# THE PROJECT PARIS 2024 UNVEILED TO FOREIGN AMBASSADORS IN FRANCE

#### **BEFORE J MARC AYRAULT FOREIGN MINISTER**

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**USPA NEWS** - More than 80 foreign diplomats were received at the Quai d'Orsay by Jean-Marc Ayrault, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, to share the Paris 2024 project. On February 3rd, the bidding committee Paris 2024 officially launched its international promotion campaign.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, Jean-Marc Ayrault, in the presence of Thierry Braillard, Secretary of State for Sport, and 217 days before the vote of the International Olympic Committee in Lima on 13 September, Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris and President of the C40, the leaders of the bid committee.

In front of 80 diplomats from all continents, co-presidents of Paris 2024, Bernard Lapasset and Tony Estanguet, as well as Guy Drut, IOC member, and Emmeline Ndongue, Olympic basketball vice-champion in London 2012, presented the project Paris 2024. After detailing the spectacular and compact concept of a celebration in the heart of the capital, the members of the delegation came back to the French passion for Olympism, the lessons learned from the previous nominations, and the ambition Countries in terms of inheritance and more widely for the international Olympic movement.

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"The Paris 2024 project is a priority for the government," said Jean-Marc Ayrault, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development. France has a long tradition of hosting and organizing international sports events, as well as a recognized know-how. We wish to host these Olympic and Paralympic Games, the largest sporting event in the world, which must be spectacular, festive, popular, with passion, commitment and meaning. This is the promise of Paris 2024 and that of France. " "This candidature brings together all the actors and public opinion in France, but we now want our project to go beyond borders to send a message of sharing and openness to the world," said Bernard Lapasset, Paris 2024. The voice of France must help to carry the message of Olympism.

For Thierry Braillard, Secretary of State for Sports, "these Games we want of course for sportsmen and sportsmen but also for the sustainable development of our territories and our associative fabric: Stake in the legacy of the bid we want to share."

"Paris is a city of sharing, rich in its diversity," said Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris. It owes this to the citizens of all the countries that made the choice, century after century, to come and live and work there. They bring their ideas, their gaze, their culture, their openness to the world. Whatever their nationality, they are, in our eyes, citizens of Paris in their own right. In this spirit, we felt it was essential to bring together all the foreign ambassadors based in Paris, in order to present to them the candidacy of Paris 2024, to explain to them the give it, to tell them that they have their Participate in this great project and share it in their turn."

ABOUT TEH COMMITTEE OF PARIS 2024------

The Nominating Committee is co-chaired by Bernard Lapasset and Tony Estanguet (IOC member, triple Olympic champion). It is composed of its five founding members: the French National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSF), the French Paralympic and Sports Committee (CPSF), the City of Paris, the ÃŽle-de-France Region and the State. The bid committee Paris 2024's mission is to lead the candidature of the City of Paris to the organization of the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2024. It carries out its activities at national and international level.

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