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**Permanent Commission of Enquiry**  
Investigating responsibilities  
of members of organs  
of World Fudokan Federation

**Board for urgent matters**  
World Fudokan Federation  
Belgrade

**Subject:** ANALYSIS OF THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION ORGANS

## I. Introduction

The meeting of WFF Board for urgent matters held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2013 in Belgrade analyzed and discussed the consequences of unacceptably poor level of organization of European Championship in Caorle – Italy (May 15-19. 2013) and decision was reached to form the standing commission for investigating responsibilities of members of World Fudokan Federation. The warrant was issued to the commission to review responsibility of members of the federation organs, including members of organs of the former Fudokan association (WTFSKF), who are suspected to have caused damage to the federation through their decisions and actions (by act or omission) during the organization of European Championship in Caorle, Italy (May 15-19. 2013) hosted by the current association of Fudokan (WTFSKF).

## II. Strategy of Fudokan development

At the Balkan Open Fudokan Championship, Čačak 2012, the panel (roundtable) discussion was organized to address the matters of importance for future development of Fudokan. The founder of Fudokan Soke Dr Ilija Jorga and other members of the organs of the former administration as well as the members of the newly constituted world Fudokan organization, among which lonel Bara the president of the former Fudokan association WTFSKF, attended the panel discussion.



At the panel discussion agreement was reached by a substantial majority on the necessity of elaboration, approval and adoption of Strategy of Fudokan development by 2020. The only one to oppose this agreement was the president of the former Fudokan association WTF SKF Mr. Ionel Bara, realizing that the democratization and further organizational strengthening pose a real threat to his selfish interests that were reflected in the former organization which he subordinated to his personal interests reducing it to a non-transparent structure.

### **1. State and Prospects of Fudokan: Organization, personnel, institutions, membership**

In the fourth decade of its existence Fudokan as the autonomous style of traditional karate does not seem to know where its headed. The management does not have a clear vision for the future of this organization nor the plans to further train and strengthen personnel and establish relatively independent institutions (arbitrage and disciplinary organs, referee and coach organizations). Massification of membership already exceeds the capacity of the existing level of development of the organization and thus the growing membership is forced take independent steps because of the administration's lack of intervention.

Methodology of work and operation of the administration is based on raw voluntarism, where individuals are expected to contribute to solution of systemic problems, without any long term planned coordination, subjectively and unsystematically. The inability to see a comprehensive picture of the existing situation and the consequent lack of any articulated vision for development has reduced the administration to a vulgar management that, in its narrow field of view, finds reason for its own existence only in the revenue collected from the membership.

The problems are indeed numerous but the greatest problems are the following:

- on a national level, Fudokan is seldom recognized as an autonomous sports discipline, which creates many problems for national associations with regard to their relation to other national sports associations of traditional karate;
- on an international level, the vision and the ultimate achievements of Fudokan development are unclear and there are no attempts to consider the possibility and, in the long run, the necessity of its inclusion in the Olympic sports;
- in relations with other related international associations (World Traditional Karate Federation and others) everything is left to chance, which is conducive to the emergence and strengthening of mutual antagonism and results in these related associations taking over the initiative (which as a rule is unconstructive and autistic).

The members tries to independently organize and cope and occasionally achieve success, as is the case in some countries of the former Soviet Union where Fudokan is recognized as an autonomous sports discipline. The management without clear long term vision for Fudokan development is unfit to steer its ship nor sail it between Scylla and Charybdis, because to ship that does not know its course and to which port to sail to all winds are unfavorable!

### **2. New phase of development: Further stagnation or consolidation and strengthening**

The founders were forced to take measures themselves to prevent further stagnation and weakening of the world Fudokan association, initiating the proces of restructuring that aims to enable the organization to more clearly identify and control its course in the future.



The founders have decided to move the administrative seat to Belgrade (Serbia) and to coordinate its legal status with the newly adopted Law on Sports. Contemporarily designed statute was adopted and the organization of the first extraordinary congress of World Fudokan Federation is planned already in 2013. The adopted statute (in English) and its integral version are available on the World Fudokan Federation internet portal ([www.fudokaninfo.com/statut-wff](http://www.fudokaninfo.com/statut-wff)).

