



Mr. Milanko Renovica



Dear Mr. President of the International Olympic Committee,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Comrades,

It is my honour, on behalf of the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as well as on behalf of the Presidency of the Socialist Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to cordially greet the members of the International Olympic Committee, all sports officials and esteemed guests. The Olympic Movement is carrying out an extremely important mission for peace and friendship, for the benefit of man and mankind, and it contributes in its own way, to the creation of a better life and a brighter future. In the cloudy sky of the present time, the Olympic Movement is one of the rare shining rays of light. From their very beginning back in the times of ancient Greece, the Olympic Games have been a symbol of the



most noble human endeavours; they have been held in the spirit of peace, friendship, understanding, and cooperation. The contemporary world has accepted Olympic competitions as a valuable historical achievement of mankind. Young people of all continents - regardless of their nationality, race, or ideological, political, religious, or other convictions - are meeting and making friends. The XIVth Olympic Winter Games, too, support and promote the best traditions of the Olympic Movement, whose basic aim has been to educate youth in the spirit of mutual understanding, and friendship.

In today's world of controversies and division between political blocks, with the tense international situation, the frantic arms race and the growing distrust among countries, the XIVth Olympic Winter Games are a good opportunity of expressing a desire for a better world, a world free from the danger of the destruction of all that man has achieved so far, through the competitions and encounters of the participants at the Games, the holders of the passports of peace.

The Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is giving full support to the Olympic ideals and aims, peace and equality, and better awareness of other nations and countries regardless of geographic distances and social systems, because these ideals serve the interests of all humanity.

Our citizens are proud of the fact that the XIVth Olympic Winter Games are taking place in Yugoslavia, a Socialist and non-aligned country. We have taken this confidence bestowed upon us as recognition of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and its contribution in its struggle for peace, mutual understanding, and the esteem and cooperation of all countries of the world.

I assure you, dear friends, that we are happy that for the first time in the history of Yugoslavia, and of this region, such a grandiose world sporting and cultural event is taking place. Our desires and our endeavours

as hosts have been for the XIVth Olympic Winter Games to be a contribution to world peace and to the overcoming of today's adverse international situation. It is this that we see as being the realisation of the ideas and spirit of the Olympic Movement.

The Organising Committee has made lengthy preparations and has accomplished this job with great creativity and competence. The Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the city of Sarajevo, millions of our people, have put immense efforts and large investments in creating the best possible conditions for the sports competitions and for the participants' and guests stay at the Games. All we all have done has been done with the desire that all the participants of the Games take the best memories and impressions possible back from Yugoslavia and Sarajevo to their countries and continents.

The flags under which the youth from all over the world will compete, the flags of the 49 countries represented at the Games as well as the Olympic flag, are flying in Sarajevo, on the mountains of Jahorina, Trebevic, Igman and Bjelasnica, Sarajevo and Yugoslavia welcome them with open arms. I extend the warmest welcome to all the athletes and guests and I wish them a very pleasant stay.

I wish all the athletes good results. I will take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the International Olympic Committee for its cooperation and support at all levels of the preparation of the XIVth Olympic Winter Games.

Allow me, on behalf of the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to proclaim the 87th Session of the International Olympic Committee open, and to wish you success in your work.

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Practically all IOC members were present at the 87th Session Apologies were received from : Raja Bhalendra Singh ; Sheikh Gabriel Gemayel; Mr Julio Geriein Comelin ; Baron de Guëll; Mr. Douglas F. Roby; Dr. Alejandro Rivera Bascur; Mr. Mohamed Mzali; H.E. Mr. Agustin Carlos Arroyo ; Mr. Pedro Ramirez Vazquez ; Professor Rene Essomba. First row, left to right : Mr. Virgilio de Leon (PAN), Mrs. Monique Berlioux, IOC Director, Prince Alexandre de Mérode (BEL). Mr. Ashwini Kumar (IND), H.E. Mr Louis Guirandou-N'Diaye (CIV), Mr. Peter V. Ueberroth, LAOOC President, H.E Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC President, Messrs. Tom Bradley, Mayor of Los Angeles, Alexandru Siperco (ROM), Julian K. Roosevelt (USA). Richard W. Pound (CAN). Lord Luke (GBR), Dr. Georgio de Stefani (ITA). Second row Messrs. Ahmed D. Touny (EGY), Henry Hsu (TPE), C. Lance S. Cross (NZL), Masaji Kiokawa (JPN). Count Jean de Beaumont (FRA), Mr. Constantin Andrianov (URS), General Vladimir Stoytchev (BUL), Mssrs. Syed Wajid Ali (PAK), Reginald Alexander (KEN), Mrs. Mary Al/son Glen-Haig (GBR). Third row: Hadj Mohammed Benjeloun (MAR), Mrs. Flor Isava Fonseca (VEN). General Niels Holst-Sørensen (DEN), Mr. Wlodzimierz Reczrek (POL), Dr. Eduardo Hay (MEX), Messrs. Roberto Guillermo Peper (ARG), Jose D. Vallorino Veracierto (URU), Ydnekatchew Tessema (ETH), Mr. Marc Hodler (SW, Mr. Raymond Gafner (SUI), Air chief Marshal Dawee Chullasapya (THAI. Messrs. Bashir M. Attarbulsi (LEA), James Worrall (CAN), Mrs. Pirjo Haggman (FIN) ; Mr. Maurice Herzog (FRA). HE. Mr. Lamine Kelta (MLI), Lieutenant General Dadang Suprayogi (INA), Mr. Phillip W. Coles (AUS). Fourth row: Messrs. Comehs Kerdei (HOL). Zheliang He (CHN). Fifth row : General Raoul Pereira de Castro (POR), France Carraro (ITA), Willi Daume (FRG), Gunnar Ericsson (SUE), Philippe Schoeller (AUT). Tony Bridge (JAM), Berthold Beitz (FRG). Dr. Kevin O'Flanagan (IRL). Messrs. Shag Darjav Magvan (MGL), Vladimir Cernusak (TCH), H.E. Mr. Mohamed Zergulnf (ALG), Mr. Yu Sun Klm (PRK), Mr. Gunther Hejnze (GDR), Mr. Roque Napoleon Muñoz Peña (DOM). Sexta fila : Sr. German Rieckehoff (PUR), Sr. Manuel Gonzalez Guerra (CUB), Prince Faisal Fahd Abdul Aziz (SAU). Mr. Nikolaos Nissiotis (GRE), Mr. Chiharu Igaya (JPN), Mr Anan, Matthia (TOG), General Zein El Abdin Mohamed Ahmed Abdel Gadjr (SUD), Mr Nikos Filaretos (GRE), Mr. Pal Schmitt (HUN), Mr Vitaly Smirnov (URS), Mr. Richard Kevan Gosper (AUS), Mr, Jan Staubo (N