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## IFSC PLENARY ASSEMBLY 2016: SPORT CLIMBING AS ONE VOICE

The 11th Annual Plenary Assembly of the IFSC held here in Tehran (Iran) ended yesterday, 20th February 2016. Hosted by the Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation (IMSCF), the Plenary Assembly brought together 34 member federations. It concluded with a press conference in the official hotel of the Iranian Olympic Committee.

More than 15 media representatives were present to listen to both IFSC and IMSCF leaders: Marco Maria Sclaris, IFSC President, Helmut Knabl, IFSC Vice-President Sport/Events and Reza Zarei, President of the Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation (IMSCF).

Three main topics were addressed during the press conference:

**“Sport Climbing has the assets: new, fresh, young”**

Marco Maria Sclaris updated those present on the Tokyo 2020 bid: *“We believe that if all five sports are accepted for Tokyo 2020, they will add great value to the Olympic Games in Japan. We cannot say anything about the format at this point as the decision has not been taken yet. We believe that Sport Climbing has all the assets: new, fresh, young”.*

### Sport Climbing in Iran

Iran expressed the wish to host more international events in the future. The IFSC President replied: *“In terms of sport, we are glad to see that Iran is already hosting Asian events. During our discussions with the Iranian Olympic Committee President and the Minister of Youth & Sport, we insisted on the need to provide the Iranian Federation with a more extensive infrastructure because the requirements for organizing international events are increasing along with the practicalities of welcoming large numbers of climbers at one time.”*

### A very fruitful meeting

To conclude the 11<sup>th</sup> Plenary Assembly, Mr Sclaris said *“I felt a lot of harmony in the sport climbing family, willing to work together for the development of the sport. The all-day meeting was very constructive and united, with representatives willing to pursue their efforts to improve structure at national level and be ready for Tokyo 2020. They massively support the inclusion of Sport Climbing at Tokyo 2020.”*

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