

## **SPEECH BY ANTONIO ROSSI**

Mr President, distinguished IOC members, dear NOC Presidents,  
Good afternoon

One minute and a half was enough to win my first Olympic medal, but it is now a short time to describe the beauty of my land you have seen in the video and to explain our programs to spread sport culture. Lombardy in its sport version can be capsuled in a few significant numbers: ten million people, seventeen thousand sport facilities, ten thousand sport associations and 25% of the sport activity taking place in my Region.

We are working on many different projects regarding facilities, social commitment, sport education in schools, assistance to families in economic troubles, education for sport basic training as well as for high level and Olympic one. I also add sport as economic and touristic development opportunity, as fun and free time, as aggregation tool and a very important one for our health. But time goes by and it is not enough to tell you everything.

Therefore, I wait for you in Milan where together with President of the Region of Lombardy Roberto Maroni – whom I bring you greetings from and who is carefully following the outcome of this extremely important meeting - we will have altogether the chance to show you personally, what our Region can offer.

Thank you for your attention and many thanks to our team who have worked at the dossier.

Arrivederci in Milano