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We cannot always build the  
future for our youth,  
but we can build our youth for  
the future



Franklin D Roosevelt September 20, 1940



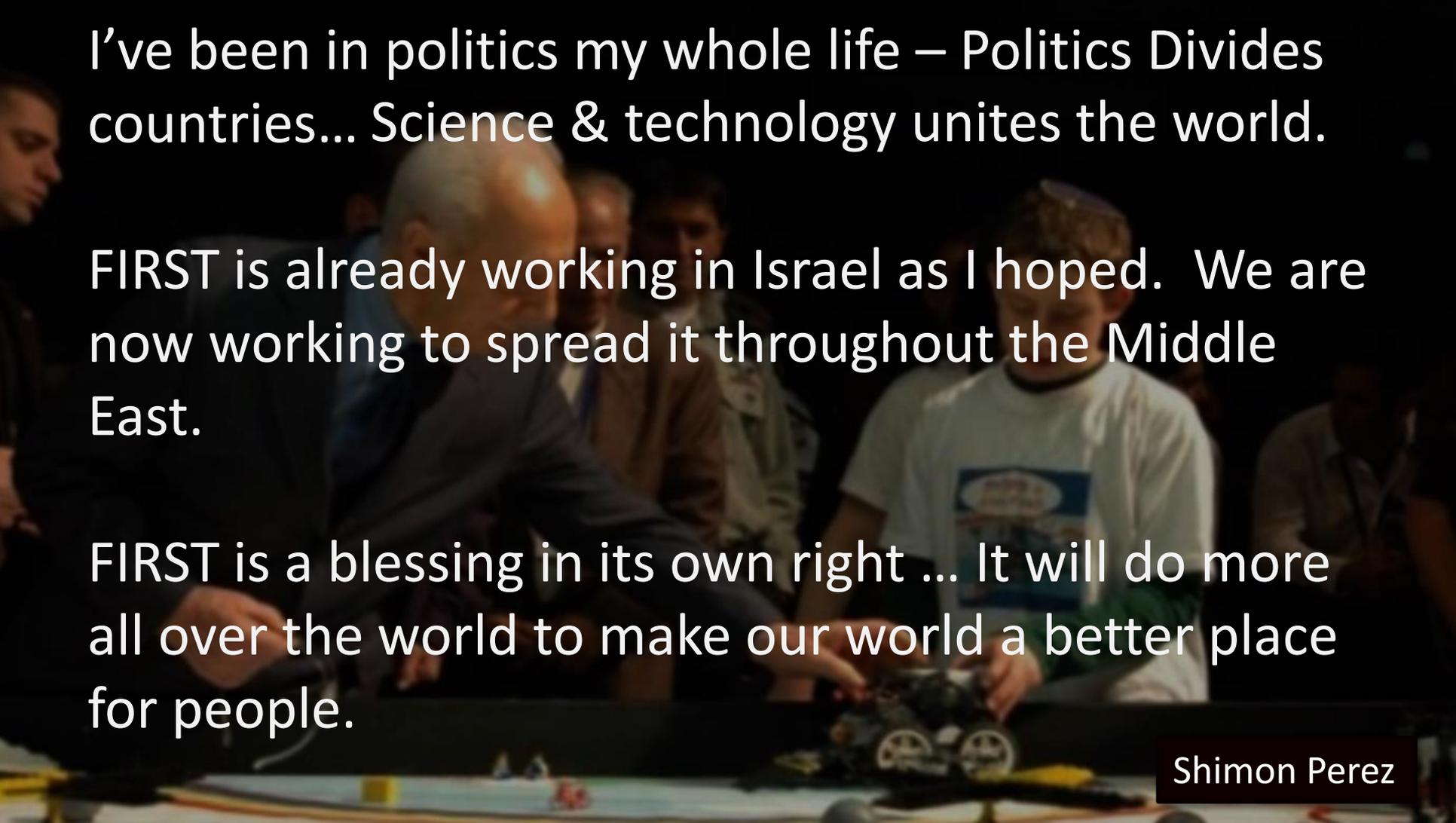


**MORGAN FREEMAN**



**In 2015 FIRST is in 83 Countries  
around the world**





I've been in politics my whole life – Politics Divides countries... Science & technology unites the world.

FIRST is already working in Israel as I hoped. We are now working to spread it throughout the Middle East.

