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The Monegasque athletes have safely arrived in Beijing.

They left the Principality on Friday morning for Nice airport. After making a stopover first of all in Frankfurt in the afternoon, they left for Beijing on the same evening where they arrived yesterday morning (11.30 a.m. local time). "Everybody has arrived safely" said Sylvie Bertrand, a relieved head of mission, yesterday.

"We are really very happy to be here" confided all the members of the delegation over the phone yesterday, obviously moved to be taking part in the Olympics.

After a rather long wait at Beijing airport due to administrative formalities (because of the rifles), Romain Marchessou, Fabienne Pasetti, Mathias Raymond and Yann Siccardi, accompanied by their trainers Jean Canestrier, Jean-Marc Giraldi and Jean-Louis Antognelli and the physiotherapist (Jean-Philippe Ringwald) headed towards their lodgings in the Olympic village. They are staying in apartments specially reserved for them (close to the French and Spanish). After being briefed, all the members of the delegation went for lunch in the main restaurant in the Olympic village at around 3.30 p.m. They each then took the time to rest and relax before beginning their training sessions today and familiarising themselves with the various venues for the events. The Monegasques were welcomed to Beijing in warm and sunny weather. "The thick fog for which Beijing is famous has disappeared..." pointed out Sylvie Bertrand.