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UNITED WORLD KARATE FIGHTS FOR FINAL UNIFICATION OF KARATE SPORT BEFORE ITS INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAMME OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES

The United World Karate (UWK) is the only international federation governing all forms of Karate Sport, i.e. General Karate, Traditional Karate and Contact Karate.

In 2015, the UWK contacted the World Karate Federation (WKF) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in order to revive the unification process within the world of Karate, which was abandoned years ago following the recognition of the WKF by the IOC, contrary to the commitment of the IOC to unify all Karate disciplines prior to the inclusion of the sport in the Olympic movement.

In light of failed recent discussions and knowing that Karate, as practiced under WKF, could be included in the Programme of the Olympic Games, the UWK has filed, on 30 May 2016, a request for provisional measures before the Swiss civil Courts in order to force the IOC to intervene to achieve unification, and thus put an end to a long lasting discrimination against most of the karate athletes in the world.

IOC's Executive Board decision of today to propose the inclusion of five new sports in the Programme of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games is of great concerns to the UWK.

The UWK considers that unification shall be achieved before any decision on the inclusion of the sport in the Programme of the Olympic Games. The final decision in this regard will be taken in August 2016 during the 129th Session of the IOC in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

A court hearing on the above dispute is scheduled on 19 July 2016 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

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