



Opening ceremony

Speech by the President of the IOC

On behalf of the International Olympic Committee, I should like to thank the organisers and the people of Yugoslavia for the great efforts they have made in holding the XIVth Olympic Winter Games here in Sarajevo.

49 National Olympic Committees are present.

This figure has never been reached before in the history of the Olympic Winter Games.

I am very pleased to welcome all the participants and officials to this great festival of youth and sport. We are convinced that once again we will demonstrate to the whole world the true meaning of sport as an illustration of friendship and fraternity with the Olympic flag as their symbol. This is the image of peace as we conceive and practice it.

I wish all of you the best of luck; may you display your finest talents in that spirit of fair play which is one of the main principles of our Olympic ideal.

Thanks to Yugoslavia ! Thanks to Sarajevo ! I now have the honour to invite Mr. Mika Spiliak, President of the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to proclaim the XIVth Olympic Winter Games open.

Juan Antonio Samaranch