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Story Headline: NOCS FROM SEVEN COUNTRIES ON THREE CONTINENTS CONFIRM INTEREST IN STAGING THE OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 2026

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00:00 SOUNDBYTE: Christophe Dubi, IOC Olympic Games Executive Director (English Language)

00:04 “The Games will be simpler and cheaper to deliver. The candidature process has been reviewed as well. We have made it far easier for the candidate cities. We are starting from the very beginning in a spirit of full construction and partnership with the IOC.

“We have a lot of expertise to help the cities with people who have done the Games before to make sure the plans are solid and they fit with the long-term perspective of the communities. As a result these are stronger and better projects.”

00:43 SOUNDBYTE: Christophe Dubi, IOC Olympic Games Executive Director (French Language)

“In the future, the Games will be simpler and cheaper to organise. The same goes for the Candidature Process, which has been deeply reformed: shorter,
more dynamic and more specific. Today we are in the dialogue phase, between the IOC and the candidate cities; there is a lot of expertise made available, based on what happened in the past, be it positive or negative, to influence positively the projects of the seven candidates for 2026."

**AUSTRIA**
01:17 Team Austria entering the stadium at the opening ceremony of Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018.
01:31 Anna Gasser, Austria, Gold, Snowboard, Ladies' Big Air, PyeongChang 2018

**CANADA**
01:44 Team Canada entering the stadium at the opening ceremony of Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018.
01:58 Justine Dufour-Lapointe, Silver, Ladies' Moguls, PyeongChang 2018

**ITALY**
02:08 Team Italy entering the stadium at the opening ceremony of Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018.
02:22 Dominik Windisch, Italy, Bronze, Biathlon, Men's 10km Sprint PyeongChang 2018

**JAPAN**
02:33 Team Japan entering the stadium at the opening ceremony of Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018.
02:46 Miho Takagi, Japan, Gold, Speed Skating, Ladies' Team Pursuit, Silver, Ladies' 1500m, Bronze, Ladies' 1000m PyeongChang 2018
Shotlist and translation

SWITZERLAND
02:56 Team Switzerland entering the stadium at the opening ceremony of Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018.
03:12 Nevin Galmarini, Switzerland, Gold, Snowboard, Men’s Parallel Giant Slalom, PyeongChang 2018

SWEDEN
03:23 Team Sweden entering the stadium at the opening ceremony of Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018.
03:35 Team Sweden, Silver, Men’s Curling PyeongChang 2018

TURKEY
03:47 Team Turkey entering the stadium at the opening ceremony of Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018.
04:01 Fatih Arda Ipcioglu, Turkey, Ski Jumping, Men’s Normal Hill Individual & Men’s Large Hill Individual PyeongChang 2018

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