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Press Release

OTE & COSMOTE SPONSORS OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2011

Athens, November 9th 2010 – OTE and COSMOTE announce the sponsorship of the Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011, which will be held in Athens from June 25th to July 4th 2011.

As part of both their continuous contribution to the promotion of sports and their integrated corporate responsibility programs, OTE and COSMOTE support the Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011, providing the necessary telecoms infrastructure. Specifically, they cover the Games' telecommunications needs in data, voice, and image transfer and mobile telephony. The implementation of this important project has begun since spring 2010, by contributing to the success of the Games' test events.

At the same time, they help spread the message for understanding and acceptance of intellectual disabilities, while promoting the idea of voluntarism both among their employees and the wider society.

The President of the Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011 Organising Committee, Mrs Gianna Despotopoulou, welcomed OTE and COSMOTE to the Special Olympics Family stating:

"We are delighted that, even today, despite the difficult financial circumstances, there are still people and organisations with sensitivities and high social responsibility supporting activities related to vulnerable social groups and more specifically Special Olympics. We thank OTE and COSMOTE for giving us the opportunity – through the most upgraded telecoms infrastructure – to organise successful Games and communicate the values and the vision of the Special Olympics International Movement across the globe".

OTE and COSMOTE, respecting the uniqueness of people with intellectual disabilities, are supporting this global celebration of will, where all participating athletes are winners.

About Special Olympics

The biggest international sports event in 2011 will be hosted in Athens from June 25th to July 4th 2011. Along with the 7.500 athletes, that will be competing in 22 Olympic – type sports, there will also be 2.500 coaches from 185 countries, 3.000 judges/referees, 40.000 members of the athletes' families, 25.000 volunteers and 3.000 journalists from all over the world.

Athletes with intellectual disabilities participate in the Special Olympics World Games, proving that everything is possible with the appropriate training and support.

More information on the Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011 is available at <http://www.athens2011.org>.