city of the 2028 Olympic Games—are a stark reminder of why bold action is needed. Extreme heat is raising real concerns about whether Summer Games can be held safely in future years, and Winter Games are becoming harder to organize with reliable snow and ice conditions diminishing annually.

This is no longer a distant threat, but a current and growing harm to the sports we love and to the countries that make up our Olympic family.

As the incoming President you have a precious opportunity to build on the IOC's sustainability leadership, keeping the spirit of the Games alive by ensuring that sport remains accessible and safe for future generations. This includes:

1. Strengthening commitments to swiftly cut carbon emissions;
2. Championing sustainable practices in Host Cities;
3. Setting a standard regarding high polluting sponsorships;
4. Using the IOC's platform to advocate for broader environmental action.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to meet with you at an early point in your presidency to discuss these commitments for the coming years.

Never has upholding the Olympic motto, "Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together", been more essential.

We ask that in the years ahead you lead through action, ensuring that the Games remain a source of unity while protecting the future of sport.

Sincerely,

440 Summer and Winter Olympians from over 90 countries and over 50 sports