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TO ALL ITKF NATIONAL FEDERATION MEMBERS

RE: MR KWIECINSKI'S LETTER OF RESPONSE REGARDING SUSPENSION OF TRADITIONAL KARATE FEDERATION OF POLAND

Dear National Federation Member:

Attached please find a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion from the Chairman of the ITKF Legal Services Committee, Mr. Romulo Machado. Mr. Machado is a lawyer from Portugal who was appointed to his position at the ITKF World Congress held in Curitiba, Brazil in 2010.

In order to clarify the legal position of ITKF, in contrast with the behaviour of Mr. Kwiecinski and the Traditional Karate Federation of Poland (PZKT), I have asked Mr. Romulo to write a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion in response to the numerous unsubstantiated claims made by Mr. Kwiecinski and the Traditional Karate Federation of Poland (PZKT).

As you will see from the attached, his final opinion remains the same as his previously circulated one including **the fact that the call of an Extra-ordinary meeting of the ITKF by Mr. Kwiecinski is completely outside of any reasonable notion and should be considered null and void.** It is unfortunate that some National Federation members have put personal and blind loyalty ahead of the governance rules of ITKF in this attempted "hijacking" of the ITKF organization by Mr. Kwiecinski and the PZKT. As such, they should be considered accomplices to this illegal activity as they do not respect the judicial governance of the ITKF through its Constitution.

Additionally, the lateral but very personal accusations made by Mr. Kwiecinski are completely fabricated and unsubstantiated. However, these have been separated from the main question of governance authority and will be dealt with in another forum. Of particular note, there are very personal remarks made about volunteers within the ITKF, who have given freely and completely of their time and professional advice to assist the ITKF organization while saving it thousands of dollars in professional fees. It is shameful that such volunteer service is not celebrated but rather used in an unscrupulous manner in an attempt to destroy the unified purpose of ITKF and replace it with one that is obviously a personal agenda.

It is this nefarious behaviour that has forced the ITKF Board in an individual and strong majority vote, to suspend Poland and remove Mr. Kwiecinski from the Board of Directors and Technical Committee of ITKF.

All National Federations should respect the governance of the ITKF by the ITKF Board of Directors, the ITKF World Congress and their respective responsibilities and authority. In contrast, regardless of how large an organization the Traditional Karate Federation of Poland (PZKT) is within its own boundaries of its respective country – it does not represent the world, nor does Mr. Kwiecinski have any authority, or title, or position within the ITKF organization. His communications should be discounted and any attempt to use the ITKF name, symbol or authority needs to be considered as an absolute threat to all National Federation members of the ITKF.

Sincerely,

Richard Jorgensen, Chairman  
International Traditional Karate Federation