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FOR THE ATTENTION OF:
FISU Member Associations

FROM:
Matthias Remund – FISU Secretary General/CEO

Lausanne, 10 March 2026
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Re: Official Updates on Upcoming FISU World University Championships

Dear Member Associations,

Given the serious and growing security concerns in the Middle East region, FISU has been closely monitoring developments and conducting thorough assessments with relevant experts and stakeholders. We are actively developing contingency plans to safeguard all participants in our events.

After careful consideration, and in close cooperation with the Organising Committee, FISU has regrettably decided to postpone the 2026 FISU World University Championship Finswimming until further notice. The event was originally scheduled on 10–11 April in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. The safety, security and well-being of our student-athletes, officials and delegations remain our absolute highest priority. We also recognise the increasing challenges faced by delegations in securing safe and reliable travel arrangements.

At the same time, FISU continues to closely monitor the situation for other upcoming championships in the region, including the 2026 FISU World University Championship Powerlifting (22–26 July, Sharjah, UAE) and the 2026 FISU World University Championship Weightlifting (8–12 September, Doha, Qatar). We will communicate any final decisions regarding these events in due course. For the time being, we kindly advise all Member Associations not to purchase flight tickets for these competitions until further official notice.

We sincerely hope for peace and stability in the region and around the world. We remain committed to the values of university sport and will continue to promote unity, friendship and mutual understanding through sport.

Thank you for your understanding, support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Remund', with a stylized, cursive script.

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