The existing organization World Traditional Fudokan Shotokan Karate Do Federation that is, as an international Fudokan federation (WTFSKF), registered in accordance with Swiss law will be retained and integrated into the restructured organization and gradually remodeled in order to respond to new needs and challenges (such as the Profit Center of the international Fudokan federation that has at its disposal experienced personnel with excellent business connections worldwide). In its articulated entirety, that will soon be fully harmonized, the decision making center and the seat of governing bodies of World Fudokan Federation will be in Belgrade while the seat of its international profit center will be in Switzerland.

In accordance with the spirit and provisions of the Statute of World Fudokan Federation it is necessary to initiate negotiations as soon as possible with those international associations that share the values and principles of traditional karate, with the aim of establishing a joint body – Board of the World Traditional Karate Styles Associations (WTKSA Board), as an independent joint body in charge for the preservation of and promotion of the values and principles of traditional karate. The decisions of this body would be binding for all members of WTKSA Board, and the Board would be in charge for adoption of the code of ethics and sports rules of traditional karate.

World Fudokan Federation will delegate to the Board its most experienced personnel who attained majority in WTFSKF, and the logistics of its profit center in Switzerland will be made available to the Board. This will decisively contribute to its dominant position within the newly established committee of traditional styles of karate (the Board).

During the negotiations with the aforementioned international associations that share values and principles of traditional karate, when constituting the Board of traditional karate styles (the Board) the organizational model of the world football federation (FIFA) will be kept in mind as well as the position of the board of international football associations (International Football Association Board).

The establishment of the Board shall ensure the unity of international associations of traditional karate, which will then have a stronger negotiation position with the aim of improving the position of traditional karate and its autonomous styles, both in the framework of traditional martial arts and sport in general – Olympic and non Olympic.

### **3. Proposals and measures: Drafting strategy for development by 2020**

The relocation of the administrative seat of the world Fudokan association to Belgrade (Serbia) is the first step in an ambitious, multi-year program of strengthening and solidifying of Fudokan, as an autonomous style of traditional karate, its structure and organization.



### III. Differentiation

Initiating the process of developing and implementing the program of strengthening and solidifying of Fudokan as an autonomous style of traditional karate, accompanied by necessary democratization of the organizational structure, threatens the particularistic and egotistical interests of individuals and bureaucratized non-transparent organs and structures of the former association of Fudokan (WTFSKF) which led to differentiation in the ranks of the members of organs of world Fudokan organization.

From the first moment Ionel Bara, the president of the former association of Fudokan (WTFSKF), actively contributed to such polarization. He managed to win over an ephemeral minority of uninformed or manipulated and often blackmailed members of organs of the former association of Fudokan (WTFSKF), while the vast majority of the representatives of the members supported the newly constituted world organization of Fudokan led by Soke Dr Ilija Jorga.

The written statement submitted by Soke Dr Ilija Jorga at the request of the *Permanent Commission of Enquiry*, in charge for investigating the responsibilities of the members of the governing organs, illustrates the manipulative actions taken by Ionel Bara in his representation of the organizational structure of the former association of Fudokan (WTFSKF):

- **Honorary president Mr Egidio Bertoli, 10. DAN (Italy)**

Illegitimate appointment: in accordance with the current normative acts, the appointment of the Honorary President of WTFSKF is under exclusive jurisdiction of the Congress, and this at the proposal of the Commission headed by Sensei Sugiyama. Starting on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013<sup>th</sup> from this commission irrevocably left Soke Dr Ilija Jorga, Dan Stuparu (deceased), Viktor Usolcev (due to a serious illness he is no longer participating in the activities of the Commission), Venceslav Nedev (categorically refused to perform any function in WTFSKF after the championship in Caorle, Italy, 2013);

- **President and (the sole) founder of WTFSKF Mr Bara Leone**

False claim: according to the available documents on the registration of WTFSKF in Switzerland (performed in accordance with Swiss law on organizations) listed in the Registry as the founders are three persons: Dr Ilija Jorga, Mrs Larisa and Mr Bara Leone;

