



The President

Marko Nicović

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Dear President,

As you know already, a new international umbrella organization - the United World Karate (UWK) has been created in July this year in Lausanne, Switzerland, upon an initiative of the major international federations: ITKF, WKC, WUKF, WUKO, IKU, WFF and IKOK.

**PURPOSE:**

The formation of the United World Karate (UWK) is straightforward – to represent the diversity of Karate Sport to the benefit of all Karate practitioners worldwide. Three distinct formats of Karate are represented by UWK. These are: Traditional Karate (based on the competition rules of ITKF), General Karate (based on the combined competition rules of WKC and WUKF) and Contact Karate (based on the competition rules of Kyokushinkaikan defined by IKOK). Collectively, the founding organizations represent 110 countries.

The IOC has refused admission of WKF Karate to the Olympic Game program on three separate occasions. Some believe this is due to the lack of unification and the fact that there is more karate administered outside of WKF than inside. In fact, some have stated that WKF no longer represents the Karate Sport for which it received recognition from IOC. Rather, it has moved itself into a new Sport that no longer resembles Japanese Karate.

**PROCESS TO RECOGNITION BY INTERNATIONAL SPORT AUTHORITIES:**

One of the goals of UWK is to achieve recognition from both SportAccord and IOC. Additionally, the goal will be to have UWK included in the Combat Games of SportAccord, the World Games and the Olympic Games.

In order to achieve this goal, UWK must have all Federations representing the three Distinct Karate Sports united under one Federation in each country and each country united under the UWK internationally. Consequently, this requires collaboration, cooperation and efficiency to achieve it within the short time period we have to prove the success of this effort.

We hereby want to encourage our members to take an active part in their countries and to get involved into the unification process. The WKC is the oldest organization within General karate with the longest tradition and our members must find their place and get influence in whatever is happening throughout the unification process.

The detailed criteria and unification process is explained in the attached document – as suggested by the UWK, please read it carefully and contact us about any questions you may have!

WKC remains an independent international federation with its structure, activities and events, but we will do our best to contribute new organization and take an active part for the benefit of the WKC and all our member federations!

Sincerely yours,

WKC Executive Committee  
Marko Nicovic  
President

