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Dear CISM Friends,

as you know, during the next General Assembly, I will conclude my third and last mandate as President of CISM. On Saturday, the 15 of May 2010, a new President will be elected.

Starting from tomorrow, I have then exactly six months, one hundred and eighty days, at my disposal to conclude my mission and to handover to my successor in the best possible way.

It is my intention, during this period, to dedicate all efforts to consolidate the most important achievements we have reached and, at the same time, to continue to do my best to open new horizons for our international military sport movement.

In particular, four are the main fields to which I am giving the most importance:

- A. The research of new economic means, for our development and solidarity activities.
- B. A more advanced and dynamic synergy with the world around us, at national and international level.
- C. The definition of an even more specific role of CISM, in the fields of sport for all and of the humanitarian and peace-keeping initiatives.
- D. The strength and the international awareness of our Military World Games.

As usual, but now in a specific way, I need to count on all and on each of you.

Starting from the next splendid opportunity we have at our disposal, in a few months: the very first edition of the Winter Military World Games, in Aosta, in March 2010.

It is a unique, outstanding chance for all the CISM family to demonstrate, to the world, in the same year as the Olympic Games of Vancouver, the maximum number of flags of our member countries and, at the same time, to show how many and how strong our top athletes are.

Dear friends, believe me: the best way for me to say good-by to my 45 years of intensive membership in CISM is to share, all together, our main permanent goals and to play a concrete, personal role to reach them. Let us enjoy the challenges that future holds for us.

I will see you in six months time in Rio. Good luck.

“Friendship through Sport”

Maj. Gen. Dr. Gianni Gola  
President