- **Technical director and founder of Fudokan Prof Dr Ilija Jorga**

Offensive and unacceptable: willfully and arbitrarily Mr Bara decided to reduce the founder of Fudokan Soke Dr Ilija Jorga from his earlier position of the executive president (of which there is evidence in official documentation) to the position of a technical director, despite him being the founder of WTFSKF whose sports and intellectual creation and life mission is Fudokan style itself;

- **Head of the referee commission Avv. Dr Constantino Testa**

Unauthorized awarding of honorary title: Dr Constantino Testa is without authorization indicated as the holder of black belt 2. DAN to which he cannot claim any right since he never practiced karate. The awarding of honorary titles is the responsibility of the Commission for awarding of



honorary titles, it is its sole and exclusive competence. Unauthorized assignment of honorary titles in this case is just one of many examples of willfulness of Mr Bara;

- **Secretary general Mr Mike Apan**

Resignation from WTFSKF: having seen the consequences and dangers of willfulness of Mr Bara, Mr Mike Apan made an irrevocable decision to withdraw from WTFSKF and resign the position he was appointed to (Secretary General). At the same time USA national Fudokan association withdrew from WTFSKF and strictly banned any further use of the brand of Sensei Sugiyama.

- **Assistant president and treasurer Mr Attila Mehers, 3. DAN (Switzerland)**

False representation: Mr Attila Mehers has been repeatedly falsely represented. First of all he is not even a citizen of the Swiss Confederation but a citizen of Romania. He is also not a legitimate holder of black belt 3. DAN because he was not awarded that honorary title by the Commission for awarding of honorary titles headed by Sensei Sugiyama (who is likely not even aware of the unauthorized awarding of this honorary title). As for the performance of his functions as treasurer Mr Attila Mehers has so far never transparently and publicly submitted any periodic report on his work or any other Treasury report;

- **Chief secretary Prof Danijela Cracovschi (Switzerland)**

False representation: Mrs Danijela is primarily an interpreter and she is a citizen of Romania and not a citizen of the Swiss Confederation;

- **President of the board of directors Mr Darijus Bajakovsk, 7. DAN (Poland)**

Unauthorized appointment: president of the board of directors is elected by the members during the session of the Board however this Board neither effectively exists nor makes decisions;

- **Vice president of the board of directors**

Not elected: there is no person elected as the vice president of the board of directors;

- **Member of the board of directors Mr Hakki Koshar, 8. DAN (Turkey)**
- **Member of the board of directors Mr Savva Vasiliou, 7. DAN (Cyprus)**

Resignation from WTFSKF: having seen the consequences and dangers of willfulness of Mr Bara, Mr Savva Vasiliou made an irrevocable decision to withdraw from WTFSKF immediately after the European Championship in Caorle, Italy (May 15-19. 2013), as an act of protest against catastrophically poor organization of that international competition;

- **Member of the board of directors Prof Venceslav Nedev**

Resignation from WTFSKF: having seen the consequences and dangers of willfulness of Mr Bara, Prof Venceslav Nedev made an irrevocable decision to withdraw from WTFSKF immediately after the European Championship in Caorle, Italy (May 15-19. 2013), as an act of protest against catastrophically poor organization of that international competition and belittling attitude of Mr Bara towards one sovereign karate association (from the country of Macedonia);



- **Member of the board of directors Mr Romano Fiorentino, 6. DAN**

Resignation from WTFSKF: having seen the consequences and dangers of willfulness of Mr Bara, Mr Romano Fiorentino (the president of Fudokan organization of Italy, who was blackmailed by Mr Bara in an extremely vulgar and unacceptable manner) made an irrevocable decision to withdraw from WTFSKF because of Mr Bara's machinations (reflected in an open and dirty blackmail by an arbitrary recognition of some "other Italy") that preceded the European Championship in Caorle, Italy (May 15-19. 2013). Additionally, Mr Romano Fiorentino is a legitimate holder of black belt 7. DAN, and not 6. Dan as Mr Bara falsifies with the intention of diminishing the reputation and sports credentials of Mr Romano;

