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Mr. Branko Lovric  
Secretary General  
Croatian Canoe Federation

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Dear Branko,

On behalf of the ICF, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and sincere appreciation for the exceptional organization of the 2024 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships in Metković. Hosting more than 800 entries, including masters, with representation from 45 nations and a record-breaking 532 elite competitors from 40 countries, this event was a resounding success. The increased number of Para entries, with 37 participants, highlights the growing inclusivity of our sport.

The races on the beautiful Neretva River were exhilarating, and the warmth and hospitality of your team and the people of Metković made this a truly memorable experience for everyone involved. As the first time that the World Championships have been held in Croatia, the event was a landmark achievement that will be fondly remembered.

Please convey my deepest gratitude to the Mayor of Metković, Mr. Dalibor Milan, for his tremendous support and partnership in making this event so special. The joint efforts from the Croatian Canoe Federation and the city of Metković has set a high standard for future events.

Thank you for your dedication to our beloved sport. We look forward to strengthening the partnership with the Croatian Canoe Federation and exploring new opportunities for future ICF events in Croatia.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Konietzko".

**Thomas Konietzko**  
ICF President