



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

THE PRESIDENT

***To: Ms. P.T. Usha
President
Indian Olympic Association***

Madrid, on 6th March 2023

Dear President Usha,

First of all, please let me congratulate you for your election as President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

We would like to take this occasion to inform you that Karate India Organisation (KIO) represented by its President Mr. Vijay Tiwari and its General Secretary Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Jangra is the sole representative of the World Karate Federation (WKF) in India for the sport of Karate.

The WKF granted permanent affiliation to KIO by the decision of the WKF Congress held in Dubai, UAE, on 15th November 2021. Accordingly, KIO as a permanent affiliated member of WKF has the exclusive rights in India concerning the Karate teams and/or delegations, as well as to take part in international events and/or activities sanctioned by WKF. As per Rule 28 of the Olympic Charter only the National Federation affiliated to the International Federation governing the sports shall be a member of the National Olympic Committee. Therefore, only KIO is entitled and eligible to be a full member of IOA as per the provisions of the Olympic Charter.

KIO is doing excellent work to promote and develop the sport of Karate in India through its active participation in WKF activities, as well as those related, such as the Asian Karate Federation (AKF), the



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Commonwealth Karate Federation (CKF) and the South Asian Karate Federation (SAKF). The improvement of the level of KIO athletes is now being demonstrated through the good results obtained in WKF, AKF, CKF and SAKF competitions. This could be achieved through KIOs management with their international experience, active participation, as well as training provided to Indian athletes, referees and coaches.

The WKF hereby would like to seek support from IOA by granting affiliation of Karate India Organisation to Indian Olympic Association, in alignment with the Olympic Charter and for the benefit of Indian Karate athletes.

Sincerely,

Antonio Espinós
WKF President

CC:

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