



LETTER OF SUPPORT BY PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN

Beijing, 21 November 2000

Respected President Juan Antonio Samaranch,
Respected Members of the IOC,

With much enthusiasm, I solemnly convey to you my full support for Beijing's bid to host the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in 2008.

It will be of extremely great significance to promoting and carrying forward the Olympic spirit in China and across the world and to facilitating the cultural exchanges and convergence between East and West if the Games of the XXIX Olympiad are held in China, a rapidly developing country with a long-standing civilisation and 22 percent of the world's population. The Chinese people are ready to contribute to the cause of peace, friendship and progress of mankind and to the development of the Olympic Movement by hosting the XXIX Olympic Games.

I sincerely hope that Beijing will be selected by the IOC as the Host City of the XXIX Olympic Games. The Chinese people have a peace-loving and hospitable tradition. You and all members of the Olympic Family under your leadership will be warmly welcomed by our whole nation for the occasion. I am convinced that with the support of the Chinese Government and all the Chinese people, Beijing will work very hard and will surely make the XXIX Olympic Games an extraordinary success.

Jiang Zemin
President of the People's Republic of China