



UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN

PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

**Message from President Michael D. Higgins**  
**Special Olympics World Winter Games**  
**March 2025**

Is mian liom mo bheannachtaí a sheoladh d'Fhoireann na hÉireann agus iad ag ullmhú do Chluichí Oilimpeacha Speisialta Domhanda an Gheimhridh 2025 i dTúrin.

May I send my very best wishes to Team Ireland as they prepare to travel to the 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Turin.

To each of the members of Team Ireland – to be chosen to represent your country on the international stage is a great honour indeed, a testament to your outstanding talent, passion, commitment and dedication. These are the qualities that make you such inspirational role models and outstanding ambassadors for Ireland.

May I thank you for your commitment to representing our nation so proudly on the international stage and assure you that, as you travel to Italy, you bring with you the support and goodwill of all of the people of Ireland.

Being part of the Special Olympics is being part of a remarkable team that embodies the true spirit of inclusivity. May I take the opportunity to extend my gratitude to the extraordinary dedication of so many people who devote themselves to the athletes and to Special Olympics Ireland every year.

On behalf of all Irish people, may I wish each and every one of the 14 Team Ireland athletes, management team and coaches every success and many moments of enjoyment and happiness at the 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games. I know that taking part will be a wonderful experience for every one of you as well as your families and supporters, and I hope that you will enjoy every precious moment.

Beir beannacht.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Higgins." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.

Michael D. Higgins  
Uachtarán na hÉireann  
President of Ireland