

Mr. Zaia's speech

- *Dear Members of the International Olympic Committee, I am Luca Zaia, President of Region Veneto and I am very happy and proud for this important opportunity, we are given, to provide some more details, on the Olympic and Paralympic project of Milano-Cortina 2026.*
- *This is a dream, that we want to make come true, 70 years after the memorable edition of Cortina 1956, the first Olympic Games ever hosted in Italy.*
- *The majestic scenario of the Alps, and in particular of the Dolomites, UNESCO Heritage site, with the cultural richness of Milan, will be the power for the 2026 Games.*
- *Cortina, the "Queen of the Dolomites", is the only Italian place, included in the "Best of the Alps", the 12 most beautiful mountain resorts, of the Alps.*
- *Along with Milano, we candidate the Dolomites, which hold one of the biggest and most famous ski hubs of the world, in a perfect balance between environment and development.*
- *This candidature comes from the people. In front of You, there is the whole Community, which loves and wants the Winter Olympic Games.*
- *Cortina and Milano will make an innovative concept of Games, fully in line with the recommendations of International Olympic Committee, your Agenda 2020, Mr. President Bach, come true.*
- *To implement our candidature, we started from the remarks and recommendations of the International Olympic Committee:*

projects on a human scale, no monumental works, no concrete flow, no money and energy waste, no white elephants which will not be used after the Games end.

- *In relation to these goals, it's important to remember to you, that 5 years before the Olympic games, Cortina will house the 2021 World Ski Championships.*
- *Important new works of ski runs, equipments and facilities for 242 million Euros are already underway.*
- *These Winter Games are not a problem for us but a big opportunity, and we are very proud to house them.*
- *We are ready to prove, that the Winter Olympic games will be a great, useful and respectful promotion of the Sport and the Community, that will house it.*
- *We look forward to receiving your decision.*
- *Dear Mr. President Bach, Dear Members of the International Committee, thanks again for this opportunity in which we strongly believe.*