- **Member of the board of directors Mr Viktor Usolcev, 5. DAN**

Intentional diminishing of sports reputation: Mr Viktor Usolcev is a legitimate holder of black belt 6. DAN and this title was awarded to him by Dr Ilija Jorga himself. Thus the purpose of diminishing this earned and awarded title is unclear. Unless the intention behind this is to diminish the reputation and sports credentials of a deserving Serbian sports enthusiast who is currently ill and thus sporadically present in Fudokan Russia federation, one of the inter-regional Fudokan organizations in Russia (that acts outside of All-Russian Fudokan federation which is officially the member of WTFSKF);

- **Member of the board of directors Mr Trirelato Maurizio, 4. DAN**

Refusal of appointment to the board of directors: after finding out he was elected member of the board of directors Mr Trirelato Maurizio thanked for being elected for that position and he informed the president of Fudokan association of Italy personally about his refusal, explaining that this appointment is unacceptable to him because of the deception concerning the awarding of his 4. DAN title;

- **Member of the board of directors Mr Zurab Merabišavili, 3. DAN (Gruzia)**

Intentional diminishing of sports reputation: Mr Zurab Merabišavili is one of the founders of Fudokan (15th of November, 1980) and one of the signers of the Golden declaration of the establishment of Fudokan organization. Although he is a legitimate holder of black belt 5. DAN his title is, for unknown reasons, reduced to the rank of 3. DAN. He is a member of the newly constituted world organization of Fudokan (World Fudokan Federation) and lives and works in Russia;

- **Member of the board of directors Mr Kikoto Venzao, 3. DAN (Africa)**

False representation: Mr Kikoto Venzao is a student from Germany, originally from Congo, who is virtually unknown to karate public although he is a holder of black belt 1. DAN. This practically imaginary, nearly phantom, athlete for Mr Bara represents the continent of Africa and was elected member of the Board of directors even though he cannot live up to this position by any means, especially if we take into account a large number of renowned athletes from South African Union, Namibia, Syria, Congo, Guinea, Togo, Nigeria etc;



- **Member of the board of directors Prof Darko Radović, 2. DAN (Australia)**

Incomplete representation: Prof Darko Radović is a highly respected figure in Japan, where he is a professor of architecture at Nihon University in Tokyo. He has not actively participated in karate for a long time but has recently reactivated and joined World Fudokan Federation;

- **President of the technical committee Prof Dr Ilija Jorga, Soke 10. DAN**

Willingly left WTFSKF: having seen the consequences and dangers of willfulness of Mr Bara, Prof Dr Ilija Jorga, although the founder of Fudokan karate style, of his own free will left WTFSKF organization for multiple reasons:

- Non-transparency of work and activities of organs of WTFSKF organization,
- Placing emphasis on the lucrative aspect of work and activities of organs of WTFSKF organization,
- Excessive commercialization of work and activities of WTFSKF organization,
- Willfulness of certain members of WTFSKF organization when awarding karate titles that not only destroys the institution of karate belt but also in an utterly inappropriate manner contributes to devaluation of Fudokan as a whole,
- Disrespect and unsportsmanlike belittling of a large number of the oldest instructors as well as guardians of Fudokan karate style appointed by Dr Ilija Jorga;

- **Member of the technical committee Mr Savvas Mastrappas, 6. DAN (Greece)**

Willingly left WTFSKF: having seen the consequences and dangers of willfulness of Mr Bara, Mr Savvas (7. DAN) of his own free will left WTFSKF organization and joined World Fudokan Federation;

- **Member of the technical committee Mr Mike Apan, 5. DAN (USA)**

Resignation from WTFSKF: Mr Mike Apan is a member of USA national Fudokan association who made the decision to resign from WTFSKF;

- **Member of the technical committee Mr Teodor Telembiçi (Romania)**

Uncertain membership in WTFSKF: by the decision of the Election congress all officials of Romanian national Fudokan association left WTFSKF and joined World Fudokan Federation;

