



## Sarajevo : 87th Session



*General view of the National Theatre where the opening ceremony of the 87th IOC Session took place. during which Mr. Zdravko Mutin, President of the Yugoslav Olympic Committee, H.E. Mr Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the IOC, and Mr Milako Renovica, President of the Presidency of the Socialist Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, delegate of the Presidency of the FSR of Yugoslavia, delivered speeches which we publish below*

*Mr. Zdravko Mutin,*

Mr. Representative of the Presidency of the SFR Yugoslavia, Mr. President of the International Olympic Committee, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Comrades,  
Dear friends,

Whilst expressing my deep respect towards this eminent group, please allow me to greet you most cordially on behalf of the Yugoslav Olympic Committee, all athletes and sports organisations of Yugoslavia, and to extend to you the warmest welcome to the Olympic city of Sarajevo and to our country.

Today, more than ever, in the long history of sports and physical culture in our country, we feel proud that we can inform and assure you that the XIVth Olympic Winter Games in

Sarajevo 84, as a unique manifestation of youth, may begin in the spirit of the Olympic Charter.

You have had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the preparations for the XIVth Olympic Winter Games in Sarajevo. I am sure that you can see the enthusiasm with which our people have been working in this historic town to fulfil the task entrusted to them.

The Olympic Winter Games have been a great challenge for all of us.

They will bear witness to our competence and deep belief in the victory of the Olympic ideals which contribute to the strengthening of mutual understanding, friendship, and cooperation.

We live in a world of deep social, economic and political changes which have a direct influence on sports and on the Olympic Movement.



The International Olympic Committee has always had the power to preserve and to strengthen the unity of the Olympic Movement, linking the interests and feelings of most of the countries and organisations.

The Yugoslav Olympic Committee expresses its deep devotion to the further strengthening and improvement of this unity for which you -the members of the International Olympic Committee - deserve much credit.

Allow me to express my deep conviction that the 87th Session of the International Olympic Committee will be a significant event in the further development of the Olympic Movement.

I shall take this opportunity to extend our special gratitude to Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, the President of the International Olympic Committee and to the International Sports Federations for the extraordinary cooperation and help they have given to the Yugoslav Olympic Committee and to the Organising Committee of the XIVth Olympic Winter Games in Sarajevo.

Our message is : let the Olympic flame burn forever in the glory of ancient Olympia, as the most beautiful symbol of our past, present and future !

I would kindly ask Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, the President of the International Olympic Committee, to take the floor.

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