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**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE TAEKWON-DO FEDERATION OF AFRICA (“TFA”)
TO THE INTERNATIONAL TAEKWON-DO FEDERATION (“ITF”) REGARDING THE
1ST AFRICAN CUP CLUBS TUNISIA 2023**

On behalf of the TFA I wish to congratulate the NGB of Tunisia for the successful tournament held in Tunisia on 15 – 18 April 2023.

A special word of congratulations to the ITF Tunisia President, Mr. Mohamed Hammami); the ITF Tunisia Vice-President, Mr. Choukri Snoussi; and Mr. Issam Mahmoudi from the Organizing Committee for their hard work and dedication in arranging and hosting such an esteemed tournament. They were assisted by the ITF Tunisia Technical Director, Mr. Khaled Ben Ahmed and the ITF Tunisia Communications & Marketing, Mr. Mohamed El Felah Smaidia.

A special word of thanks to Master Jaren Phillips, the President of the International Taekwon-Do Federation of South Africa, for conducting a Technical Seminar. Further thanks to Master Frank Diaz from Spain and the Vice President ITF Bulgaria, Master Vergiliy Sitnilski, who both worked tirelessly assisting in the smooth running of the tournament. Mr. Nadir Ait Makhroub of Morocco from the TFA Tournament Committee oversaw the approximately 40 umpires, including 5 umpires from Morocco and 2 from Algeria. He was assisted by Mr. Nikolay Spasov (International Umpire). Lastly, a special word of thanks to Mr. Akram Hammami (Official translator ITF Tunisia) for his professional assistance in translating between Arabic, French and English.

Also present at the tournament were Mr. Si Lakhel Lounis of ITF Algeria and Mr. Mohamed Abdullah Al-Ghati of ITF Libya. Both reported on the growth of Taekwon-Do in their respective countries.

On Saturday we were all devastated by the passing of a young boy, Youssef Ben Ahmed, who tragically drowned on the property adjacent to the tournament hall. United in their grief, the Organizing Committee took the decision, in consultation with the father of Youssef, to continue with the tournament in the memory of his beloved son. This decision took great courage and is testimony of the incredible resilience and faith of the Tunisian Taekwon-Do community.

On behalf of the ITF and the TFA we extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Youssef. He will forever continue to live in our hearts.

The tournament is hereby officially dedicated in honour of the memory of Youssef Ben Ahmed. May his gentle soul rest in eternal peace.

Yours faithfully



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