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To
Federación Uruguaya de Handball
Gustavo Modernell, President

sent by email

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Dear President,
Dear Friend,

Winning a gold medal at the Youth Olympic Games is a remarkable achievement, and Uruguay's triumph in the women's beach handball competition at Dakar 2026 deserves our highest respect! Please accept my sincere congratulations to you and everyone at the Uruguayan Handball Federation on this fantastic success, which has brought great pride to the country.

Throughout the competition, the team demonstrated outstanding quality, determination and belief in their abilities. Their journey to the final was marked by consistency and a strong competitive spirit, but it was in the decisive match against Spain that they showed their character in the most memorable way. In a tense encounter that went all the way to a shoot-out, the players kept their composure and found the strength to take the final step towards Olympic gold. The saves by Julia Rotundo Bianchi were a particularly special moment in a victory that will remain part of Uruguay's sporting history.

The Youth Olympic Games offer a unique platform for young athletes to gain international experience, represent their country and take important steps in their sporting journeys. For this group, returning home as Olympic champions will undoubtedly be a defining moment, one that can inspire many other young players to follow in their footsteps. Their achievement is also a wonderful advertisement for Uruguayan handball and the potential of beach handball across South and Central America.

My congratulations go to the players, coaches and officials, as well as to everyone whose commitment and dedication have contributed to this success. Winning the women's competition in Dakar is a fantastic milestone, one that deserves to be celebrated by the entire handball family.

Yours sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION

Dr Hassan Moustafa
President

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