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Dear Mr. Tobias:

In your letter dated July 23, you have raised a number of questions, some of which simply confuse the main issue as they relate to the founding incorporation and early years of ITKF managed by Sensei Nishiyama. However, the main issue that you seem to be concerned about is the right of the ITKF to make , conduct business and the competency of the current Chairman. On these matters, I can respond quite succinctly to your questions.

Regarding the issue of the ITKF in suspended status with the State of California, you have received the clear answer from ITKF. That is, the ITKF has applied for tax exempt status and has been working with the State of California to resolve any issues related to the 1995-2002 tax filings. As I only became the Chairman of ITKF following Sensei Nishiyama's passing in 2008, I think you will agree these issues were well before my tenure. However, the ITKF and its current Chairman have been very diligent in addressing these issues. It is also a fact that the suspended status of ITKF does not negate the ITKF as an organization, nor its decisions, nor its authority.

I can also assure you that the ITKF Board of Directors has been responsible and involved in every major decision that has been made, including the suspension, or recommendation for membership; as well as the Technical policies and the direction of the organization. Additionally, I can assure you the ITKF Board of Directors and its Chairman has adhered to the Constitution and By-laws strictly concerning every decision. There has been nothing irresponsible in any of the action the ITKF Board or its Chairman.

There are a couple of false claims that you have made within your letter that need correction. First, your country was not a charter member of the ITKF. The Articles of Incorporation of the ITKF state very clearly that the ITKF is an extension of the IAKF which was formed in 1974 and all of its policies, bylaws, etc. are to be brought forward into the ITKF. Consequently, the "Charter" members of ITKF were those from 1974. Uruguay was not one of those.

As well, you state that your organization was granted membership status at the World Cup in Poland. That is a completely false statement as there was no ITKF World Congress to grant such status held at any World Cup. Only the ITKF World Congress can grant membership status. Rather, your Federation was granted Probationary Membership status by the ITKF World Congress held in October, 2012 in Poland. Probationary Members do not have voting rights.

The ITKF has recently received a very serious complaint from a group in your country claiming to be founding members of your Federation but who also claim to have been arbitrarily and unconstitutionally suspended from your Federation through a unilateral decision taken by Mr. Nelson Carrion. They have asked the ITKF to intervene in this matter. Consequently, ITKF seeks clarification from your Federation concerning this situation.

Sincerely,

Richard Jorgensen, Chairman  
International Traditional Karate Federation