

Dear Athlete,

I address you with deep regret regarding the recent incident that took place in the context of the message I sent on the social media platform Instagram.

I want to emphasize from the outset that my sole intention was to share a positive comment with you.

I want to unequivocally emphasize that my message contained no undertones or hidden content that could be interpreted differently than an expression of sympathy and admiration. I am fully aware of how important the principles of respect and professionalism are in the context of sports events, especially at such a prestigious level as the World Championships.

It was never my intention to violate these principles or create a situation that could be perceived as inappropriate.

I am sincerely sorry that my actions may have been interpreted in a way that was not consistent with my intentions. If, in any way, my behavior has triggered negative emotions, I apologize for any inconvenience and misunderstandings that may have arisen from this incident.