
THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE!

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OBJECTIVE: 1000 CITIES!

Dear friends,

We did it!

Baku now belongs to the past and upon receiving the first reports I note that the feedback is very positive. Of course, Baku is not an end in itself but it is for sure the beginning of a long-term process. Reforms had to be initiated today so we can hope to reap the fruits come 2020, 2024. A starting shot was needed.

Before anything else I want to address my thanks to those who joined the project and invested in it. My colleagues of the Executive Committee, the judges, technicians, staff members, have been a great support at any moment, especially during delicate moments. My recognition also goes to the Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation for offering us a prestigious scene and optimal conditions.

We will immediately draw a first lesson of this experience, our objective being a detailed presentation that we will share with our National Federations in November of this year, on the occasion of our General Assembly.

In the near future, Gymnastics for All takes the spotlight with the opening of the 15th World Gymnaestrada in Helsinki (FIN) under the auspices of the FIG. I will meet you there to experience together this spectacular demonstration of the world-wide popularity of our sport. This Gymnastics is the central pillar of our entire house. On this basis, we need to devote the biggest benevolence to it. Its contents contains our future. Also, my wishes for success go to Margaret Sikkens Ahlquist (SWE), the President of the Gymnastics for All Committee of the FIG and her Committee.

In the same spirit, I await with similar impatience the opening of the *European Week of Sport*, a continental manifestation, piloted by the European Commission in Brussels which will take place from 7 to 13 September 2015. I invite all our Federations, associations and clubs to join this event and animate 1000 cities and its streets in Europe with a show of gymnastics. That is our objective! Alberto Claudino Loureira Nunes and his Committee are at your disposal to shape your projects.

I am looking for to meeting you in Helsinki!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guelzec', written in a cursive style.

With my compliments.

Georges GUELZEC, UEG President