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The Board of Directors
World Masters Judo Association

Dr. Arthur Canario

DECISION REGARDING THE WORLD MASTERS JUDO ASSOCIATION

I would like to wish the members of the WMJA a prosperous and blessed 2010 and trust that everyone will achieve success during this time.

This writing is to confirm receipt of your letter (dd 31 August 2009) sent to the **International Judo Federation (IJF)** in which the decision of the WMJA Board of Directors is reflected. I have the pleasure to inform you that the IJF recognizes the decision taken in Atlanta to disband the WMJA and to continue practicing judo as members of the IJF Grand Masters.

The IJF in principle supports the final event that is due to be hosted by your organization in August 2010. I want to propose the program to include a top class ceremony to honor members of the WMJA, who have since 1999 committed themselves to the international development of judo for masters. The IJF's role during the ceremony could be discussed after receipt of the initial program.

I am confident that the IJF Grand Masters Commission that was constituted on 12 November 2009, will create exciting opportunities for older judoka to continue practicing and participate on a competitive level. Together, we will establish lifelong competition, friendship and understanding between mature judo athletes, regardless of their age.

Yours sincerely,

Marius L. Vizer

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President of the International Judo Federation

