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By e-mail only

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### **International Tradition Karate Federation (ITKF) internal dispute**

Dear Mr. Kwiecinski,

It was recently brought to our attention that there is a dispute of legitimacy within the International Tradition Karate Federation (ITKF), namely between ITKF based in Los Angeles and the "New Era of ITKF" based in Geneva.

The IOC was not aware of this dispute when it wrote to you on 4 August 2014 as the IOC's correspondence was based in good faith on the information that you provided in your letter dated 10 July 2014. Moreover, the IOC has been informed that its letter dated 4 August 2014 has been posted on your website (<http://itkfkarate.com/international-olympic-committee-welcomes-the-new-era-of-itkf/>) and that your entity is claiming to be recognized by the International Olympic Committee.

Please note that the only organization recognized by the IOC in the sport of karate is the World Karate Federation.

In view of the above, our letter of 4 August is no longer valid. Moreover, the IOC requests that you immediately remove from the website [www.itkfkarate.com](http://www.itkfkarate.com) the IOC's letter of 4 August 2014, the Olympic properties (such as the Olympic rings) as well as any wording or imagery which creates an association between the IOC and your entity.

The IOC continues to reserve all of its rights in this matter.

Furthermore, President Bach has asked me to respond to the letter of 3 October regarding the meeting request at the IOC Headquarters. Due to the current dispute we trust you understand that this meeting should not take place at this time.

Please respond as soon as possible, in any event, not later than 21 October 2014 that you will immediately act in accordance with the IOC's request above.

We thank you for your attention to this request and your cooperation in this regards.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kit McConnell', written in a cursive style.

Kit McConnell  
**Sports Director**

Cc: Richard Jorgensen, ITKF