**Delegation Announcement Press Release Template:**

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**{Number} Special Olympics Athletes Selected to Represent Team {Country} at the**

**2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens**

**{Location, Date}-** The **{Nationality}** team for the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games has been chosen. The Special Olympics **{Country}** Team of **{Number}** athletes will be joining nearly 7,500 fellow athletes and teams from 185 nations around the world in Athens, Greece next summer. Special Olympics athletes of all ability levels will compete in 22 different Olympic-type sports including: aquatics (swimming), athletics (track and field), badminton, basketball, beach volleyball, bocce, bowling, cycling, equestrian, football (soccer), golf, gymnastics, handball, judo, kayaking, powerlifting, roller skating, sailing, softball, table tennis, tennis, volleyball and the Motor Activity Training Program (MATP).

Throughout the weeklong competition 25 June - 4 July 2011, athletes will display their athletic skill, determination and courage. Special Olympics athletes not competing in the World Games will also play important leadership roles off the sports field as officials, assistant coaches, reporters and spokespeople.

Special Olympics **{Program}** will participate in **{Number}** of the 22 sports offered at the 2011

Special Olympics World Summer Games: **{List participating sports}**

**{Quote by Managing/National/State/Provincial Director}**

**{List athletes’ names and sports; you may also want to list the athletes’ specific home town/village/city.}**

The 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games will be held from 25 June – 4 July in Athens, Greece, the birthplace of modern sport. This multi-sport event will be one of the largest sporting events held in the world in 2011. Every two years, thousands of Special Olympics athletes worldwide come together to showcase their athletic skills and celebrate the spirit of Special Olympics.  Alternating between Summer Games and Winter Games, Special Olympics World Games bring public attention to the talents and capabilities of people with intellectual disabilities, helping to change attitudes and break down barriers that excluded them from the mainstream of the community.

**About Special Olympics {PROGRAM}**

**{INSERT PROGRAM BOILERPLATE}**

For more information about Special Olympics **{Program}, {Web site and/or telephone number}.**

To learn more about the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games please visit [www.athens2011.org](http://www.athens2011.org)

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