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### WAKO- IAKSA Announce Merger of Organizations

The World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) and the International Amateur Kickboxing Sport Association (IAKSA) today announced the merger of the two organizations.

"The merger of these two organizations is part of our strategic plan to bring the Kickboxing sport to a new level for the greater good of kickboxing athletes worldwide" commented Horst Prelog, President of IAKSA from Seoul, Korea. "We welcome the members of both of these world-class organizations to the newly merged WAKO/IAKSA family of member countries."

Ennio Falsoni, President of WAKO commented that "This is an exciting day for the Kickboxing sport and kickboxing athletes around the world. Over the course of the past two years we have explored all options to ensure that the future of the Kickbox sport is secure. With the strength of the two organizations combined, we are confident that we will offer the Kickbox athletes the very best standards for worldwide recognition with unparalleled competitions which will take Kickboxing to the next level".

Ennio Falsoni will remain as President of the new WAKO. The merged organization will maintain the WAKO name. Horst Prelog will assume his new role as Vice President for the "new WAKO".

Both Falsoni and Prelog are in Seoul to attend the GAISF General Assembly. Acceptance by the GAISF will grant the new WAKO Kickboxing a better future as an International Sport.