- **Member of the technical committee Mr Anatoli Girak, 6. DAN (Ukraine)**

Resignation from WTFSKF: Mr Anatoli Girak (6. DAN) withdrew membership from WTFSKF;

- **Member of the technical committee Mr Avertisian Karen, 7. DAN (Armenia)**

Resignation from WTFSKF: having seen the consequences and dangers of willfulness of Mr Bara, Mr Avertisian Karen categorically decided to boycott membership in WTFSKF and join World Fudokan Federation as an act of protest against the despotic behavior of Mr Bara;



- **President of the public relations committee Mrs Maria Emma Trivella (Italy)**

Unauthorized appointment: Mrs Maria Emma Trivella became active during the European Championship in Caorle, Italy (May 15-19. 2013), and by the willfull decision of the president of WTFSKF Mr Bara she was appointed head of the public relations committee;

- **Mrs Manuela Vicol (Italy)**

Willfull promoting: Mrs Manuela Vicol was promoted in the public relation sector during the European Championship in Caorle, Italy (May 15-19. 2013) by the willfull decision of the president of WTFSKF Mr Bara;

- **Director of the press office Mr Romeo Trezzi (Italy)**

Willfull appointment: Mr Romeo Trezzi, unknown in the world of karate, was appointed director of the press office by the willfull and arbitrary decision of the president of WTFSKF Mr Bara;

- **Member of the press office Mr Viktor Mikalcea**

Willfull promoting: Mr Viktor Mikalcea, although unknown in the world of karate, was promoted to a member of the press office by the willfull and arbitrary decision of the president of WTFSKF Mr Bara;

- **President of the committee for marketing Mr Henri Bertoli, 1. DAN (Italy)**

Unauthorized appointment: Mr Henri Bertoli (unofficial holder of black belt 1. DAN), as the son of the honorary president and sponsor of the European Championship in Caorle, Italy (May 15-19. 2013), was appointed president of the committee for marketing by the willfull decision of the president of WTFSKF Mr Bara;

- **Member of the committee for marketing Mr Renato Cicirello (Switzerland)**

Willfull promoting: Mr Renato Cicirello, although unknown in the world of karate, was promoted into a member of the committee for marketing by the willfull and arbitrary decision of the president of WTFSKF Mr Bara;

- **Member of the committee for marketing Mrs Teodora Bara (Switzerland)**

Willfull promoting: Mrs Teodora Bara (wife of Leone Bara), a citizen of Romania, although unknown in the world of karate, was promoted into a member of the committee for marketing by the willfull and arbitrary decision of her husband and president of WTFSKF Mr Bara;

- **Member of the committee for marketing Mrs Annamaria Mehers (Switzerland)**

Willfull promoting: Mrs Annamaria Mehers (wife of the treasurer and assistant president of WTFSKF Mr Attila Mehers), a citizen of Romania, although unknown in the world of karate, was promoted into a member of the committee for marketing by the willfull and arbitrary decision of the president of WTFSKF Mr Bara;



- **Member of the committee for marketing Mrs Gabrielle Baarsch (France)**

Willfull promoting: Mrs Gabrielle Baarsch (cosmetologist), although unknown in the world of karate, was promoted into a member of the committee for marketing by the willfull and arbitrary decision of the president of WTFSKF Mr Bara;

- **Member of the committee for marketing Mr Sandro Maflezoni, 2. DAN**

Irregular title: Mr Sandro Maflezoni, as a person unknown in the world of karate, is not a legitimate holder of black belt 2. DAN because he was not awarded this title by the Commission for awarding of honorary titles, with the sole and exclusive competence, headed by Sensei Sugiyama;

- **Member of the committee for marketing Mr Gligorije Korcagin (Russia)**

Unauthorized coopting: Mr Gligorije Korcagin has no connection to WTFSKF because he is a member of a Russian association that joined World Fudokan Federation;

- **Member of the committee for marketing Mr Milan Milošević (Serbia)**

Irregular coopting: Mr Milan Milošević is sentenced to prison for a period of 4 years and 6 months for embezzlement in Serbia and as such is ineligible for appointment to any of the functions in the world Fudokan organization;

