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## UN World Refugee Day

Dear Taekwondo family and friends,

This year marks a historic milestone: the **10th founding anniversary of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation**. For a decade, World Taekwondo and THF have proudly stood as pioneers, proving that sport is not just about competition — it is a powerful vehicle for humanitarian aid and social development.

We are not alone in our journey. Through our close and enduring relationships with the Olympic Refugee Foundation and the UNHCR, we have been able to reach into places where hope is often hardest to find.

Together, we have witnessed a huge transformation. We are proud that countless refugees have been given their hopes and dreams back through taekwondo and other sports. For a young person displaced by conflict, stepping onto the mat isn't just about learning to kick or punch; it is about reclaiming their dignity, building resilience, and finding a community.

Today, Taekwondo serves as a vital pathway for refugees to achieve the ultimate sporting honor: to be a World Champion, and to pursue the Olympic and Paralympic dream. Through Taekwondo and sports, refugees can also be elite athletes on the world stage.

A shining example of this enduring commitment is our annual Hope and Dreams Sports Festival. This festival has become a true legacy, actively promoting participation in sport directly within refugee camps, ensuring that the joy of play and the discipline of training are accessible to all.

Ultimately, our message is simple. Sport heals. Sport unites. Through sport, these resilient individuals are not just surviving — they are being reborn together, stronger and more united than ever before. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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