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HELLENIC KARATE FEDERATION

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Dear Sir(s),

On the occasion of the **43rd EKF Junior & Cadet Karate Championships** (Cyprus, 5th-7th February 2016), we have been informed by the Head of the Greek Delegation that the athletes from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) presented as "Macedonia" during the **parade** of the National Teams, which is a clear violation of the principles of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions (1993).

Furthermore, this misconduct of the Local Organizing Commission (Cyprus Karate Federation) is also against **the recognized status of FYROM** from both the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the European Karate Federation (EKF) and thus, **you are kindly requested to inform us on this matter as soon as possible and also to comply with the international diplomatic status quo.**

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our discomfort on the matter that major sports events may promote other **"goals"** beyond sportsmanlike behavior



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that we are confident that the EKF spirit of collaboration and good will shall smooth this unpleasant situation.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Christos Bouloubasis
HKF President

