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The Olympic Hymn, a World Cultural Heritage

Declaration

Honorable President and Professor Mr. Mallias,

On behalf of the Executive Committee International Children's Games Committee, responding to the proposal of our Member in Greece, Nikolaos Tzanakos, I would like to inform you of our decision to warmly support the effort on an international level to unveil to UNESCO the Olympic Hymn, written by the Greek national poet and songwriter Kostis Palamas, as a world cultural heritage.

In this way, we celebrate the sacred gift that Kostis Palamas granted to Humanity-the timeless, prophetic and ecumenical Olympic Hymn.

A priceless heritage, an indelible source of mental and physical perfection which praises Olympism through reviving principles, values and ideals of Peace, Freedom, Democracy, Brotherhood, Equality and "Fair Play".

Through his lyrics we hope to accentuate Olympism and the Olympic ideals, shaped by the cultivation and promotion of the ancient immortal spirit, which the great educator Pierre de Coubertin along with the president of the International Olympic Committee, Dimitrio Vikela, dreamed to revive in the modern Olympic Games. The ancient spirit of the Olympic Games will unite the hearts of people around the ideals of "Olympism", as the values of "Fair Play" and "Noble Competitiveness" become a life principium of the modern Olympic Games and for the youth all around the world.

Please, accept our support for this noble cause and the signing of the declaration above for the promotion of the Olympic Hymn as a world cultural heritage.

Dear Mr. Professor,

we will be supportive of every effort that promotes this sacred purpose.

Our Organisation, I.C.G, constitutes the brightest example of the values and ideals mentioned above, as it deals with the sensitive time-period of Youth, spreading in the same time the spirit of "Fair Play" and "Noble Competitiveness" all around the World.

We would like to wish good luck and success to this beautiful effort and we will stand by you for everything you might need.

Torsten Rasch

President of the International Children's Games