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## IOC COMMITTEE EVALUATES BID PARIS 2024 & VISITS THE VENUES OF OLYMPIC GAMES

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**PATRICK BAUMANN CONGRATULATES THE CANDIDACY FILE FOR PARIS2024 AND SEES AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE PARALYMPICS**-----

Patrick Baumann acknowledges the candidature Paris 2024 file (76 pages) is "well detailed and that facilities were perfect and well managed, and confirmed "[?] during the Press conference held at Roland Garros amenities of the most famous tennis stadium. "We received detailed presentations, including what the architects wanted, and all the assurances," said Baumann.

In the morning, he had raced with students from Saint-Denis at the Stade de France, before taking the break at their side for photographers and cameramen.-----

"It is an honour for the IOC and the Evaluation Commission. We have already had confirmation of the state's guarantee. Former President Sarkozy came yesterday (Sunday, during the gala dinner at the Grand Palais) to remind us. The public authorities are behind this 200% candidacy, "said Patrick Baumann. He made an emphasise on Paralympics (answering to a journalist wheelchair bound) about the importance of the Paralympics in parallel to the Olympic Games."[?] Patrick Baumann acknowledges.-----

"The Paralympic games is a huge opportunity in the bid 2024, as we have a very clear vision to revaluing the perception in Paralympic games in equality by 2024. All the infrastructure, are planned to be fully accessible and tether's why it is a great opportunity for the visitors, athletes but also the French people. I am sure the French Paralympic committee, which has been very involved and very active, including this aspect in their programs here. He adds "There is also a specific action led by an original initiative together with the French ministry of education to implement a program in the very beginning period of scholarship and to actually visit and learn about disability and integrate the para sports towards the very young generation public, helping their integration by including it in their DNA for a long term"[?].

Paris and Los Angeles are the only two finalists challengers bidding For the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics games.

Chief bid officer Danny Koblin said a key component of the bid is accessibility, which was one of the many things discussed at an Inclusion Summit during the Rio 2016 Paralympics."We view the Paralympics as a huge opportunity for us," he added.

"I think within the community of LA, we're a community that loves sport and accessibility to Paralympic sport is limited.

Anne Hidalgo, mayor of Paris, attended the whip trip of visit of the futures sites (Olympic Village, Stadium Saint Denis, Stadium Jean Bouin, Stadium Paris Saint Germain, Stadium Roland Garros, Cite du Cinema, Parc de la Villette, Grand Palais, and of course Eiffel Tower and future fan zone) explained during the Press conference that "There is no favorite. Everyone, as in a race, tries to be the best and I think we are the best, ". Tony Estanguet an IOC member and co-chair of the Paris bid committee said: Either the IOC family wants to chose Paris for 2024 or we will not come back for 2028"[?].

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