



MAYOR OF BUDAPEST



DR. THOMAS BACH

President

International Olympic Committee

**JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BID FOR THE XXXIII SUMMER
OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES IN 2024 IN BUDAPEST**

Budapest, 7th July 2015

Honorable Mr. President,

As the Mayor of the City of Budapest and the President of the Hungarian Olympic Committee, we officially announce that in line with the unanimous decisions of the General Assembly of Budapest as well as the Hungarian Olympic Committee, with the support of the Hungarian National Assembly and the Hungarian government, Budapest bids to host the XXXIII Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2024. The City of Budapest and the Hungarian Olympic Committee wish to participate in the application and bidding process with the aim of selecting the host city of the XXXIII Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2024.

We are convinced that the application of Budapest is the response to the Olympic Agenda 2020 reform programme of the IOC: our intention to apply is fully in accordance with the economical Olympics concept of the IOC. We also welcome that the IOC is orienting itself to a more economical and sustainable organisation of the Olympic Games, by that breaking the monopoly of the largest and wealthiest countries to organise the Olympics.

Extending the access to organise the Olympic Games is a democratic idea, which leads us back to the origin of the Olympic spirit: even cities smaller than Budapest, like Antwerp, Stockholm and Helsinki have been given the chance to organise Summer Olympics. Our Olympic mathematics is obvious: Olympic Agenda 2020 = Budapest 2024. This would make Hungary capable of organising the Olympic Games, being the only country that has not been given this opportunity so far among the ten most successful countries of the Summer Olympics.

We trust that in the course of the bid process we can continue the cooperation with the International Olympic Committee led by you in a successful way, to the satisfaction of all parties.

Yours sincerely and with an Olympic friendship,


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President
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