

SPEECH BY GIOVANNI MALAGÒ

Dear President of the International Olympic Committee,
Thomas Bach,

Royal Highnesses,

IOC Members,

Presidents of International Federations,

Athletes and Friends of Sport,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honour and a privilege for me to be here to present Milan's application to host the IOC Session, together with Mayor Giuseppe Sala and Sport Councilor of the Lombardy Region and three-time Olympic canoeing champion, Antonio Rossi. And as Sport City Councilor Milano has a lady, Roberta Guaineri, here with us.

The Italian Olympic Committee is highly motivated to welcome all of you and your families to one of the most important cities in the world.

Milan est depuis toujours la capitale industrielle de l'Italie, la deuxième métropole de notre Pays mais surtout, comme vous avez pu voir dans les vidéos précédentes, c'est une ville avant-gardiste, moderne, dynamique qui a toujours montrée d'énormes capacités en matière d'organisation et d'accueil tout en pouvant offrir un patrimoine culturel, historique, artistique et architecturale dont la valeur est reconnue à échelle internationale.

In this application, we have the support of all national and local institutions. First of all the President of the Republic, Sergio Mattarella, the Government, with Prime Minister

Paolo Gentiloni and Minister of Sport, Luca Lotti, the whole City of Milan, the Governor of Lombardy Region, Roberto Maroni, our Sport Family, Italian IOC Members and Presidents of International Federations. A compactness and unity of intent like never before and which Italy had particular need. This, for CONI and myself, is a reason to be proud and satisfied. (You know very well what it means...) and I take this opportunity to express my strongest congratulations to Paris and Los Angeles and to their excellent teams.

The positive experience of the Milan Expo in 2015 has given further impetus and vivacity to the dreams of expanding an already prosperous and energetic region. The global success of the organisation has confirmed the city's predisposition to welcoming, gathering and organising international events.

El 2019 también será el año en el que se celebrarán los 500 años de la desaparición de Leonardo da Vinci, para muchos el más grande genio de la humanidad, quien transcurrió gran parte de su vida artística en Milán dejando un patrimonio inigualable de obras que la Comisión de evaluación del COI, integrada por Ser Miang Ng y Willi Kaltschmitt, ya ha tenido la oportunidad de admirar y apreciar.

Milán está en Lombardía y Lombardía es la región italiana que más ha contribuido al deporte italiano en los Juegos Olímpicos. El 22% de las medallas olímpicas italianas proviene de esta región. Y aquí tenemos también Carlo Mornati próximo secretario general del comité Olímpico Italiano.

Milán tiene una gran tradición deportiva y en 2019 también celebrará el centenario del nacimiento del milanés Edoardo Mangiarotti, el atleta más grande y con más títulos en la historia del nuestro deporte, con 13 medallas olímpicas ganadas, incluyendo 6 de oro, ocupando así el cuarto

puesto en el ranking de todos los tiempos de la historia olimpica mundial.

It is with these emotions, these memories and with this spirit that we present Milan 2019, knowing that Italy – if the assembly wishes to grant us this honour – has always proven to be able to meet the greatest challenges and major organisations.

We have presented a compact project that includes all events within a 4-km radius, which can be reached in a maximum of 15 minutes.

For the Olympic Family, we have over 500 rooms in three 5-star hotels in a same square, which can be reached in a few seconds on foot.

The IOC Executive Board will be hosted at the Principe di Savoia hotel, which has a meeting room capacity of over 3,000 square meters.

The Session opening ceremony will be held at La Scala, one of the oldest and most prestigious opera theatres in the world, in the presence of the President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella. We will show you our extensive repertoire of Italian music and our cultural traditions.

The Session will be held at the MiCo, that is, the Milano Congressi. 15 minutes from the Olympic Families' Hotels. It is the largest Congress Centre in Europe.

In 2014 MiCo hosted the events related to the Italian Presidency of European Union Council.

In 2012 MiCo was selected as the main venue for World Family Day Celebrations.

MiCo successfully hosted the World Leaders during COP 9.

MiCo hosted the 44th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Inter American Development Bank.

MiCo has two plenary rooms and an Auditorium that can accommodate up to 18.000 people in 70 fully furnished conference rooms with modular and versatile structures to perfectly meet the IOC's requirement for the Session.

For the media, we have provided a cluster of accommodation facilities in the centre, along the purple metro-line which, in six stops, arrives directly at the MiCo.

Candidate Cities will be accommodated in different hotels located at a walking distance from the MiCo.

Milano is one of the best connected international cities. It has three airports and is the destination of 3,000 weekly flights from 100 cities in Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East and America.

Milano is in the centre of first class motorway-network linked to every part of Italy and Europe. It's also a major railway hub. A train journey from Lausanne takes only three hours, with 4 daily connections. Venice, Florence and Rome are less than three hours away by high-speed train.

The local transport system is well developed with metro lines and regional suburban railways lines.

Milan is also the Fashion Capital. Here, you must pay attention to your partners, as I cannot guarantee how much they will use your credit card...

Jokes aside, in Milan the only problem you have is choice and, even in this sense, Milan is a leading city.

Nevertheless, Milan has never had the honour to host an IOC Session. However, we request it now, and we do so with great conviction.

Milan is ready. Milan is here!!

Thank you all of you for your attention.

And now you are invited to take a look at this latest video on what is sport in Milan and could be in the future.