

ELEVEN CANDIDATE CITIES

When the deadline for submission of bids to organize the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in 2004, 10th January 1996, expired, the IOC counted the following eleven official bids: Athens (Greece) - Buenos Aires (Argentina) - Cape Town (South Africa) - Istanbul (Turkey) - Lille (France) -

Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) - Rome (Italy) - San Juan (Puerto Rico) - Seville (Spain) - Stockholm (Sweden) - St Petersburg (Russia).

On 23 January, preliminary contacts took place in Lausanne in the form of a technical meeting between

the IOC and representatives of these cities, which will have to submit their bid files by 15 August 1996. The Evaluation Commission, chaired by Thomas Bach, will then be visiting the bidding cities between 15 September 1996 and 25 January 1997. Once this Commission's report has been pub-

lished, by 28 February 1997, the IOC selection college will choose the finalist cities (at least four and no more than five). The IOC members will have until August of that year to visit these cities. The election of the host city will take place on 5 September 1997 during the 106th IOC Session in Lausanne.



The delegations from the eleven cities bidding to host the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in 2004 during their first meeting with the IOC on 23 January 1996 at the Olympic Museum.