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Dr. Jacques Rogge, President
International Olympic Committee
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Dear Excellency:

This office has received the IOC response from your Sports Director, Christophe Dubi (please see attached) with regard to our letter to you dated January 2012. Quite frankly, we are puzzled by your lack of response to our concerns and his direction to contact WKF. The matters addressed in our letter to you cannot be answered by the WKF as they pertain to the decisions and action taken by the IOC which is contrary to the agreements with the ITKF endorsed by the IOC itself. Consequently, unless there was significant clandestine collusion between WKF and the former IOC President, the late A. Samaranch to negate opportunities for the ITKF, the WKF would not, or should not, be able to comment on any of these matters.

As a point of illustration, in 1997 the former IOC President, the late A. Samaranch, gave a deadline for completion of a Unification Constitution with the consequence of failure being that karate would be entirely dropped from the agenda of IOC. The ITKF completed its obligations and signed the collaboratively developed Unification Constitution – the WKF did not. The letter from the third party mediator that was submitted to you previously confirms this fact. Yet, in 1999 the IOC President unilaterally recognized WKF while the matter was still before CAS. We have written continually to your office since that time in protest.

Additionally, the CAS defined WKF as a merger organization between ITKF and WUKO. Yet, the IOC has unilaterally recognized WKF without any inclusion of ITKF. Consequently, our sport activity has lost significant sport funding and recognition around the world as a result of this unfair action.

Moreover, the ITKF has written to the WKF on several occasions over the past years and has received no response to our requests to meet. More concerning is the fact that when our National Federations try to cooperate with the WKF organization within any respective country, the General Secretary of WKF writes to inform its National Federation member that cooperation is not possible and all ITKF members must be purged from any WKF organization or it will risk suspension. We have provided you with copies of this correspondence previously. Consequently, your staff's direction to contact WKF is nonsensical. It would seem to the ITKF that the IOC has a responsibility to ensure its members are acting appropriately. Would you stand by and allow Beach Volleyball to impose its rules of competition over Classic Volleyball? As you are fully aware, the CAS recognized two distinct disciplines of karate – one of which was the Traditional Karate as governed by ITKF. We are still waiting patiently to have IOC implement its agreements in this regard.

We await your positive response.

Sincerely,

Richard Jorgensen, Chairman
International Traditional Karate Federation

Cc: Christophe de Kepper, IOC Director General