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Lodz, 20 July 2013

To: ITKF National Federation Members

Re: Suspension

Cc: - ITKF Board of Directors
- ITKF Technical Committee

Dear ITKF Members,

It has now been numerous times that we have requested the ITKF Chairman, Mr. Richard Jorgensen to provide us with a status of the ITKF office and its financials. Unfortunately our repeated requests were left unanswered, leaving us with no choice but to seek an independent third-party to investigate the status of the ITKF and provide a legal opinion. We have hired the law firm from Poland – Kancelaria Adwokacka Porczyński Owczarek i Spółka – to perform the above task.

The investigation of this law firm concluded that the **ITKF has been suspended as a business entity for the past few years and that the original date of the ITKF establishment as a business entity was 1995.** Attached is a copy of the suspension notice and the legal opinion of the law firm regarding such a suspension. The suspension of the ITKF is caused by the fact the ITKF has not paid federal, state and city taxes for a long time.

Taking the above facts into consideration we sent a letter to the ITKF Board of Directors on Tuesday (16 July) with five below issues to consider. We gave the deadline – Friday (19 July) but we received no decision.

What we proposed to the ITKF Board of Directors:

1. The ITKF will officially withdraw the decision to suspend the Traditional Karate Federation of Poland (PZKT).

Information about suspension of the PZKT has already reached the Polish Ministry of Sports and Tourism. Since the Traditional Karate is one of the most popular sports in Poland, the ministry paid a special attention to this issue. We were called to explain the situation and the ministry is going to start their own legal procedure to check all the facts.

Thus, we think the ITKF withdrawal from its decision will calm the situation and stop the ministry's investigation before they find out the truth about suspension of the ITKF, which is only a matter of time because the information is available on-line. If they find out the truth about the ITKF, this undoubtedly will have further repercussions not only in Poland but also abroad, including the International Olympic Committee which will be one of the first to receive this information via the Polish Olympic Committee which co-operates closely with the Polish Ministry of Sport and Tourism.

2. Immediate and unconditional resignation of Mr. Richard Jorgensen from all functions within the ITKF (Chairman, President, Chairman of the ITKF Technical Committee).

Mr. Jorgensen consciously led to conceal the information about suspension of the ITKF from the ITKF Board of Directors and the ITKF Member Federations.

3. Solidary suspension of all the ITKF Board of Directors Members from the Board.

4. Establishment of the Temporary ITKF Receivership until the new elections will be held.

The Receivership will have the representative functions and its main task will be to bring the ITKF to new elections. To this Receivership we suggest the following recognized worldwide Karate masters:

- 1) Sensei Robert Fusaro (USA)**
- 2) Sensei Katsuya Ishiyama (Venezuela)**
- 3) Sensei Hiroshi Shirai (Italy)**

5. Establishment of the ITKF Working Committee on the New ITKF Regulations.

The Working Committee will be responsible for developing the new democratic ITKF Constitution and all other regulations as regards administrative, financial aspects etc. This work will be done with the active involvement of the current ITKF Board Members, excluding Mr. Richard Jorgensen. To this group we suggest the following individuals:

- 1) Mr. Nelson Carrion (Uruguay)**
- 2) Mr. Mahmoud Tabassi (USA)**
- 3) Mr. Włodzimierz Kwieciński (Poland)**

Members of the ITKF Legal Services Committee:

- 4) Mrs. Livia Gomez Arcangelo (Brazil)**
- 5) Mrs. Marta Niewczas (Poland)**

We have decided to send this sad not to say shocking information to all of you because we believe everyone deserves to know the truth. All of us have been deceived for a number of years and we were functioning in – according to the state of California law – a suspended organization. Now you understand that the ITKF Chairman had no legal rights to suspend the PZKT.

It is time to START NEW ERA OF THE ITKF. There are a lot of people who think the same, who support this idea and who are willing to work for the new democratic ITKF. **Disclosure of this information should not bother you or make you scared. On the contrary, now we can feel optimistic because we finally have a diagnosis and we can repair this failure. And this is happening – a group of people involved in this matter is working hard to fix the situation.**

With this letter I also make official withdrawal from the ITKF Board of Directors until the Extraordinary General Meeting because I would like to let people decide about future of the ITKF also in reference to my person.

We urge you to read and discuss the following statements and attached document carefully and ask yourself if the ITKF status would harm you, your National Federation and your members. We request your attendance at the meeting being held in Dojo – Stara Wieś on August 17 to voice your opinion, provide advice and collectively seek solutions as how to move ITKF forward in a successful manner. We urge Mr. Jorgensen, as well as Mr. Romulo Machado (Chairman of the ITKF Legal

Services Committee) to attend this meeting so that they may answer attendees' questions and resolve the problems at hand.

Please send the names of representatives from your Federation entitled to vote for the ITKF Extraordinary General Meeting on the attached form until 26 July 2013 (Friday) by e-mail to: pzkt@karate.pl. Each Federation can appoint up to two representatives for this meeting. This is final deadline to confirm attendance at the meeting for those who want to stay at the centre Dojo-Stara Wieś and attend the seminar Gasshuku, because until this day we can keep places for them. Detailed information regarding the fees for board and accommodation etc. is on our website www.karate.pl under the poster of Gasshuku 2013.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely Yours,

Włodzimierz Kwieciński
Chairman

Attachments:

1. Letter from the law firm – Kancelaria Adwokacka Porczyński Owczarek i Spółka.
2. Document from the Registry of the California Secretary of State Debra Bowen on the ITKF suspension.
3. Application Form to the ITKF Extraordinary General Meeting.

