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**Subject: Postponement – USIC Shooting Championship 2022**

Dear General Secretary, Dear Members of the USIC Board, Dear Participants,

As the President of the Union Sportive des Cheminots de France, I have the regret to inform you that we must postpone the organization of next USIC Shooting Championship.

In fact, we have just learned that the modernization of the CCGPF center in St Mandrier, the accommodation and catering site for our competition, will not be completed in time.

We looked for other organizational possibilities and the only possible solution would have been to have the participants stay at two sites at a distance of more than 10 minutes of transport. This scenario is unthinkable for us, not in any way going into the values of the USIC that we promote: the knowledge to live together, exchanges and fraternity. Moreover, this would create too many problems for us in terms of transportation, caterings and hygiene.

We always take care and attention to the well-being of our athletes and unfortunately, today, we cannot guarantee it.

So, it is our duty, for the good of the railway sport, but also for the image of the USIC and its standards to postpone this event.

I am very sorry about this situation and understand that athletes may be frustrated by this postponement, but this frustration would be much stronger if they participated in such conditions. It makes no sense.

In addition, as President of the USIC, I would not support such an organization, either in France or elsewhere.

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I want you to know that Sébastien Picca, as president of the CTT, is joining me in this important decision. Like me, Sébastien cannot support this organization under these conditions

We will get back to you as soon as possible so that we can propose new organization dates, this should probably be in November 2023.

We apologize to the members who prepared for this competition, hoping that no financial costs were incurred on their part. We would be sensitive if that were the case.

Again, I'm advocating a postpone rather than having a USIC Championship that doesn't reflect our values. It would be too negative for the image of our international sports association towards our athletes and fellow railway workers.

USIC yes, but USIC of quality. I think this should be our guide.

Please accept our regrets and apologies for this situation.

Sincerely

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