



Arrival of the flame in the stadium.



The Right Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, Governor General of Canada, pronounces the XVth Olympic Winter Games open.

SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT

In the name of the International Olympic Committee and on behalf of the International Winter Sports Federations and National Olympic Committees, I would like to thank most warmly the members of the Organising Committee for their excellent preparation of these XVth Olympic Winter Games.

Our gratitude is also extended to the people of Canada, the province of Alberta and to the citizens of Calgary for the unprecedented efforts they have made for the Olympic Winter Games. I would particularly like to congratulate them for the splendid facilities which will be used by the best athletes of the world, representing a record number of 57 countries. Afterwards, these world-class facilities will be placed at the disposal of the Canadian youth.

Our thanks also go to the thousands of volunteers, whose work and dedication have played such an important role in the staging of these Games.

The Olympic Games constitute the greatest festival of youth, friendship, sporting excellence and peace in the world. After 7 years of preparation, it is time to hand over to those for whom the work has been done : welcome to the athletes of the world ! Now it is your turn to have your say. Now you can display your sporting qualities during the next fifteen days. Now you can show your sense of fair play and your respect of the Olympic ideals, beneath the flag with the five rings, created by our founder, Pierre de Coubertin.

I now have the honour to invite Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, Governor General of Canada, to proclaim the XVth Olympic Winter Games in Calgary open.