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## Dear Friends in Karate

The affiliation to an international (Karate) organization is a high responsibility task for a president. This is why I am quite sure that before to take this decision a very detailed information period must precede and the study of the statute of the international body is one of the first action. This is why I think is well understood that the application for affiliation is a prove that the applicant accepted already the statute and the rules that are already voted and applied into the international body.

Unfortunately we have to see that this is not every time this way and some of the federations affiliated from short time become unhappy regarding some rules that are not “suitable” for their national interest. It is very easy to understand that the national interests are different from country to country and a world organization is not able to follow all. The correct way of development is to identify the needs of the **majority of members** and try to adapt the rules as well as nobody be affected too much. The leadership of the world body has the duty to study the implication of all proposals (decisions) at the world level, only this way could be guaranteed the future development. The leadership has this duty and has the full responsibility for all decisions and once at four years the members could amend this.

Sometimes is quite impossible to promote decisions that will make everybody happy and mostly all the times the unhappy members will protest and will use all their influence to denigrate or to blackmail the leadership. Especially in the countries where WUKF has more members the rivalry between the affiliated members is destructive. WUKF encouraged the federations from same country to work together to try to find solutions that could grow their activity in their country but mostly all the times was not successful.

The vanity, very developed in Karate unfortunately, the idea that “we are the best” devour lot of these organizations.



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When could we see a WUKF National Championship organized between affiliated members from same country where the best athletes from each federation could have the chance to meet the others in a fair and sportive competition? WUKF can help with the best neutral referees from other countries with logistic assistance and with many more for sure.

What could be the result of this? The progress of all, the best test for the athletes and trainers and referees to identify the critical points of the sportive preparation and to find methods to correct these. And at the end for sure we shall see the increasing of the value at the national level no matter the name of the federation. But the karate history shows us very clear that the leaders from so many national federations preferred to fight and used their energy for political fights and not for trying to follow the Karate healthy way.

Many times the national leaders try to explain to the members the failure into a world or continental event by other reasons that the non-performance of the preparation program just for demonstrating that their way is “the best”. The concurrence with the other national affiliated members is not supported and the “only solution” seems to be “let’s leave the world organization and find another where if is possible we shall be alone so no concurrence”. The lack of the concurrence will be never a robust solution, maybe a temporary one. But the national strategy is the individual problem of each federation and WUKF can’t interfere into this. WUKF can help, can respond to the request and we believe that up to now all the requests were sustained.

Each loss of one member is an failure for WUKF but not financially or organizational (the gold rule is working very well: one goes out two are coming in!) but especially from the psychological point of view meaning that our strategy was not understood by the national members and they could not pass over the (actual) personal interests.



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WUKF was created by experimented federations governed by strong leaders that demonstrated at national or international level their managerial Karate skills and the best prove is that in less than 7 years we are the second world karate organization not only as a number of affiliated members but especially of the quality of our competitions.

So WUKF way is very clear, maybe some adjustments will be made and the majority of the members will decide this for sure. The WUKF Congress in June at Bucharest is the perfect opportunity of analyse and adjust the WUKF strategy. WUKF is not a rigid organization; the rules are adapted to the specific of the karate progress and modifications that appear at the world level. We like to be a modern organization that helps the affiliated members in their efforts to develop in their country. Who can't understand this is free to take another way maybe more "easy" for his federation.

But WUKF will be the organization that will work continuously for the promotion of the "best karate in the world".

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