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Your Royal Highness, Ladies and Gentlemen.

As the I. O. C. representative in Norway I have the honour and the pleasure of wishing the President and my colleagues, the members of the I. O. C., and their families, welcome to Oslo.

It is my hope and my belief that the decision of the I. O. C. to entrust the city of Oslo with the honourable task of arranging the Vith Olympic Winter Games will prove a gain and an advantage to the Olympic Movement and everything for which it stands.

I believe that the contests in the days that lie ahead will convince the members of the I. O. C. that the interest and respect for the Olympic ideals are very much alive in this city, in fact, among the population of the whole country.

The task undertaken by the city of Oslo, that of building, modernizing, and preparing the various Olympic venues in a way which will satisfy the demands of the I. O. C., the international federations, and the competitors themselves, has now been completed, and these venues have now been placed at the disposal of the Organizing Committee.

Before introducing the Mayor of Oslo to you, I should like to thank the Municipal Authorities of the Capital on behalf of the Organizing Committee for the tremendous task they have undertaken, to ensure, the best possible success of these Games. Considering the extremely difficult conditions obtaining in our country and not least in the City of Oslo after the war, the task undertaken by this city has been so great that—in my opinion—it deserves the highest praise.

I believe it is no exaggeration to say that the economic sacrifices undertaken by the city are so considerable that they create a new record in the annals of the Olympic Winter Games.

Thanks due to the Municipal Authorities, to the constructional Planning Committee, and the various sub-committees, who have all rendered excellent assistance, the Organizing Committee can look forward to the coming great events with confidence.

In order to underline how close the collaboration between the Organizing Committee and the various Municipal Authorities has been, I would like to mention that the Mayor of this city as well as his deputy and the Chairman of the Planning Committee are all of them active members of the Organizing Committee.

It is with feelings of deep gratitude to the City Authorities and Municipal Committees responsible for the constructional work, that I have the honour of introducing the Mayor of the City of Oslo, Mr. Brynjulf Bull.