

# **WIESBADEN DECLARATION OF THE OLYMPIC FEDERATIONS**

In the run-up to the conference of the Olympic associations on 1 December and the General Assembly of the German Olympic Sports Federation on 2 December in Frankfurt am Main, Olympic association representatives met in Wiesbaden on Thursday to discuss key issues relating to a prospective DOSB bid for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

In their roles as representatives of Summer and Winter Olympic sports within the Olympic Bid Steering Committee, Andreas Michelmann (President, Deutscher Handballbund e.V.) and Dr. Franz Steinle (President, Deutscher Skiverband e.V.) explain the following:

## **Support for the Chosen Approach**

- The Olympic associations expressly support the exploratory and coordination processes proposed by the DOSB regarding a prospective bid for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Germany, based on the multi-stage strategy process agreed upon during the 2022 DOSB General Assembly.
- The approach that has been taken so far and the open-ended and transparent dialog are welcomed by the Olympic associations. There is unanimous agreement that a bid for the Olympic and Paralympic Games would provide the urgently needed impetus for competitive and recreational sports and would reinforce the importance of sports for society as a whole.
- The Olympic associations support the consolidation of the social framework conditions contained in the “Frankfurt Declaration”, which will be adopted at the upcoming 2023 DOSB General Assembly

## **Multi-City Concept Including the Relevant Associations**

- The Olympic associations support the DOSB's concept of hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games in more than one city/region, primarily for sustainability-related reasons.
- The division of sports and disciplines, in particular, calls for the intensive involvement of the Olympic associations, which goes well beyond the Steering Committee.

## **Bid for Summer Games / Review of Winter Options**

- In light of the fact that the IOC is expected to make a decision regarding the double awarding of the 2030 and 2034 Winter Olympic Games very soon, with the award process starting as early as next year, the Olympic associations are in favor of developing a bid concept for the 2036 and/or 2040 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

- The Olympic associations are simultaneously calling on the DOSB to conduct a binding review as to whether and under what conditions a bid for the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games from 2038 onwards would be feasible in addition to a bid for the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games – in particular, with regard to the respective prospects of success and possible cooperation models with neighboring countries. The review is to take place as soon as the International Olympic Committee has finalized the application and implementation criteria for the Winter Olympics to be held from 2038 onward.

#### **Position of the Federal Government**

- The Olympic associations call on the Federal Government to clearly position itself in favor of a bid for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, in accordance with the coalition agreement, and to continue to support the efforts of the DOSB.

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