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General Secretary

Athens, January 19th 2013

Our Ref.: 045

TO : Ministry of Sport of Russia

Att.: Mr. Vitaliy Mutko, Minister of Sport of Russia

Subject: Karate Federation of Russia (KFR)

Dear Mr. Minister,

On behalf of the World Karate Federation (WKF) and the European Karate Federation (EKF), I would like to express our strong and continuous support to the Karate Federation of Russia (KFR) which is an active WKF/EKF member for so many years.

Since early the beginning of the Olympic movement, the Karate Federation of Russia (KFR) provides significant support to the WKF for promoting the Karate in the Olympic Games.

Following the new Olympic plan of the WKF in 2012, the Karate Federation of Russia (KFR) led by Mr. Sergey Sokolovski, adopted a new concept for Karate development in Russia. In particular, style Karate Competitions were authorized by the KFR and many of them have been included in the KFR Sport Calendar for 2013 in order to involve a lot of young people in the Sport of Karate, to increase the number of Russian Karate sportsmen and to improve the results of Russian competitors at WKF level.

Moreover, I would like to point out that the Karate Federation of Russia (KFR) is fully compliant with both the WKF Statutes and the IOC Statutes and thus, the Karate Federation of Russia (KFR) led by Mr. Sergey Sokolovski is the only organization in Russia officially approved by the WKF.

Mr. Sergey Sokolovski has been actively working for the WKF since 1994 officiating at all WKF & EKF events as both an international WKF & an EKF Referee. He was appointed as an EKF Technical Committee member from 2004 until 2008 and he was leading Referee Committee of Karate Federation of Russia from 1999 until 2012.



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During these years the Karate Federation of Russia (KFR), has had 24 certified international EKF Referees and 10 international WKF Referees, making it one of the best Referee team in the WKF worldwide.

The Karate Federation of Russia (KFR) has been a competent member of the World Karate Federation (WKF) since 2003. The KFR is very active in developing and popularizing the Sport of Karate in Russia. During the last 10 years, the KFR has been organizing significant WKF/EKF official events such as the 39th European Senior Karate Championships in 2004 and the 10th European Regions Karate Championships in 2012. Currently, the Karate Federation of Russia has been entrusted to organize the world class international event WKF Karate1 Premier League which will be held in Tyumen city from April 12th to April 14th, 2013.

On behalf of the World Karate Federation, I would like to thank You, and to thank the Ministry of Sport of Russia as well for the continuous support of the Karate Federation of Russia.

I am looking forward to the Olympic future and the mutual beneficial cooperation with the Ministry of Sport of Russia along with the Karate Federation of Russia.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'George Yerolimpos', is written over a faint blue circular stamp.

George Yerolimpos
WKF / EKF General Secretary

c.c.: Mr. Antonio Espinós - WKF/EKF President