



# Proclamation



Between

## Special Olympics Inc. and International Tennis Federation

### Background

Special Olympics Inc. (SOI) and International Tennis Federation (ITF) establish this proclamation as a means to enhance their mutual interests and agree upon a framework for long-term, strategic cooperative support. This document expresses the intent of the two parties to establish a long-term cooperation based on the elements listed below.

### Shared Values

SOI and ITF have common values, which place a strong focus on providing high quality sporting experiences and opportunities for all. SOI and ITF recognize and understand the power of sports and the positive impact sports can have on the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

### International Tennis Federation Pledge

- To provide access to free teaching and coaching resources, which support the delivery of a safe, fun and positive experience of tennis to children and adults with intellectual disabilities
- To provide high quality training opportunities, where appropriate, to identified Special Olympics personnel
- To proclaim its unanimous support of Special Olympics and the inclusion of tennis as an official Special Olympics sport

### Special Olympics Inc. Pledge

- To recognize ITF as an international partner of Special Olympics Inc.
- To acknowledge the ITF coach education programs as examples of best practice in supporting the growth and development of tennis as an inclusive sport for all
- To use Play and Stay/Tennis 10 campaigns as training and competition programs for people with intellectual disabilities
- Increase the number of tennis schools and tennis players with intellectual disabilities around the world

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**Mr. David Haggerty**

President  
International Tennis Federation

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**Mr. Jon-Paul St. Germain**

Senior Director, Sport Partnerships  
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