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TO: All the WKF members

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am in the very pleasant position to announce you that the dossier that WKF has filed to the IOC in view of the Olympic Programme Revision has been warmly accepted by the IOC and karate has been once again selected in the short list of the sports (along with rugby, squash, golf and roller sports) that IOC will examine in its meeting in Copenhagen in October 2009 for inclusion in the Olympic Programme.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the WKF President, Mr. Espinós, and the Executive Committee members for their fruitful work and to wish our sport good luck. I am certain that from this moment until 2009 we will all join our forces, under the guidance of the WKF President, in order to achieve our goal, the inclusion of our sport in the programme of the Olympic Games, something that karate deserves and that the sports community accepts.

I will keep you informed on any other development concerning this very important issue.

Best regards,

George Yerolimpos

c.c: Mr. Antonio Espinós, WKF President
WKF Executive Committee members