PROCLAMATION

BETWEEN
Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia
AND
FIBA Europe

WHEREAS, FIBA Europe is an organization whose main mission supports the athletic endeavors in Europe in the sport of basketball; and

WHEREAS, FIBA Europe is an organization committed to expanding opportunities in basketball to all interested people;

WHEREAS, under the structure of FIBA Europe, basketball players offer inspiration to all citizens in Europe as symbols of excellence and achievement; and

WHEREAS, when 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;

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 mental handicaps; and

WHEREAS, in countries throughout the region, Special Olympics athletes train and compete in basketball, striving for unprecedented merit; and

WHEREAS, 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, FIBA EUROPE, hereby proclaim our unanimous support and affinity for SPECIAL OLYMPICS EUROPE/EURASIA and all its players whose extraordinary courage on and off the court represent the true spirit of sportsmanship.

NOW, therefore, SPECIAL OLYMPICS EUROPE/EURASIA obtains the unanimous support of FIBA EUROPE, and conveys this to all our athletes and supporters with the purpose of enhancing the sport of basketball.

"LET ME WIN. BUT IF I CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT."
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