

Memorandum of Understanding
on Olympic Cooperation
between the City of Paris and the City of Los Angeles

INTRODUCTION

In July 2017, during its 130th Session held in Lausanne, Switzerland, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved the idea to award simultaneously the 2024 and 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, provided the two bidding cities could reach an agreement.

Guided by their friendship and shared values, the City of Los Angeles and the City of Paris did agree, and the subsequent IOC award in Lima, Peru on September 13, 2017 creates a “win-win-win” for Paris, Los Angeles and the Olympic and Paralympic Movements.

Following this historic agreement, the cities of Paris and Los Angeles have decided to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on cooperation to explore how Los Angeles and Paris can build on their already close ties to deliver better cities for their residents. It focuses on three key areas: sustainability, inclusiveness, and innovation.

MEMORANDUM

Whereas, the IOC elected Paris as host city of the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad 2024 and Los Angeles as the host city of the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad 2028,

Whereas, Los Angeles and Paris are Host City parties to agreements with their National Olympic Committees, Organizing Committees of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the IOC,

Whereas, the Paris and Los Angeles Organizing Committees have undertaken, through the Tripartite Agreement, to establish a close and ongoing collaboration based on the principles of pragmatism, mutual benefits, efficiency, cost reduction and transparency,

Whereas, Los Angeles and Paris aspire to mirror this cooperation at the city level, believing that Olympic Agenda 2020 represents a great opportunity for cities to meet the global challenges of the 21st century,

Therefore, the City of Paris and the City of Los Angeles state their aim to strengthen cooperation to improve the quality of life of their citizens based on shared Olympic values, to provide cost-savings to their taxpayers, to maintain the highest standards of ethics and transparency and to do so by implementing this MOU:

ARTICLE 1

Sustainability

In order to create a new gold standard of sustainability for major international sporting events, the cities of Los Angeles and Paris commit to their goal that the 2024 and 2028 Games will offer exemplary and innovative approaches to energy and water efficiency, greenhouse gas emissions reduction, and climate resilience. To help reach this goal, the cities can share expertise and best practices in zero-emission transportation, renewable energy, resource reuse, green infrastructure and open and accessible green space.

They will draw upon the knowledge of other Olympic cities and C40 members to strengthen their ability to innovate in response to the threat of climate change in accordance with the objectives set out in the Paris Agreement.

ARTICLE 2

Inclusion

The cities of Paris and Los Angeles commit to a goal of hosting inclusive Games. They can share their expertise in the area of expanding procurement to minorities, women and small businesses. They can share best practices in social integration, services and housing for refugees, migrants, and the homeless. Both cities can share their expertise in promoting accessibility, social inclusion, health and wellness through local programs and enhanced public spaces that promote access to sports, especially for youth, women, the disabled and the elderly.

ARTICLE 3

Innovation and Technology

The cities of Los Angeles and Paris commit to seize the opportunity provided by the 2024 and 2028 Games to offer innovative, data driven solutions to common challenges and to create sustainable jobs. To do so, the cities can promote exchanges among start-ups, incubators, investment funds, and companies located on their respective territories. They can also establish links between their respective local innovation and economic development agencies, visitor and convention offices, chambers of commerce and industry, non-profits or others.

ARTICLE 4

This MOU provides for the option of setting up of a twinning committee, co-chaired by the Mayors of Paris and Los Angeles, or their representatives.

This committee will be responsible for the implementation and the monitoring of this MOU. To this end, it may create working groups to establish the modus operandi of this MOU or new means to be defined by the parties.

This MOU is signed, in French and in English, in Paris on October 23, 2017 between Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris, and Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles, under the high patronage of Dr. Thomas Bach, President of the IOC.

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