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Association of Fine Arts of Patras  
"Kostis Palamas"

Dear President, Professor Dr. Theodore Mallias,

As the Olympic Games event, puts us in direct touch with the great ideas, history, and achievement of Greek civilization, the "*Olympic Anthem*" written by our national poet Kostis Palamas, is a powerful symbol of the Olympic values and of the unity of the world's peoples, as it is depicted in the last verse:

"...To which **all nations** throng to worship thee, Oh ancient immortal spirit".

The Olympic idea, of which Greece always remains the sacred guardian is not just a beautiful sport ideology. It presents one of the most noble aspects of world cultural tradition, as it springs from the deeper meaning of Greek classical culture that incarnated, for all civilized people peaceful co-existence, regardless of nationality, race or religion, the most beautiful and eternal values of life.

The Olympic idea, an outstanding legacy of Greek civilization, was born in the serene and ancient place of Greece, nearly 3000 years ago. From here, it has gone around the world to become a link between people and nations and despite the pressures and pace of our life, the Olympic values of universality, respect for others, human excellence and fair play live on. This is a priceless contribution of Greece to the international community.

In our troubled and restless days, the spirit of the Olympic games must remain unchanged.

Those of us, who serve the Olympic idea must work to make Olympic Games again a festival and a property of the nations of the world, a unique

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opportunity to promote understanding, friendship and peace, just as the festival of the ancient Greeks at Olympia.

May we all benefit from being together, overcoming every political and racial intention within the fields of noble competition, striving for something that is morally and spiritually loftier and purer, learning from each other, from the past, for the future and make this an Olympic world.

The CANADIAN HELLENIC CONGRESS, on behalf of all the Canadians of Hellenic descent, from coast to coast to coast, of this vast land, applauds and fully supports your excellent and patriotic effort, for the promotion by UNESCO of the timeless “*Olympic Anthem*” as a **World Cultural Heritage**”

This is the least that the World Community owes to the Olympic Idea and the synonymous to that, Greece, for its priceless eternal contribution to the world.

We wish good luck to your effort,

Sincerely Yours,

Dr. Theodore Halatsis

President

Dr. Costas Pappas

Vice President Administration - Secretary

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