- **Director of the economic department Mr Mikael Bertoli, 1. DAN (Italy)**

Unauthorized appointment: Mr Mikael Bertoli (unofficial holder of black belt 1. DAN), as the son of the honorary president and sponsor of the European Championship in Caorle, Italy (May 15-19. 2013), was appointed director of the economic department by the willfull decision of the president of WTFSKF Mr Bara;

- **Members of the economic department Mr Maurizio Falasdini (Italy) and Mr Riccardo Pasolini (Italy)**

Willfull promoting: Gentlemen Maurizio Falasdini and Riccardo Pasolini, as business partners of the president of WTFSKF Mr Bara, were promoted to members of the economic department;

- **President of the disciplinary commission and the court of honour Mr Kristof Tadeusc Sezipriovski, 1. DAN (Poland)**

Willfull duplication of functions: Mr Kristof Tadeusc Sezipriovski initially appointed president of the disciplinary commission, by the willfull decision of the president of WTFSKF Mr Bara, was subsequently assigned the function of the president of the court of honour;

- **Member of the disciplinary commission Mr Andrzej Pienkovski, 4. DAN (USA)**

Willfull appointment: Mr Andrzej Pienkovski, who at one time practiced karate in USA (only to disappear without a trace upon his return), was arbitrarily appointed to a member of the disciplinary commission by the willfull decision of the president of WTFSKF Mr Bara, even though



he does not meet the requirements in terms of expertise (not qualified for a position of attorney);

- **Member of the disciplinary commission Mrs Roxana Kručer, 5. DAN (Romania)**

Unauthorized coopting: Mrs Roxana Kručer, uninformed on her own status in the disciplinary commission, stepped down from the position to which she was coopted by unanimous decision of the parent association of Romania;

- **Member of the disciplinary commission Mr Boris Mogunov, 3. DAN (Russia)**

Willfull appointment: Mr Boris Mogunov (who was arbitrarily and irregularly awarded the title of black belt 3. DAN) does not exist in Russian karate, this is a person involved exclusively in politics;

- **Member of the disciplinary commission Mr Dušan Kovačević, 5. DAN (Montenegro)**

Willfull appointment: Mr Dušan Kovačević does not exist in the records of members of WTFSKF, this is a karateka from Montenegro who has long since ceased to engage in traditional karate;

- **Member of the disciplinary commission Mrs Gordana Vesković, 3. DAN (Serbia)**

Willfull appointment: Mrs Gordana Vesković does not exist in the records of members of WTFSKF, she ceased to engage in traditional karate more than ten years ago;

- **President of the Commission for awarding of honorary titles Sensei Sugiyama Shojiro (USA)**

Resignation from WTFSKF: USA national Fudokan association made an irrevocable decision to resign from WTFSKF and break all ties with that organization, and to join World Fudokan Federation. Any further use of name and brand of Sensei Sugiyama is strictly prohibited. Furthermore, Sensei Sugiyama Shojiro himself never awarded any honorary titles in WTFSKF, especially not to Shihan Ionel (Leone) Bara.

#### **IV. Organizational consolidation**

Assuming responsibility for work and activities of the members of the organs of World Fudokan Federation, including the members of the former Fudokan association (WTFSKF), Soke Dr Ilija Jorga asked the first man of WTFSKF to submit a thorough and detailed report on the work of WTFSKF, including the financial report and the report on the organization of international competitions, with special emphasis on the European Championship in Caorle, Italy (May 15-19. 2013) that was organized by the former Fudokan association (WTFSKF).

Instead of drafting and implementing programs to strengthen and solidify Fudokan as an autonomous style of traditional karate, the first man of WTFSKF brutally and severely opposed any attempt of democratization of the organizational structure, knowing that these actions threaten his particularistic and egotistical interests, interests of an individual at the head of a



biocratized and non-transparent organizational structure of the former association of Fudokan WTFSKF.