FIRST is a blessing in its own right ... It will do more all over the world to make our world a better place for people.

Shimon Perez



**AGGREY ROBOTICS TEAM**

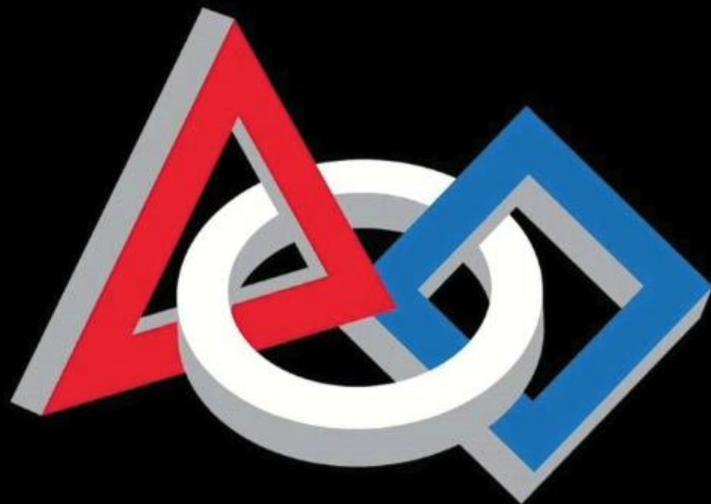


**WELCOMES YOU ALL**

The FIRST school in Africa to build a ROBOT  
FOR Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology

