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To: **Frank Rashid Ruales Mosquera**  
President  
Federación Ecuatoriana de Escalada Deportiva

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**Subject: Membership Status Certificate**

To whom it may concern,

The “Union Internationale des Associations de Alpinisme” (UIAA) was founded in 1932 in Chamonix by 20 mountaineering associations with the aim of representing mountaineering and create a common space for the different national associations. Over time, the UIAA expanded its scope to regulate Climbing competitions and established internal structures to manage this activity.

In 1997, the UIAA created the International Council for Competition Climbing (ICC) to provide autonomy and efficiency to competitive climbing within the association.  
In 2006, the UIAA General Assembly voted a resolution to cease governing competition climbing and invited the ICC leadership and members to create their own organization.  
On 27 January 2007, the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) was established as the continuation of the ICC. Today, the IFSC is the world governing body for Sport Climbing and Para Climbing, officially recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). In addition, the IFSC is a member of the IWGA, ARISF, and ASOIF.

The IFSC is legally recognised by the IOC and sport climbing has featured in two consecutive Olympic Games, with its third participation confirmed for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

In line with this evolution, the current Ecuadorian Mountaineering Federation, an IFSC member, has adopted a strategy to modernise and elevate Sport Climbing nationally, following the precedent of separating from the UIAA to focus fully on the high-performance Olympic discipline of Sport Climbing.

As part of this process, the Federación Ecuatoriana de Andinismo (FEDAN) requested a name change to the IFSC on 20 November 2025, proposing the new name **Federación Ecuatoriana de Escalada Deportiva (FEDED)**.

This request was approved by the IFSC Executive Board on 4 December 2025 (see attached letter).

Therefore, through this letter, the IFSC certifies that the **Federación Ecuatoriana de Escalada Deportiva (FEDED)** is the sole national governing body recognised by the IFSC to represent the sport of climbing in Ecuador since 27 January 2007. As such, FEDED is entitled to represent Ecuador at IFSC General Assemblies and is authorised to host IFSC events and register athletes for IFSC competitions, including World Championships, World Cups, Youth World Championships, Panamerican Championships, Panamerican Cups, and other IFSC-sanctioned events.

Yours sincerely,

**Piero Rebaudengo**

IFSC Secretary General