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ITF Statement
regarding the response to recent misinformation and allegations circulated online

Dear ITF Members,

For some time now, the International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) has been the target of a series of unfounded and misleading attacks circulated via social media platforms. These messages, aimed at discrediting the ITF leadership and undermining the integrity of our organization, are based on incorrect assumptions, distorted facts, and a lack of understanding of the federation's structure and decision-making processes.

In the interest of transparency and clarity, we would like to address the main allegations that have surfaced:

1. A number of statements have been circulated online attempting to damage the reputation of ITF officials and question the legitimacy of ITF governance. These statements are false, misleading, and based on speculation rather than facts.
2. Some individuals have grossly misrepresented the ITF's position on the Russian Federation and the participation of Russian athletes in ITF events. All decisions on this matter were made through established internal processes, including a democratic referendum in which all member associations had the opportunity to express their views.
3. The results of the referendum — properly and fairly conducted — have been ignored or deliberately distorted in public commentary, despite the fact that they represent the collective decision of ITF members.
4. Certain public statements have entirely ignored the formal decisions taken by the ITF Board regarding:
 - the conditional participation of Russian athletes in ITF events,
 - and the participation of ITF members in events held in Russia.These decisions were not made arbitrarily. They were adopted during official Board meetings in Lublin and Mar del Plata, following internal consultations that included all relevant ITF committees. Attempts to portray these decisions as unilateral or unconsulted are false and misleading.
5. Some statements made publicly have been openly based on rumors or hearsay, yet presented as if they were verified facts. This approach is irresponsible and misleading.



6. There has been an attempt to mix internal issues of continental organizations with the matters of the ITF. Confusing these two levels of governance only serves to create misunderstanding and division, and does not contribute constructively to any debate.

7. Accusations that the ITF made key decisions without consulting its members ignore the structure of all international federations. Elected boards and committees are empowered to make decisions within their mandates. Not all matters require a vote of the full membership unless explicitly stated in the ITF Constitution.

8. Attempts have been made to introduce unrelated political topics — such as the Israel-Palestine conflict — into discussions about ITF policy. This is inappropriate. Palestine is already a recognized member of the ITF, and our organization remains committed to political neutrality, as enshrined in our Constitution. Using ITF platforms to promote personal political views is unacceptable.

9. Allegations suggesting financial misconduct or violations of international sanctions are entirely speculative and show a lack of understanding of legal frameworks and international regulations.

The International Taekwon-Do Federation remains fully committed to the values that form the foundation of our organization:

- Upholding transparency and the rule of law,
- Maintaining political neutrality in all its actions,
- Respecting its democratic internal procedures and governance structure,
- Promoting responsibility and mutual respect across all levels of our community.

Transparency plays a central and indispensable role in building trust and ensuring effective communication within the Federation. It is a core value that the ITF upholds at every level of its governance. However, public statements and opinions must be grounded in verified facts and a clear understanding of the issues involved. Misleading narratives, unfounded speculation, or commentary based on rumors have no place in serious discussion and do not contribute to constructive dialogue.

Please be advised that the ITF does not respond to discussions on private internet forums or social media. It is neither appropriate nor practical for an international federation to monitor or engage in informal online commentary. Official and accurate information is available through your National Association (NA), which receives:

- Congress Books,
- Official bulletins and communications,
- Access to online and in-person meetings,
- Direct correspondence from the ITF Secretariat.

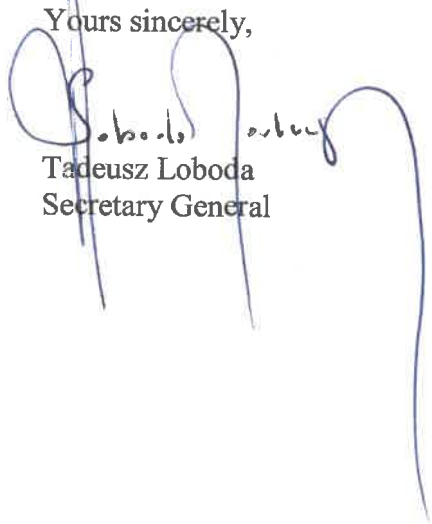
Members seeking clarification should first contact their NA. If further explanation is needed, the NA may contact the ITF office directly. This structured approach ensures clear and efficient communication while preventing the overload of individual inquiries.



We call upon all our members to rely on verified, official information and to act in the spirit of unity and integrity that defines Taekwon-Do, rather than believing false propaganda that is being written by individuals to gain popularity in likes and shares..

Should any member association require clarification on any of the above points, the ITF remains open to dialogue through appropriate and official communication channels.

Yours sincerely,



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