



**PROCLAMATION**  
**BETWEEN**  
**Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia**  
**and**  
**Tennis Europe**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, when Tennis players 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, Tennis Europe hereby proclaims our unanimous support and affinity for Special Olympics Europe/ Eurasia and all its athletes whose extraordinary courage represent the true spirit of sportsmanship.

**Tennis Europe**

Jacques Dupré,  
President

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Olli Mäenpää,  
Chief Executive Officer

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**WHEREAS**, the mission of Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia is to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of 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 - skills, courage, acceptance and joy - transcends boundaries of geography, nationality, politics, philosophy, gender, age, race or religion;

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

**Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia**

Mary Davis,  
President and Managing Director

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