

## **Rio 2016 candidate file approved in Brasília**

*Representatives of the groups involved in Rio de Janeiro's bid to host the 2016 Olympic Games approved the bid's Candidate File themes and necessary guarantees to host the Games.*

The meeting of the Government Action Group for Rio 2016 was attended by the Minister of Sport, Orlando Silva, and representatives of 27 government bodies from the federal, state and municipal levels. Rio 2016 was represented by Operations Director Carlos Luiz Martins, Communications Director Leonardo Gryner, and Infrastructure Director Alexandre Techima.

The Rio 2016 Bid Committee is putting the final touches to the Candidate File, set to be delivered to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) by 12 February 2009. The content of the 17 themes of the Candidate File were approved during the meeting, as well as the structure for the management model of the government bodies for the 2016 Games. "It was a very productive meeting that further illustrated the commitment of all three levels of government for the Rio 2016 bid. The Candidate File is a fundamental document for the IOC's evaluation of our proposed Plan and we are delighted to confirm that it was successfully received by all parties," said Leonardo Gryner.

During the meeting, members of the Government Action Group discussed the private sector's participation in the Olympic Games. "The meeting was decisive and illustrative of the commitment and support behind Rio's bid. We approved all the themes in the Rio 2016 Candidate File and defined the governance and structure of the Organising Committee for the Games, including the public sector, private sector and all three levels of government. We are working to present a consistent bid, underpinned by a viable and sustainable plan. The combined work of the three levels of government will certainly reassure the IOC of the viability of our project," explained Minister Silva.

The Government Action Group for Rio 2016 was created on 14 July 2008 by President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. It is responsible for fulfilling the commitments made by the Brazilian government relating to Rio's bid to host the Games.

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