



**PROCLAMATION
BETWEEN
Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia
AND
Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC)**

WHEREAS, Badminton Europe Confederation is an organization whose main mission is to promote and develop the game of Badminton in Europe; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia is to provide year-round sports training and competition across 58 countries in Europe and Central Asia, for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the vision of BEC is to facilitate growth of badminton within our Member Associations, to popularize the game via television and new media initiatives and to contribute to the development of talented European players so they can compete at the highest level; and

WHEREAS, in countries, throughout the region Special Olympics athletes offer inspiration to all citizens through their accomplishments and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the values of BEC are accountability, commitment, integrity, pragmatism, respect and structure; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of Special Olympics - skills, courage, acceptance and joy- transcends boundaries of geography, nationality, political philosophy, gender, age, race or religion;

WHEREAS, the principles of BEC are sport for all, fair play, harassment free sport, equal opportunity, non-discrimination, autonomy and environmental responsibility; and

NOW, therefore, BEC hereby proclaims our support and affinity for Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia and all its Badminton players whose extraordinary courage represent the true spirit of sportsmanship.

NOW, therefore, Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia obtains the support of BEC and conveys this to all our athletes and supporters with the purpose of enhancing the sport of Badminton.

"LET ME WIN. BUT IF I CAN NOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT"

- SPECIAL OLYMPICS OATH

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