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ROME'S CANDIDATURE FOR HOSTING THE 2024 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES IS A CHALLENGE THAT CALLS FORTH THE NATION'S PLANNING CAPABILITIES, TESTING ITS VISION, QUALITY AND RESOURCES; FOR ITS SUCCESS, UNITY OF INTENTS IS KEY: BETWEEN THE INSTITUTIONS AND CITIZENS, BETWEEN THE SPORT WORLD AND SOCIETY, BETWEEN EXPONENTS OF ITALIAN CULTURE AND BUSINESS.

TODAY, SPORT IS A VITAL COMPONENT OF SOCIETY, ECONOMY, CULTURE, EDUCATION, AND CONTRIBUTES TO DELINEATING THE VERY IMAGE OF A COUNTRY.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES REPRESENT ONE OF THE HIGHEST SPORTING MOMENTS, MANIFESTING THOSE UNIVERSAL AND HUMANISTIC IDEALS THAT ARE AT THE ORIGIN OF THEIR REVIVAL IN MODERN TIMES. FOR ITALY, THIS IS A CHANCE TO TALK TO THE WORLD, TO STRENGTHEN THAT MESSAGE OF PEACE AND SOLIDARITY THAT IS THE EXPRESSION OF OUR HISTORY, AND TO RELAUNCH THE THEME OF ITALIAN QUALITY, A TREASURE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE AND TALENT, WHICH WE ARE CALLED TO RENEW AMONGST THE GREAT CHANGES IN THE GLOBALISED WORLD.

THE PATH THAT SEPARATES US FROM THE MOMENT IN WHICH THE GAMES WILL BE ASSIGNED NEEDS TO BE FOLLOWED WITH MOTIVATION AND COHERENCY, ASKING OUR SPORT MOVEMENT TO PERFORM AT ITS BEST IN ALL ASPECTS, ELIMINATING FLAWS, CONTRASTING GREY AREAS AND ANY FORM OF ILLEGALITY, PROMOTING THE BEST ENERGIES, INVESTING IN EXCELLENCE AS WELL AS IN THE DIFFUSION OF BASIC SPORTING PRACTICE, ENCOURAGING EVERYONE WHO, WITH GENEROSITY, IS DEDICATED TO THE GROWTH OF THE VARIOUS SPORT DISCIPLINES.

THE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY ORGANISING THE OLYMPIC GAMES, MORE THAN SIXTY YEARS AFTER THE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, WILL NEED TO BE ORIENTED TOWARDS A PROJECT THAT IS ABLE TO ENRICH ROME, TO FAVOUR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND MODERNISATION ALONG LINES THAT PLACE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AT THE CENTRE STAGE.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES MUST BE PART OF THE LIVING BODY OF THE CITY, WITH A GROWTH IN INFRASTRUCTURES AND SERVICES; A STRENGTHENING OF ITS VOCATION AND OF ITS DIALOGUE WITH THE WORLD, AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE – AND IN SPORTING PRACTICE – FOR THOSE WHO WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE IN ROME.

MY ENCOURAGEMENT GOES OUT TO THE PROMOTING COMMITTEE, FOR A DIFFICULT AND EXCITING TASK.

SPORT IS COMPETITION, FRIENDSHIP, TEAMWORK. MY WISH IS THAT THE TEAM WILL KEEP GROWING, THAT IT WILL BE ADMIRER, AND THAT ITS SUPPORTERS WILL BE WARM AND INVOLVED. AS THE 1960 OLYMPIC GAMES MARKED AN IMPORTANT PASSAGE IN ITALY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, MY HOPE IS THAT THE 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES CAN BECOME THE CROSSROADS FOR A NEW GROWTH, IN THE NAME OF QUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY.

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