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TO: **World Karate Federation**
European Karate Federation
Balkan Karate Federation
Greek Ministry of Sports
Prosecutor Attorney of Athens

Media

SUBJECT: **Denunciation**

Dear Sirs,

With this letter I feel obliged to inform you about the machinations in Hellenic Karate Federation during the last few months, after the dismissal of Mr. Gerolympos from the place of General Secretary of European and World Karate Federation.

The first formal advising we received as Association Members from Hellenic Karate Federation, has been on 2013/10/05, while at the Regular General Meeting. During this meeting the President of World and European Karate Federation Mr. Espinos has been accused by Mr. Gerolympos for economical recklessness in general, for squandering the financial sources of W.K.F. during the time of the campaign for karate in the 2020 Olympic games (K is on the way), for embezzlement of money that was meant to be invested to the stock exchange, for promoting financial agreements of World Federation to family members of Mr. Espinos and generally for the financial integrity of W.K.F.

During the same meeting has been accused the "selection of Mr Espinos" for President of Balkan Karate Federation, by Mr. Gerolympos and Mr. Bouloubasis. They deliberately referred to the President of Balkan Federation as a "member of the underworld" and a "member of Bulgarian mafia". Mr. Gerolympos had advised- as he claimed- the Hellenic Federation not to be a member of Balkan Federation because the idea of being under the command of a mafia guy, did not express him and persuaded H.K.F. to follow other countries that did not enlist. The Executive Council of H.K.F. had accepted his suggestion. It is profound that the Greek Ministry of Sports is not aware of the fact that the Hellenic Karate Federation is the only one outside the Balkan Federation and that all written exhortations of the President of Balkan Karate Federation towards the direction of our enrollment has been ignored. Definitely this is against the constitution of the Hellenic Karate Federation (article 3 paragraph Θ) and therefore the Greek Ministry of Sports must take actions. The issue never came under voting procedure and has presumably been secretly decided H.K.F. not

to be enlisted in the Balkan Karate Federation, along with all the consequences for the Associations, Athletes, Instructors and Referees.

After a while, we started receiving posts, through facebook, especially by a profile named World Karate Campaign (https://www.facebook.com/wkf.campaing?hc_location=timeline) of defamatory comments for the President of W.K.F. Mr. Antonio Espinos, urging him to resign, presenting him as incapable of commanding the World Karate Federation. At the same time we received information through telephone that Mr. Gerolympos happens to be enormously disfavored by the whole family of World Karate Federation and that could be proved to be true, every time that Mr. Gerolympos was present at events, as a member of the Executive Council of W.K.F.

In time we also received information from abroad that Mr. Gerolympos has been punished with six months exclusion from W.K.F. organizations and therefor was also excluded from H.K.F. organizations. The H.K.F. not only concealed this blockade, but was completely indifferent to the fact, since it permitted Mr. Gerolympos to attend and celebrate awarding during the North Hellenic Championships on 2013/11/16 at the city of Karditsa. I am in no position of knowing if the North Hellenic Organizing Committee, had been aware of Mr. Gerolympos punishment and deliberately permitted his attendance to the event.

On the contrary, I am in a position to know that H.K.F. still hosts Mr. Gerolympos in its facilities offering him an office, and even more gives him permission to attend the Executive Council Meetings, when at the same time Mr. Gerolympos is spreading rumors about a future elimination of Mr. Espinos and of his concise overthrow, in order to climb and take his position.

I am also in position to know that many Instructors and Referees of H.K.F. are trying to array against him and to all this insanity. The last indications have been the resignation of the President of Referee Committee and Chief Coach of the National Team Mr. Kanellis after of 25 years' service, the resignation of the Secretary of the Technical Committee Mr. Tsakatanis, the temporary withdrawal of referees from the Referee body, who have been finally punished with cancellation, the resignation of Referees in support (between them and my very own).

Another proof is also the subpoena of Mr. Christou Ilias in front of the Judicial Committee of H.K.F. (former Vice President of Referee Committee W.K.F) because he had been spreading rumors regarding the indictment against H.K.F. and against its Honorary President Mr. Gerolympos, during the World Youth Championships in Guadalajara on November.

Regarding the previous mentioned subpoena of the Judicial Committee, a pressure has been put by Mr. Gerolympos personally, towards a parent (acquaintance of Mr. Kanellis) whose son has been dismissed from the National Team, to change his statement so that Mr. Christou gets punished and as a return favor his son would return to the National Team. The parent as well as Mr. Kanellis refused to accept this kind of manipulation and Mr. Gerolympos showed indecent behavior not suitable for his age.

Apparently, there has been realized a technical Karate seminar conducted by Mr. Kassis (member of Technical Committee of W.K.F.) with all written approval of W.K.F. while it has been declined by the H.K.F.

To be accurate, the seminar had been announced on December 2013, and on an effort of

compulsion, consisted a Committee of H.K.F. on January, which would be exclusively responsible for judging and approving the seminars to be conducted.

Not only they declined permission of the realization of this specific seminar ignoring completely the approval of W.K.F., not only there had been threats to every Association of Instructor that would be attending the seminar but after the following day of the event, a letter had been sent to the Associations who supposedly participated in the seminar, to respond within two days whether they had attended or not the event against the instructions of H.K.F.

As you may understand, by the time you read my letter, there will be probably a severe punishment for the participated Associations, Instructors, Athletes.

Gentlemen,

My name is Evangelos Lahouris, and as a graduate instructor of Greek Ministry of Sports, as a resigned National Referee, as an also summoned person by the Judicial Committee, but most of all as a free man, absolved of fear and psychological compulsion under which many Associations and friends of mine still are,

I DENOUNCE

The Hellenic Karate Federation

that moves against its constitution,

that manipulates and forces its Association Members that deprives from its Association-Members their right to apply their constitution,

that it fosters the punished Honorary President Mr. Gerolympos,

that it offends by its actions its prestige abroad,

that the results of the Federation's elections are being under method.

Having complete consciousness of the gravity of the accusations and of the consequences that may bring to me, I set myself at your disposal with witnesses and written proof in order to prove the truth of everything I declare.

Yours sincerely

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