



Special Olympics



Proclamation Between International Table Tennis Federation Foundation and Special Olympics

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WHEREAS the International Table Tennis Federation Foundation (ITTF Foundation) is an organization whose main mission is to offer people of all ages, irrespective of gender, culture, social background, or physical ability the opportunity to experience the joy of table tennis and realize the physical and mental health benefits of the sport;

WHEREAS the ITTF Foundation uses table tennis to foster development through sport
; and

WHEREAS under the structure of ITTF Foundation, Table tennis has offered inspiration to all people as a symbol of excellence and achievement.

NOW, therefore, ITTF Foundation hereby proclaims its full support and affinity for Special Olympics and its Table tennis athletes, whose extraordinary courage represents the true spirit of sportsmanship.

WHEREAS the mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

WHEREAS in countries throughout the world Special Olympics athletes offer inspiration to all people through their accomplishments and dedication; and

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

NOW, therefore, Special Olympics announces to all our athletes and supporters that it has the full support of the ITTF for the purposes of supporting Special Olympics and enhancing the development of Table tennis.

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

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