



**Special Olympics**

Europe - Eurasia

# PROCLAMATION

BETWEEN

**Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia**

AND

**LEN-Ligue Européenne de Natation**

**WHEREAS**, LEN-Ligue Européenne de Natation  
- is an organization whose main mission  
supports endeavors in Europe in the sport  
of Aquatics; and

**WHEREAS**, LEN is an organization committed to  
promoting, and encouraging the  
development of Aquatics in all possible  
manifestations to all interested people;

**WHEREAS**, under the structure of LEN,  
swimmers offer inspiration to all citizens in  
Europe as symbols of excellence and  
achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, when swimmers from different  
cultures and nationalities compete  
together, any differences of opinion, belief,  
and territory are set aside in favor of a  
common pursuit and appreciation of sport;

**NOW**, therefore, *LEN* hereby proclaims our  
unanimous support and affinity for *Special  
Olympics Europe/Eurasia* and all its  
swimmers whose extraordinary courage  
represent the true spirit of sportsmanship.

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Special Olympics  
Europe/Eurasia is to provide year-round  
sports training and competition in a variety  
of Olympic-style sports for children and  
adults with intellectual disabilities; and

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

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

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

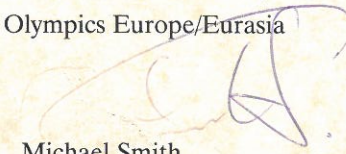
**“LET ME WIN. BUT IF I CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT.”**

*SPECIAL OLYMPICS OATH*

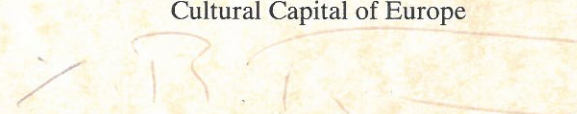
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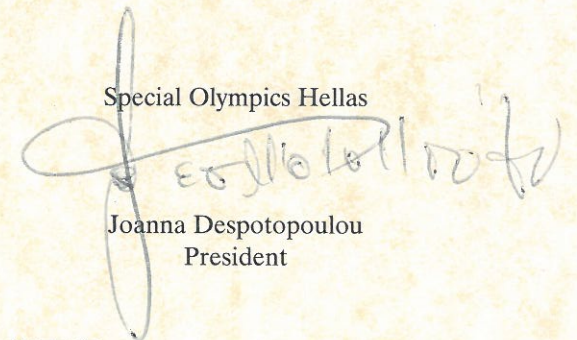
  
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