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President elect Emmanuel Macron speaks with IOC President Thomas Bach to express his full support for Paris 2024

Emmanuel Macron, the French President elect, spoke with **IOC President Thomas Bach** on Thursday, May 11 to express his absolute support for the **Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Bid**.

Mr. Macron, who was elected on Sunday May 7, confirmed his support for the Paris 2024 bid by making a priority to speak with President Bach about the French capital's vision for the Games.

The phone call occurred just ahead of the IOC's Evaluation Commission visit to Paris. During this warm conversation, Mr. Macron shared with president Bach his attachment to Paris 2024 project and emphasized France's longstanding commitment to the Olympic movement.

Mr. Macron, along with the French athletes, the people of France, Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo and Ile-de-France President Valérie Pécresse are united behind the Paris 2024 bid, which proposes a spectacular celebration and a unique legacy.

Paris 2024 Bid co-Chair and three-time Olympic Champion, Tony Estanguet, said:

"Emmanuel Macron has been a supporter of the Paris 2024 bid since the very beginning. He has always shown a strong interest in our plans and the opportunities provided by a successful bid. We are delighted that even before his inauguration as new President of France he has already found time to speak to the IOC President to reaffirm his full and complete support for Paris 2024.

"President Macron is a leader from a new generation with a strong desire to unite the French people. Paris 2024 shares his vision of an ambitious country open to the world that shares Olympic values.

"Mr. Macron has also confirmed that he will be meeting with the IOC Evaluation Commission while they are in Paris and that he will be active in backing the bid all the way to Lima. The whole of France is coming together to support Paris 2024 and is ready to welcome the world to our country for a unique celebration of sport, inclusion and friendship."

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