Belgrade, 17/12/2014

HELLENIC OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Dear Sirs/Madams,

We are sending you this letter once again and we would be most grateful if you could help us discover the truth and receive the real information about the Balkan Karate Federation, which is no longer accepted neither from the World nor European Karate Federation (WKF, EKF). Members of the previously mentioned federation, with the exception of National Karate Federation of Greece, stopped being members of this federation on 13th September 2013 and founded the new Karate Federation of Balkan with the seat in Belgrade.

Mr. George Yerolimpos was the President of currently non-existent Balkan Karate Federation and therefore responsible for the sports as well as financial functioning of the Balkan Karate Federation. Unofficially, the Federation itself had the open checking account in The National Bank of Greece, account number 150/296044-34 (IBAN: GR 09 0110 1500 0000 1502 9604 434).

At the request of the World Karate Federation (WKF) and members of the current Karate Federation of Balkan, we kindly request the financial reports of the money collected in the cash on ID cards and the registration fees for the participation on the Balkan Championships. As an example, the Karate Federation of Serbia for the Balkan Championship held in Serbia in 2013 paid 7.650 euros in cash to the representatives from Greece, delegated as official representatives by Mr. George Yerolimpos, who was the President of BKF at that time.

According to our estimates, given the number of the participants, each Balkan Championship realized an income of 40.000 to 45.000 euros just from the registration fees and ID cards. As a rule, this income had to be paid on the checking account of the Federation. We would like to be informed what has happened with the income on the checking account, received during the organization of the Balkan Championships.

We kindly ask you for your help, because our attempts to discover anything about the financial reports from the previous Balkan Championships seemed to be in vain. Mr. George Yerolimpos, a former president of The Balkan Federation, keeps ignoring our requests.

We must admit that we are not surprised with the conduct of Mr Yerolimpos, since all these years, before the abovementioned date, he behaved in the manner of absolute despotism, without any trace of democracy. Holding the position of General Secretary of the World and European Karate Federation, his conduct was reasonably understandable. Anyone who made any attempt of finding out anything concerning transparency of the work done, ended either in reprimand or suspension.

After he had been removed from the position of the General Secretary of the World and European Karate Federation, national federations, members of the Balkan Karate Federation, removed Mr. Yerolimpos from his position of the President of the Balkan Karate Federation and on 13th September 2013 in Belgrade decided to establish the new Karate Federation of Balkan, with the seat in Belgrade. The new Karate Federation of Balkan was founded because no one wanted to bear the burden and follow the methods of Mr. Yerolimpos.

We kindly ask you, as being competent in this situation, to request from Mr. Yerolimpos the information about the financial report from the organization of the Balkan Championships and thus contribute in resolving this unpleasant situation.

Yours sincerely,

Karate Federation of Balkan Secretary General,

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