In light of this development Soke Dr Ilija Jorga asked in writing for his exemption from the organizational structure of the former association of Fudokan WTFSKF, at the same time initiating proceedings to determine responsibilities (organizational, financial, moral and criminal) of all members of the organs of the former association of Fudokan WTFSKF, including himself. Such an uncompromising position gained massive support from national associations and organizations of Fudokan worldwide, all of them explicitly asking to be exempt from the former association of Fudokan WTFSKF and to join newly constituted World Fudokan Federation.

Bearing in mind the established facts the Commission for investigating responsibilities of members of organs of World Fudokan Federation proposes that members vote on this matter at the Extraordinary Congress of World Fudokan Federation that will be held in 2013<sup>th</sup> in Prague together with the World Championship.

The Commission for investigating responsibilities specifically proposes that the Extraordinary Congress of World Fudokan Federation in Prague in 2013<sup>th</sup> makes the decision to dissolve and terminate the former association of Fudokan WTFSKF, as well as the appropriate Declaration of reconstitution of World Fudokan Federation.

**V. Declaration of reconstitution of World Fudokan Federation:  
FUDOKAN – TRADITIONAL KARATE OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

**I**

The development of karate has led to creation of Fudokan, as a sports discipline with its own sports rules, that in some countries already gained the official status as an autonomous sports discipline.

World Fudokan Federation finds itself in the situation that it must take serious consideration about redefining its own identity.

Unless it is not entirely clear to us who we are and what we want how can we start going somewhere? After all, to a ship that does not know where it sails all winds are unfavorable – sanctions a Latin proverb.

Until we recognize our sports interest and start promoting it the world cannot accept us in a serious way.

The challenges of the new century and the new millenium forced us to go searching for adequate solutions. The first step on this path is to reconstitute and reorganize World Fudokan Federation, with bold remodeling of the vision and precise redefining of the mission of Fudokan on the new higher level of development.



## II

Inadequate legal entity at one time registered in accordance with Swiss civil and commercial laws must be improved and integrated into a new and more efficiently organized organizational structure.

Establishment of a novel institutional form and organizational structure is made possible by new modern law on sports in the Republic of Serbia.

In the fourth decade of its existence Fudokan has returned to the homeland of its founders.

World Fudokan Federation is reconstituted with its seat in the Republic of Serbia – in Belgrade.

## III

The primary task and mission of the new organization is the harmonious development of Fudokan and its full affirmation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The International Olympic Committee confirmed twenty years ago, on its 101<sup>st</sup> general meeting in 1993, that traditional karate is an autonomous sports discipline with its own sports rules which distinguish it from other karate sports disciplines. Even so, to this day traditional karate did not achieve Olympic status.

Fudokan as the “house of strong foundations” must assume the role of the leader in the affirmation of traditional karate, with the vision of it being included into Olympic sports in this new century.

In addition to that, there must not be antagonism between Fudokan and traditional karate, we must strive to establish and foster synergistic cooperative relations to ensure mutual harmonious development.

To this end, the new organization entails establishing of the Board of the World Traditional Karate Styles Associations – WTKSA Board, as an independent joint body of all international traditional karate organizations whose main mission is to ensure the preservation and promotion of values and principles of traditional karate on a global level.

## IV

Institutional reconstruction and organizational solidifying of World Fudokan Federation commenced at the first session of the first extraordinary congress (extraordinary assembly) of World Fudokan Federation, held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2012 in Belgrade. During this session the new statute of World Fudokan Federation was adopted in which traditional organizational and sports principles are interwoven, integrated and harmonized with contemporary norms of sports law.

Fudokan associations and other organizational forms of Fudokan and traditional karate that on the day of adoption of the statute of World Fudokan Federation, 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2012, had the status



of members of former World Traditional Fudokan Shotokan Karate Do Federation accept this Declaration of ratification of reconstitution of World Fudokan Federation.

This declaration confirms the election and mandate of the elected members of the organs of the reconstituted World Fudokan Federation.

**V**

The acceptance of this declaration enters into force on the day it is signed by the competent authorities of sports organization.

President of the Commission

Dragan ILIĆ