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German Federal President Horst Köhler to be Honorary Chairman of the 2010 IIHF WM

DEB President Uwe Harnos: "Great Honour and Pleasure"

Horst Köhler, the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, is to be the Honorary Chairman of the 2010 IIHF World Championship. A corresponding message from the President's office reached Uwe Harnos, President of the German Ice Hockey Federation (DEB) and Franz Reindl, the General Secretary of the World Championship.

The news was much appreciated by Uwe Harnos in a responding letter of the DEB: "It is a great honour and pleasure for the German Ice Hockey Federation, that Mr. Federal President Köhler is to become the Honorary Chairman of the 2010 IIHF World Championship in Germany".

Franz Reindl is also pleased: "Our Federal President becoming the Honorary Chairman also sends out a remarkable message on international level. If we want to continue bringing sporting highlights to Germany, it is very important to be able to count on support from our country's highest representative for an event like the IIHF World Championship in Germany".

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The 2010 IIHF World Championship is the year's most important international sporting event in Germany. It will take place from the 7th - 23rd May 2010 in the Cologne "LANXESS arena", the Mannheim "SAP ARENA" and the Gelsenkirchen "VELTINS Arena" and is using the motto "GERMANY ON ICE". The organisation committee, with president Uwe Harnos and general secretary Franz Reindl heading it up, is expecting 500,000 spectators at 56 World Championship games from 16 of the world's best nations. 1,000 accredited journalists and over 200 TV stations involved will report in over 100 countries of the World Championship from Germany. Around 650 million viewers will follow the World Championship on the television. Tickets are available at www.iihfworlds2010.com and telephone +49 621 18 19 0 333.

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