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ATTACHMENT #5

Dear Excellency:

As official Coordinator of karate unification, I am pleased to report on the progress of the unification efforts during the past year.

As previously reported, I conducted a meeting on June 29, 1996 between the International Traditional Karate Federation (ITKF) and the World Karate Federation/ex-world Union Karate-do Organization (WKF/ex-wuko).

At this meeting, both parties agreed in the "Osaka Statement" to the formation of a new, unified Karate body based on the IOC organizational principles ("IOC Principles") established by the 101st IOC Session. At the same time, a Joint Working Committee (JWC) was formed with official representatives from both organizations to resolve issues necessary for formalizing the IOC directed unification.

On August 12, 1996, the IOC acknowledged the "Osaka Statement" and JWC's mission at its meeting in Atlanta, U.S.A.

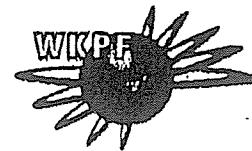
On October 15, 1996, the JWC completed the merger statutes implementing the IOC principles.

The ITKF then ratified these statutes in November 1996 at its General meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The November 1996 WKF/ex-WUKO Congress held in South Africa did not include on its agenda any discussion on the ratification of the new draft of the unification statutes.

Once WKF/ex-WUKO ratifies the new statutes, formation of the new unified body will be complete.

We regret we will be unable to report to the IOC by the September deadline that unification has been completed and we understand and respect the IOC's directive stating that if the September deadline is not met neither ITKF nor WKF/ex-WUKO will be granted recognition.



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In light of these considerations, the Coordinator's office requests the IOC to recognize the new, unified karate body once the unification process, which has been progressing steadily through the efforts of the Coordinator and the JWC since the Osaka Statement, has been completed.

If the IOC accepts this request, we ask that you please send out an official notification in order to promote the progress of unification and prevent moving backwards.

As Coordinator, I would like to express my appreciation for your consideration and request that you please accept this proposal for the benefit of karate athletes worldwide.

Very truly yours,

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