



UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN  
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

**MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MICHAEL D. HIGGINS**

I am delighted to send my best wishes to Team Ireland as they prepare to travel to the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria.

Being chosen to represent your country on the international stage is a great honour indeed. It is a tribute, not only to your great talent as athletes, but also to your dedication, hard work and perseverance. Those are qualities which make you inspirational role models and admirable Ambassadors for Ireland.

I wish you every success in the World Winter Games, and thank you for all you do to enhance Ireland's reputation for sport across the world.

Michael D. Higgins  
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President of Ireland