

## ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE NOCs READY FOR SEOUL **TRULY UNIVERSAL GAMES**

*The Seoul Games will be truly universal, declared the President of the IOC on 18th January as he announced that 161 NOCs had responded positively to the invitation sent to them last September.*

**T**he unity of the Olympic Movement has been restored for the first time after three Games. Six of the 167 recognised NOCs have chosen not to go to Seoul; these include the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Cuba who made it known that they will not attend unless the Games were organised in both parts of Korea. The Nicaraguan NOC sent their apologies, explaining that conditions within their country did not allow them to be present. The others, the NOCs of Albania, Ethiopia and the Seychelles, did not reply. The IOC regrets this decision which will mean that it is once again primarily the athletes concerned who will suffer. The whole Olympic Movement, explains the communique released by the IOC presidency, is particularly disappointed to see that the NOC of the DPR of Korea seems not to have understood, or has not wished to understand, the historic significance of the offer made to it by the IOC on 15th July 1987. It explains, however, that the IOC hopes the next few weeks will see favourable developments regarding the situation, and it will consequently endeavour to keep open the possibility of reaching an agreement for as long as possible.

The IOC is extremely pleased to see that the largest Olympic nations will be at Seoul for the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad. It wishes to express its sincere thanks to all those members of the IOC, International Federations and NOCs, government officials, sports leaders or simply the volunteers who have worked long hours all over the world to achieve this rediscovered Olympic unity and thereby allow this great celebration of young athletes to be truly the festival of a new springtime for humanity, brotherhood, mutual understanding, friendship and peace.

### **WHICH NOCs ?**

Afghanistan, Algeria, Federal Republic of Germany, Andorra, Angola, Antigua, Netherlands Antilles, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bermuda, Bhutan, Birmania, Burma, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cayman Islands, Cameroon, Canada, Central Africa, Chile, People's Republic of China, Cyprus, Colombia, People's Republic of the Congo, Cook Islands, Korea, Costa Rica, Côte-d'Ivoire, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Ecuador, Spain, United States of America, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Great Britain, Greece, Grenada, Guam, Guatemala, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Ireland, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lesotho, Lebanon, Liberia, Jamahiriya Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Morocco, Mauritius, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Oman, Uganda, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, the Netherlands, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Portugal, Qatar, German Democratic Republic, Rumania, Rwanda, San Marino, Saint-Vincent and Grenadines, Solomon Islands, El Salvador, American Samoa, Western Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Surinam, Swaziland, Syria, Chinese Taipei, Tanzania, Tchad, Czechoslovakia, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, USSR, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Vietnam, Yemen Arab Republic, Democratic Republic of Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.