



Mr Pascal Tesch

President of the European Fencing Confederation

Luxembourg

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Dear Pascal Tesch,

On behalf of the Nordic Fencing Union, consisting of national federations from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden, I hereby submit our common and unanimous endorsement of Mr. Otto Drakenberg as candidate for the presidency of the International Fencing Federation, FIE.

As a successful business leader, combined with his distinguished fencing career at international level, Otto Drakenberg is uniquely placed to lead the FIE. Having served as president of the Swedish Fencing Federation since 2017, he has showed excellent leadership qualities with proven results. With his open and approachable leadership style, Otto Drakenberg's ambition is to engage in close dialogue with national federations in a modern and inclusive way, introducing a transparent and accountable governance structure.

In these decisive times of geopolitical rivalry, it is incumbent upon all of us to ensure that the FIE becomes a beacon of democracy in the world of sports. As a staunch defender of democratic values, we are convinced that Mr Drakenberg is the best candidate to ensure that FIE respects and defends human and equal rights in all its activities and events. This is key to building integrity and visibility for our athletes and supporters, allowing our sport to grow in all countries around the world.

We would appreciate if you could share this endorsement with all members of the European Fencing Confederation, as well as national federations in North and South America, Japan, South Korea, Ukraine and others as you see fit.

We would also like to speak with you how we can best promote Mr. Drakensberg candidacy in the run-up to the FIE Congress in Tashkent.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Erika Aze

President

Nordic Fencing Union