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«Military World Winter Games 2025»

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Vor dem Publikum der Abschlusszeremonie der Militärweltspiele 2025 in
Luzern

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Es gilt das gesprochene Wort

Dear athletes,
Dear esteemed guests,
Dear CISM friends,

Over the past week, beneath the majestic Swiss winter panorama, 43 nations have come together – not just as competitors in the fifth Military World Winter Games of the International Military Sports Council, but as ambassadors of excellent sportsmanship. 1'393 Athletes have showcased their talents on ice, in the snow, in the sky, and on the climbing walls.

Throughout these games, we have witnessed extraordinary performances, moments of triumph, and the bonds of international friendship that define the true essence of the International Military Sports Council. Sport has the unique power to unite people – transcending borders, cultures, and differences. This unity is precisely what makes the CISM 2025 motto “friendship through sport” so powerful and relevant. It reminds us that even in such a diverse and complex world, a shared passion for sport fosters mutual respect and connecting memories.

Dear athletes, your discipline, perseverance, and unwavering spirit have been truly inspiring. Your dedication has left a lasting mark, and I hope that beyond your sporting achievements, you take home unforgettable memories of your time here in Switzerland. I am also grateful and relieved that the games have concluded safely, with no significant accidents - a testament to your professionalism and the careful preparations of our organizers.

I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to the organizers, supporters, and everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make these games a success. The event has reflected Switzerland's commitment to sustainability, demonstrating world-class sporting events can be hosted in a way that is economically, socially, and environmentally responsible.

As we say farewell, let this not be a goodbye, but rather a promise to meet again. Whether for future competitions, training opportunities, or simply as friends returning to a familiar place; we would be honored to welcome you back to Switzerland!

With that, it is my privilege to say:

***I declare the 5th Military World Winter Games of the International Military Sports Council
Lucerne 2025 closed.***