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Summary:
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Details:
CALI (COL), FIG Office, July 25, 2013: FIG was unfortunately forced to cancel Rhythmic Gymnastics competitions on Ribbon at The World Games 2013 Cali today following an assessment of the conditions in the competition hall as well as the temporary warm-up and training tent.

Installations and conditions at El Pueblo Coliseum have been observed critically by FIG staff during the last week and as FIG requirements had not been met in the training facilities and the competition hall by deadline, Wednesday's training sessions for Rhythmic Gymnastics were cancelled. A re-evaluation of the situation was scheduled for today.

The FIG Secretary General inspected the venue personally this morning and at midday. He confirmed that the temperature measured at both the training and the competition venues was too high, compared to the requirements outlined in the FIG Technical Regulations. Furthermore, strong air draughts caused by the air condition system affect the gymnasts and the handling of the ribbon, which makes the staging of competitions on this apparatus impossible.

"I am very disappointed with the situation at El Pueblo Coliseum and I deeply regret to take this decision, but under the present circumstances, we cannot run a competition on Ribbon here," FIG Secretary General André Gueisbuhler said.

Mr Gueisbuhler will meet with representatives of the International World Games Association (IWGA) and the Cali Local Organising Committee (CLOC) this afternoon to discuss further proceedings regarding the other Rhythmic and all other Gymnastics disciplines at El Pueblo Coliseum.