



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Recognized by the International Olympic
Committee (IOC)
Member of SportAccord and of
the International World Games Association (IWGA)

Mr. Vitaly Mutko
Minister of Sport of Russia

Madrid, 14th February 2013

Dear Mr. Mutko,

The President of the Karate Federation of Russia (KFR) and member of the World Karate Federation, Sergey Sokolovski, has reported about a meeting with you last Monday, in relationship with the process that your Ministry is conducting for the accreditation of Sports Federations in Russia.

The current President of the KFR was democratically elected a few months ago with an overwhelming majority. He represents the WKF in Russia and according the Olympic Charter the KFR is **the only NF for the sport of Karate** that may be accepted by the ROC and consequently we understand that also by the Russian Ministry of Sport.

The KFR is one of the 185 Karate NFs members of the WKF worldwide and we kindly request your Ministry to accredit the KFR, in alignment with the Olympic Charter, as **the only body representing Karate in Russia**. The KFR, as a WKF member and in full respect to WKF policies, represents all karate forms and styles and has the doors open to all Karate clubs and practitioners in Russia that may accept to be part of the KFR.

To additionally accredit a group other than the KFR would create confusion and division and would not serve to the interests of the sport. Additionally, the KFR is and will remain the only body that can take part in the WKF activities and Championships and therefore serve the interests of all Karate athletes in Russia.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonio Espinós", with a long, sweeping underline.

Antonio Espinós
WKF President