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Dear Mr. Espinos:

We are writing to you as the President of the World Karate Federation (“WKF”) with the knowledge that the top executive of international sports organizations can quickly stop the improper actions of its members. As the President of the WKF that governs the sport of General Karate, we request your immediate assistance.

### **Misrepresenting It Governs Traditional Karate**

As the Chairman of the International Traditional Karate Federation (“ITKF”), it has come to my attention that certain members of the WKF are representing that the WKF represents the sport of Traditional Karate. In particular, members of the WKF are representing to a number of different sports authorities and organizations, including National Sports Ministries and National Olympic Committee members, that the WKF represents the sport of Traditional Karate.

As you are fully aware, the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”) and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (“CAS”) recognized the ITKF as the governing body for Traditional Karate. At the 101<sup>st</sup> Session of the Congress, the IOC found that there are “two distinct disciplines of Karate” and adopted the decision of the Court that “Traditional Karate is that which is governed by the International Traditional Karate Federation (ITKF).” The claims of certain members of the WKF that the WKF represents Traditional Karate clearly infringe on the jurisdiction of the ITKF. We respectfully request your personal assistance to stop this improper and unlawful activity. We request that the WKF immediately cease and desist from claiming it represents the sport of Traditional Karate.

### **Pirating Traditional Karate Competitive Events**

Furthermore, it has also come to our attention that a number of WKF’s National Federation Members pirated and expropriated from the ITKF certain of its Traditional Karate competitive events and rules. In particular, we understand that the WKF is including in WKF tournaments the ITKF competitive events of “Enbu”, “Fuku-go” and “Synchronized Kata – Bunkai”.

The ITKF created these events to develop and promote the sport of Traditional Karate. The rules for these events are set forth in the ITKF Competitive Rules under copyright protection and are the property of the ITKF. These rules, as were those of the WKF, were submitted to the IOC Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for their consideration. It was in this context that CAS determined there were two different disciplines of karate. The unauthorized use of these events by the WKF is a direct violation of the copyright and trademark owned by the ITKF. The ITKF respectfully request that the WKF immediately cease and desist from including any ITKF competitive events or language references thereof in WKF tournaments.



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We request your personal written response no later than August 7, 2009. We look forward to your anticipated cooperation.

The ITKF reserves all of its legal rights and remedies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Jorgensen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Jorgensen, Chairman  
International Traditional Karate Federation

c.c.: International Olympic Committee  
National Olympic Committees  
National Sports Federations  
IOC Court of Arbitration for Sport