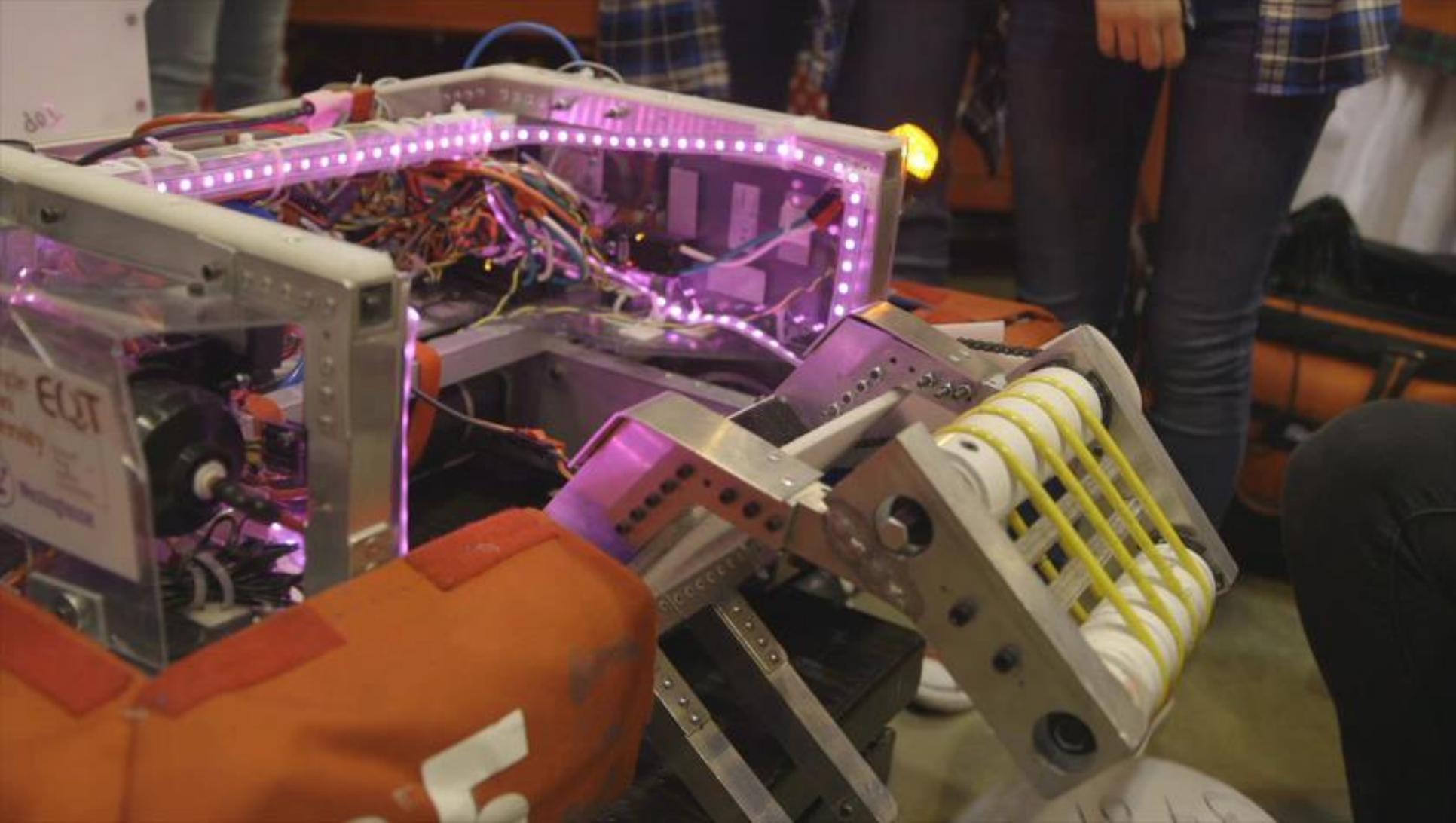
**ROBOTICS!!! THE ART OF LIFE**

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2013 World Championships



# INTERNATIONAL FIRST CHARTER

## INTRODUCTION

THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST COMMITTEE GOVERNS THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST GAMMS (THE IFC) AND SETS FORTH THE CONDITIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST GAMMS.

## PREAMBLE

FIRST WAS FOUNDED BY DR. AN GASTNER IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1998. FIRST HAS SUCCESSFULLY PURSUED ITS MISSION TO INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE SCIENTIST AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERS BY ENGAGING THEM IN EXCITING AND CHALLENGING PROGRAMS THAT BUILD SCIENTIFIC, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY SKILLS THAT INSPIRE INNOVATION AND THAT INSPIRE WELL-ROUNDED LEADERSHIP ABILITIES INCLUDING STEADFAST LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATION, AND LEADERSHIP. ALL HUMANITY WILL BENEFIT IF THIS MISSION IS EFFECTIVELY PURSUED WORLDWIDE.

## MISSION

THE MISSION OF THE IFC IS TO INSPIRE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION IN YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL NATIONS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL, TO ENCOURAGE UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION, AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN ALL HUMANITIES FROM THE WORLDWIDE, AND TO FOSTER THE FUTURE OF THE IFC BY CARRYING PARTICIPATORY TO ENGAGE AND SUPPORT THESE COUNTRIES, REGIONS AND COMMUNITIES MOST IN NEED. THE IFC SHALL ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION BY DESIGNING AND SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL FIRST GAMMS RELATED TO ADDRESSING HUMAN NEEDS AND BY ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING NATIONAL FIRST COMMITTEES (NFCs).

## FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST GAMMS SHALL OPERATE IN THE AREAS OF SCIENCE, INNOVATION, CREATIVITY, PERSONALITY, AND KINDNESS.

IMPARTIALITY: THE IFC SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY PERSON ON THE BASIS OF CLASS, COLOR, DISABILITY, LANGUAGE, NATIONALITY, RACE, RELIGION, SEX, LEGAL ORIENTATION.

INDEPENDENCE: THE IFC SHALL NOT BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF ANY GOVERNMENT, PERSON, OR ORGANIZATION.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: DEVELOPING COUNTRY NFCs SHALL BE ENCOURAGED TO ESTABLISH AND SUPPORT FIRST GAMMS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THESE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THROUGH THE SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS.

PARTICIPATION: THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST GAMMS SHALL PRACTICE GRACIOUS PARTICIPATION WHICH ENCOURAGES HIGH QUALITY WORK, EMPHASIZES THE VALUE OF OTHERS AND RESPECTS INDIVIDUALS AND THE COMMUNITY.

PARTICIPATION: THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST GAMMS SHALL PRACTICE COOPERATION. COOPERATION PRODUCTS INNOVATION. COOPERATION IS DISPLAYING UNQUALIFIED KINDNESS AND RESPECT IN THE FACE OF HEAVY COMPETITION.

THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST GAMMS SHALL BE HELD COMMENCING IN 2017. THE INAUGURAL 2017 INTERNATIONAL FIRST GAMMS SHALL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, DC, USA. THE IFC SHALL SET THE TIME TABLE AND LOCATION FOR EACH INTERNATIONAL FIRST GAMMS.

## THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST MOVEMENT

THE MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST MOVEMENT ARE THE IFC, THE NATIONAL FIRST COMMITTEES (NFCs), AND THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (OC).

THE IFC HASY ASSOCIATES ONE OR MORE NFCs IN EACH COUNTRY. EACH RECOGNIZES A NFC WITH PROMPT AND SUPPORT FIRST AND INTERNATIONAL FIRST GAMMS IN A COUNTRY, REGION OR CONTINENT.

A SIGNING NFC FOR THE COUNTRY WHICH WILL HOST AN INTERNATIONAL FIRST GAMMS SHALL APPOINT AN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (OC) FOR THOSE GAMMS. PROVIDED THAT THE NFC FIRST OBTAINS THE APPROVAL OF THE IFC EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THIS APPOINTMENT.

ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION NAMED IN ANY CAPACITY IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST MOVEMENT IS BOUND BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS INTERNATIONAL FIRST CHARTER AND SHALL ABIDE BY THE DECISIONS OF THE IFC.

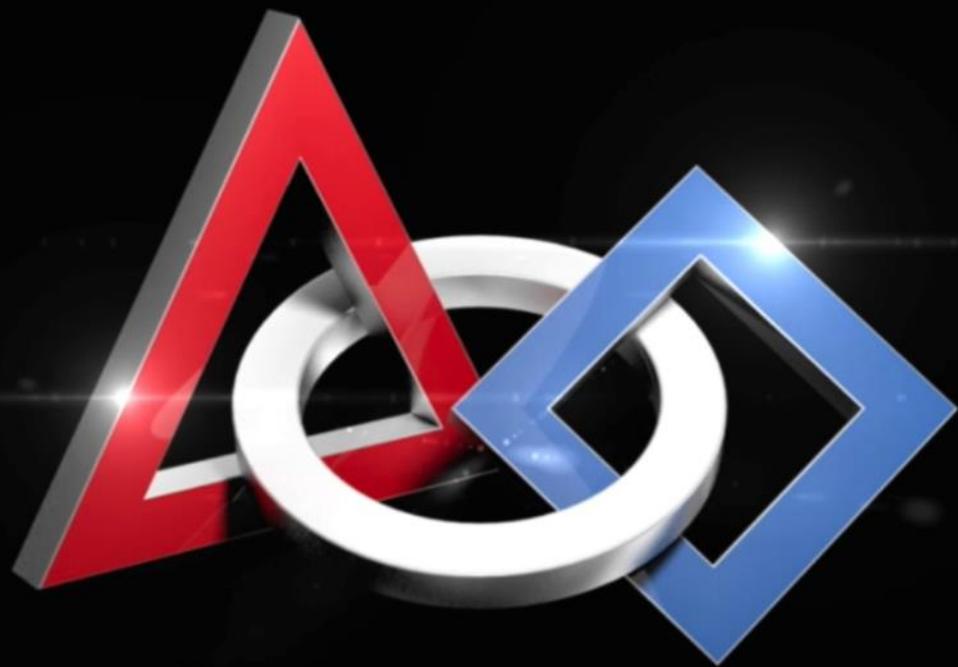
## THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST COMMITTEE (IFC)

LEGAL STATUS: THE IFC SHALL BE AN INTERNATIONAL, NON-GOVERNMENTAL, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR UNINCORPORATED ENTITY. THE IFC SHALL BE LEGALLY ORGANIZED AS A CORPORATION INCORPORATED UNDER THE STATES LAW THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

THE IFC IS COMPOSED OF MEMBERS WHO ARE NATURAL PERSONS. THE INITIAL IFC MEMBERS ARE THE FOUNDING MEMBERS WHO SIGN THIS CHARTER ABOVE. ADDITIONAL MEMBERS SHALL BE ADDED AS PROVIDED IN BYLAWS TO BE ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS (THE "BYLAWS").

THE IFC SHALL HOLD AN ANNUAL SESSION EACH YEAR (AND MAY HOLD ADDITIONAL SESSIONS) AS PROVIDED IN THE BYLAWS.

THE IFC SHALL APPOINT FROM ITS MEMBERS AN EXECUTIVE BOARD WITH AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE IFC AS PROVIDED IN THE BYLAWS.



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