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**On behalf of the International Traditional Karate Federation
we are pleased to invite you to the**

WORLDWIDE MEDIA CONFERENCE

**ON 21st NOVEMBER 2012 (WEDNESDAY), AT 12.00 PM
at the Hotel InterContinental (Emilii Plater Steet 49) in Warsaw, Poland**

The conference will focus on the injustice that has seriously harmed Karate practitioners all over the world by the hand of the International Olympic Committee. This injustice threatens to destroy Karate as a sport world-wide.

The Media Conference will be attended by the authorities of the International (ITKF) and the European (ETKF) Traditional Karate Federation as well as representatives of the karate society from the four continents: Europe, South and North America and Africa:

- **Richard Jorgensen (Canada)** – ITKF President and Chairman
- **Vladimir Jorga (Serbia)** – European Traditional Karate Federation President, ITKF representative for Europe
- **Włodzimierz Kwieciński (Poland)** – ITKF and ETKF Vice President, Chairman of the Traditional Karate Federation of Poland
- **Ibrahim El Marhomy (Egypt)** – Egyptian Traditional Karate Federation President, African Traditional Karate Confederation President, ITKF representative for Africa
- **Fernando Obregon (Mexico)** – Pan American Traditional Karate Federation President, ITKF representative for North and South America

Special Guest: **Imtiaz Abdulla (Republic of South Africa)** – former Vice President World Karate Federation (WKF); WKF representative to the former Joint Working Committee between ITKF/WKF, approved by the IOC which negotiated the completed Unification Constitution ignored by IOC.

Special Note: **Mr. Lech Walesa – former President of the Republic of Poland, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize has joined the ITKF in its pursuit for justice and has written a letter of request on behalf of the Federation to the IOC President Dr. Jacques Rogge.** The Polish Minister of Sport and Tourism, Joanna Mucha has promised her support in the same manner. These details will be released at the conference.

**Please RSVP to the office of the Traditional Karate Federation of Poland by e-mail:
pzkt@karate.pl by Monday (19 November 2012).**



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The International Traditional Karate Federation represents millions of athletes in the sport of Traditional Karate throughout more than 70 Countries around the World. In Poland its National Federation Member, Traditional Karate Federation of Poland, is the second largest Sport Governing Body in the country – surpassed only by football.

At the end of the Juan Antonio Samaranch regime as IOC President, the IOC broke its own rules of recognition and commitments made during its 101st Session Congress to this sport federation. Under the leadership of IOC President, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC also ignored the findings and recommendations of its own Court of Arbitration. The current regime has proven to be a mere extension of the former and is now considering the kicking and punching activity of the World Karate Federation (WKF) for inclusion in the Olympic Games – the IOC's latest broken commitment. The International Traditional Karate Federation intends to pursue all options and remedies to stop this action.