



DIRECCION GENERAL

Panama, May 26, 2009

Mr. MAIUS VICER
 President
 International Federation of Judo (FIJ)

Mr. President:

I must address you, once more, in order to express my strong protest for the disrespectful act that the International Federation of Judo with the sponsoring of the Olympic Committee of Panama and Olympic Solidarity, have made against the authorities of the Republic of Panama upon sponsoring a "course for judo coaches" in this country disowning the Panamanian Federation of Judo (FPJ) and its legitimate directors chaired by Mr. Miguel Vanegas who, in addition to the acknowledgment of PANDEPORTES, has in his favor a TAS-CAS ruling acknowledging same.

I must indicate that in the mentioned event no national judo coach duly registered before PANDEPORTES participated representing the Panamanian Federation of Judo.

In the mentioned "course" Messrs. Jorge Armada of Puerto Rico's Federation of Judo and Ignacio Aloise President of the Panamerican Confederation of Judo (CPF), participated. Mr. Armada repeats his disrespectful behavior inasmuch as in last February caused our rejection for disowning the authority of PANDEPORTES upon adopting powers to acknowledge and illegal organism and false directors of a judo federation parallel to that certified by PANDEPORTES and therefore, illegal. As to Mr. Aloise, the entity he presides is immersed in a process of which its legitimacy depends given that TAS-CAS must decide an impeachment filed against its acknowledgment presented by the Panamerican Union of Judo (UPJ) which is of his full knowledge.

Consequently with said situation, PANDEPORTES respectfully has decided to suspend its support to judo events in Panama until TAS-CAI of



COI defines said situation, inasmuch as it is unacceptable that one of the parties, in this case CPJ, breaches a PANDEPORTES decision as maximum authority on sport matters in the Republic of Panama in clear transgression of the principle that “**Both the governments and sport organizations ought to acknowledge the need to respect their respective jurisdictions mutually,**” contained in the international sport normative.

I do not cherish hope as to the behavior we denounce be rectified inasmuch as it seems that his decision is to act on acts performed, without offenses to the norms of the Olympic Charter, of the national sport legislation and of the **TAS-CAS rulings** as observed with the infractions committed upon approving subsequent to said rulings statutory reforms to disown them and to impose them on the countries and on judo federations with retroactive effects.

In all case, the Republic of Panama, respectful of Constitutional State will know to face these excesses in defense of its National Sovereignty.

Very truly yours,

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