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JJIF EXTRAORDINARY General Assembly

Dear Members, dear friends,

Since 2008 when you elect me to serve Ju-Jitsu as President of the JJIF with your support and your efforts we bring JJIF very fast in an extremely high position among martial art sports enjoying respect and good critics from all over the world.

During these years we offer a fertile ground to all Ju-Jitsu lovers around the world.

We integrate JJIF sport activities by developing Jujitsu Ne-Wasa in parallel with Jujitsu Fighting and Jujitsu Duo as a third discipline; we increase the visibility and self defense understanding by introducing the Jujitsu Show System. All together we work hard to establish rules and regulations for all JJIF disciplines offering very high standards and assuring the best performance, no injuries, fair play and high standards competitions, keeping our identity and our tradition.

Our strategy and orientation of the JJIF disciplines to serve the sport and the society result three disciplines with unique identities:

Jujitsu Duo and show system, the base of self defense, are oriented to educate and train the practitioners to perform self defense techniques with accuracy, ingenuity and simplicity by increasing their abilities to perfection.

Jujitsu Fighting, a soft touch discipline, is the integrated sport martial art, offering to the practitioners who love action the perfect competition in a friendly environment without injuries and bad tension.

Jujitsu Ne-Wasa, the base of training and creativity of the practitioners, is a unique discipline for all ages and all members of the society.

Technical Committee and Referees did a great work all these years.

Thanks to HE Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah, President of OCA and President of ANOC and thanks to HE Abdulmunem Alsayed M. AL Hashmi, President of JJAU and his UAE team, JuJitsu developed very fast and became a great sport in Asia;

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JuJitsu is included in Asian Games, Asian Indoor Games and Asian Beach Games and never been so close to be IOC recognized which will give new horizons to our sport. European JJ Union, Pan-American JJ Union and African JJ Union, with the help of JJIF and especially of JJAU should apply to their Continental Olympic Councils to be recognized and participate in the corresponding Olympic Continental Games.

Looking to the above summary we may think that everything is in the right direction and maybe this is true, but is only one point of view, if we look more carefully we will see that we are trying to manage four (now five) continents without actually being able to support JuJitsu development in balance and control all over the world. I am sure that in the years we are members of JJIF, JJIF Board or Commissions, many times all of us think about these problems trying to find how to eliminate them and be more global as an international sport federation and I am sure that many ideas were worked out in our minds, but the expected result never come, why?

It is that some persons are using the sport and JJIF in order to work with clubs in their countries for their benefit only?

It is that some persons are trying to keep a kind of power and control hide behind the “legal” and the “democratic”, believing that they are the only experts in this world?

It is our weaknesses to cross check the real situation in the countries if they are developing the sport or they are using the membership status to put their name in the top and collect money by giving fake belts and fake seminars?

It is our week financial situation that is holding the JJIF down?

All of the above are exist like a disease that is destroying the healthy part of JJIF and you can add many more. Do we have a way to overcome those problems?

An international federation should be consisting by real national federation members recognized and approved by their national sport authorities (NOC or Sports Ministry); it should be organized and structured in a way that the highest sport organization approve, and this is IOC; it should organize administration, marketing and media in a professional way to increase the yearly budget because money is the only fuel to move the engine and the visibility of the sport is tightly connected to that.

I have not the mechanism and I cannot do that in short time (I try the last two year with the JJIF Convention, but many members show no interest or were absent on purpose) therefore having the support almost of the absolute majority of the countries and in accordance with the Point 7.1.3. Of the JJIF statutes I invite all members of JJIF (full and provisional) to participate in an **extraordinary General Assembly at 19th November 2015 in Bangkok/ Thailand.**
(Exact address and time will follow soon).

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Agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly 2015

- 1. Welcome and introduction statements of the President.**
- 2. Roll call and definition of voting rights.**
- 3. Approval of the agenda.**
- 4. Appointment of two scrutineers.**
- 5. Appointment of three members to check the minutes.**
- 6. Discussion and approval of the July 2015 G.A minutes.**
- 7. Reform or reestablish JJIF on the basis of clear status of Full National Federation Members who officially hold recognition either by their National Olympic committees or the Highest Sport Authorities (certificate of recognition should be handed on the G.A roll call).**
- 8. Restructure the JJIF: a) Executive (Acting Board), b) Management department operating and based on professional structure. c) Extended Board (Ju-Jitsu World Council).**
- 9. Move the JJIF Headquarters to Abu Dhabi with the financial support of UAE and guarantee extensive independence in the operational management of JJIF President and JJIF Executive (Active) Board including the necessary marketing and media department. Guarantee regular Board meetings with all JJIF Board members from all continents assuring that all decisions will be discussed and approved by the JJIF Board.**
- 10. Review and correct actual JJIF Statutes, Rules and Regulations in order to be adapted to IOC guidelines and to the needs of our members.**
- 11. Concluding remarks and closing of the Extraordinary General Assembly.**

Details on the Agenda items will follow.

.Dear friends I am asking you to participate in the Extraordinary General Assembly and support my decision; I strongly believe that the future of Ju-Jitsu and the future of JJIF will be marvelous.

Best regards



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