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Dr. Thomas Bach
President
International Olympic Committee

Rome, September 11th, 2015

**DECLARATION OF INTENT TO CANDIDATE ROME AS HOST CITY
OF THE 2024 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES**

Dear President Bach,

on behalf of the Municipality of Rome and the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) it is with great honor that we are writing to you today to declare our intention to bid to host the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

If successful, Rome will deliver the greatest festival of sport for the whole world. A sporting celebration which will emphasise Rome's unique cultural history at the same time as harnessing the power of the Games to help forge a more modern, dynamic identity for Rome and the whole of Italy. We understand that this combination of the past and the future is at the core of the IOC's values, and the activities of the Roma 2024 Bidding Committee will ensure that from the very beginning, every initiative and project will have an immediate impact and a lasting legacy for the City and the country.

The decision to nominate Rome as a Candidate City enjoys the complete support of the Italian President of the Republic, the national Government and its Prime Minister as well as all levels of the local and regional institutions, as demonstrated by the motion approved by the Rome City Council in June 2015.

Moreover, the unanimous vote cast at the CONI National Council demonstrates that our vision for the Games is also shared by the Italian sporting community and most importantly by the athletes, who are, of course, at the very heart of our vision.

We are also delighted to say that Italy's business community, as well as Rome's cultural movement and civic society leaders, are fully behind the bid. All of us understand the opportunity this represents.

In staging the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Rome would seek to revive the spirit and history of the extraordinary Games of 1960, the legacy for which is still very visible today.

Those Games not only provided great steps forward in terms of infrastructure and economic progress – so crucial to the City's urban development and cohesion – but also left a less tangible legacy. One that is still a source of enormous pride to Romans who experienced that special moment in time. We will aim to recreate that magical experience and by using the latest technology, new media and social networks make sure the whole world can experience it too.

Just as we did in 1960, both the City of Rome and CONI will ensure that the capital's Candidature will revolve around elements of unprecedented innovation and sustainability, adopting the IOC Agenda 2020 as its principal operational guideline. The primary aim in this regard would be to launch a complete modernization of the numerous sporting infrastructures the City currently possesses, an architectural wealth immersed in the City's vast green areas and parks, historically a central element of the Roman lifestyle. The Roma 2024 vision will thus foster the strengthening of the synergy between sports and the City's sustainable character, in order to provide the most advanced facilities at the lowest environmental cost.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rome would present the athletes the chance to live the Olympic spirit surrounded by breathtaking historic locations, competing and practicing their disciplines in the most iconic settings of the Eternal City that have fascinated the world for centuries.

Rome has historically acted as a global cultural, spiritual, economic and political crossroads shaped by its centuries-long past as well as by its humanity and hospitality. Drawing on its vast experience in hosting people from around the globe and large-scale events, Rome is in fact an ideal multicultural setting in which diversity becomes the backbone of equality and where Olympic values can truly pave the way to friendship and peace.

Therefore, and on behalf of the City and the Italian Olympic community, we humbly wish to express our belief that Rome is ready to welcome the Olympic Family, the athletes and the world to witness the largest celebration of sport.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to you Mr. President and the entire IOC for your support which, we are sure, will be further strengthened throughout this exciting journey to the IOC Session in Lima two years from now.

Yours sincerely,

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Mayor of Rome

Giovanni Malagò
President CONI