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Dear friends,

It is with great sadness that we heard about the tragic passing of 1964 Olympic Floor Champion, World medallist and six-time European Champion, Mr Franco MENICHELLI.

Mr MENICHELLI was a most major figure of Italian Men's Artistic Gymnastics in the 1960s, having greatly contributed to the outstanding results of Italy during that period, including an Olympic Bronze medal with the team, in front of home crowd, during the Rome Games of 1960.

European Gymnastics is offering its deepest sympathy and condolences to Mr MENICHELLI's family and friends, and to the Italian gymnastics community.

In these difficult times, we wish you all the necessary strength and courage to face this loss.

Truthfully yours,

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