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## The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited

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Urgent by hand

Ref: KFHKC/A052/18

27 June 2018

Mr. Ronnie M. C. WONG, JP Hon. Secretary General Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China

Dear Mr. WONG,

Appeal against the Decisions of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee (the "Federation") leading to the Suspension of Membership of the Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited ("KFHKC")

I refer to the passage of the following Resolutions of the General Meeting of the Federation:

- (1) an Ordinary Resolution passed on 26 March 2018 to require KFHKC to submit to the Board of Officers of the Federation ("the Board") a comprehensive plan of actions for improving its corporate governance; and
- (2) a Special Resolution passed on 8 June 2018 to suspend the membership of KFHKC with immediate effect indefinitely, until further decision of the General Meeting based on the recommendation of the Board (*Decision 1*).

It is our understanding that **Decision 1** is underpinned by two other decisions:

- (a) The decision of the General Meeting of 8 June 2018 (*Decision 2*) that the complaints referred to in Appendix V of the Notice of the General Meeting of 26 March 2018 and Appendix A of the Notice of the General Meeting of 8 June 2018 were founded as concluded by the Board; and
- (b) The decision of the Board<sup>1</sup> or, alternatively, of the General Meeting of 8 June 2018 (*Decision 3*) that:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> We consider that Decision 3 was a Board's decision and lodged an appeal against the decision by notice on 1 June 2018 but the Board replied on 6 June 2018 rejecting the notice of appeal. KFHKC responded to the Board on 7 June 2018 maintaining the view that the decision was made by the Board and appealable.



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- (i) in response to the Ordinary Resolution of the General Meeting on 26 March 2018, KFHKC was unable to demonstrate, by presentation of the documents submitted to the Board on 13 April 2018 and 13 May 2018<sup>2</sup>, the level of integrity and professionalism expected of a Member Association of the Federation; and
- (ii) despite the presentation of the documents mentioned above, KFHKC failed to formulate a fair and transparent system to address the complaints and the Board is most concerned about the following term in KFHKC's Code of Conduct: "Athletes also need to be loyal to the KFHKC and not to bring the Federation into disrepute".

Pursuant to Article 59(4) of the Articles of Association of the Federation, we hereby lodge an appeal against *Decision 1*, *Decision 2* and *Decision 3*.

We await the formation of the Appeal Panel and instructions from the Appeal Panel as regards the necessary steps KFHKC has to follow.

We trust you will circulate this notice of appeal to all Officers of the Board.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman '

The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited

c.c. Mr. Antonio ESPINÓS, President, World Karate Federation

Mr. CHANG Kuang-Huei, President, Asian Karate Federation

Dr. Trisha LEAHY, BBS, Chief Executive, Hong Kong Sports Institute

Mr. Paul CHENG, Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs

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Mr. Kelvin LEUNG, Chief Leisure Manager (Sports Funding),

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These include: (a) KFHKC's improvement plans submitted on 13 April 2018, (b) KFHKC's implementation update of the improvement plans submitted on 13 May 2018, and (c) the five policy documents associated with the improvement plans submitted on 13 May 2018, namely, (1) Selection Policy, (2) Selection of Best Karate Athlete, (3) Appeals Policy, (4) Complaints Policy, and (5) Code of Conduct.