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TRIBUTE TO JANEZ KOCIJANCIC (1941-2020)

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Tributes have been paid to the President of the European Olympic Committees (EOC), Janez Kocijancic, who died on June 1, 2020 after a short illness. He was 78.

Mr Kocijancic, a prominent politician in Slovenia, became the first President of the Slovenian Olympic Committee in 1991 and rose to prominence within the EOC, taking over the Presidency in 2016.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Janez was a very special person in the Olympic Family. During his Presidency we became friends and we enjoyed the opportunity to help him become acquainted with our movement.

"At this terribly sad time, our thoughts are with the Kocijancic family and also with colleagues and friends who worked very closely with Janez. The continent of Europe and the wider world has lost a great leader and a true sporting diplomat."