



*International Sumo Federation*  
*Provisional IOC Recognized Federation*

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Dear President/Secretary General,

IFS National Members -European Countries

**RE : European Matter**

Thank you for your kind support and cooperation.

**1) European Championships 2016**

Referred to IFS message on February 19, 2016 that sent to all European countries for their opinion regarding to current situation, deadline to submit opinion has been closed. IFS received feedback from the following countries;

AZE, BLR, BUL, CZE, EST, FIN, GEO, GER, ISR, LTU, NOR, POL, RUS, UKR. We found conclusion as below;

Two Countries, UKR and BLR prefer to participate championship in Minsk, Belarus. The other countries prefer to participate the championships and attend European Congress for election in Krotoszyn, Poland on April 21-24, 2016

Therefore, IFS will recognize the event in Krotoszyn, Poland on April 21-24, 2016 for European athletes' selection to be included in World Games 2017 as a part of IFS qualification system and will recognize the election result. We would like to invite team from Ukraine and Belarus to take part in this event and support each other side by side with other European countries to promote sumo activities in harmony.

**2) The act of intervene internal matter of National Federations**

Estonia, Russia, Poland and Azerbaijan sumo federation had informed IFS that Mr. Sergii Korobko (UKR) had intervene to their internal matter and sent messages to their Olympic Committee to damage their federation's reputation.

IFS also receipt forwarded message that Mr. Korobko (UKR) sent to IWGA (main organizer of Worldgames). This kind of action of Mr. Korobko is unacceptable. If Mr. Korobko does not change his attitude and not stop to intervene IFS authority and its national federations, IFS may consider to propose to next board of director meeting in Mongolia to suspend him.

Lastly, wishing all European countries to take part in this championships and congress in Krotoszyn, Poland on April 21-24 with good relationships and great success!

Best regards,

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