



Success for the future

On occasion of the XIVth Olympic Winter Games we beg to extend to all competitors, officials, guests and spectators our heartiest wishes of welcome and good fortune.

For many good reasons the City of Sarajevo has been granted the honour to stage and host the Winter Games 1984. May it be allowed to refer to two of the most important such reasons. At the time of applications all friends of winter sports have been joining to see a new and fully equipped winter sports centre created in the south eastern part of the European continent. With feelings of pride we may acknowledge that this objective has been realized in a most impressive way. For the ice sports with the new indoor and outdoor stadiums, as well as for the snow sports particularly with reference to the new facilities in Bielasnaica and Igman. Together with the existing facilities Jahorina the new centres will surely render great services to the promotion of winter sports. A second point in favour of Sarajevo were the predilection and the attachment to the population of Bosnia/Herzegovina and the citizens of Sarajevo for sports in general and winter sports in particular. With

the outlook on unlimited support by the people as well as by the federal, state and city authorities the necessary guarantees existed for the successful fulfillment of the great task of organising the Olympic Winter Games. We hope and trust that the forthcoming Games will prove to be a great success, worthy of their predecessors and a precious example for future organisers. Great efforts and hard sacrifices have been made by the competitors in order to qualify and to successfully participate in the Games. It is our warm wish that all factors - those under the control of the organisers as well as those outside of their power - favourably combine in order to offer the best possible conditions at all events and for all competitors. May in such a way the framework be secured for fair and friendly competitions.

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