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Mr. President
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Dear Mr. President,
dear IJF-colleague,

please allow me to write to you in very positive regards to the

Spanish Judoka Fernando Puerto Mendoza,

and his volunteer work in Ethiopia as Judo coordinator and coach between 2013 and 2016.

As you know, our IJF-President Mr. Marius Vizer appointed me in 2011 with the development of „Judo for Ethiopians“, which is meanwhile supported also from United Nations (UNOSDP), World Police Sports Union (USIP) and since 2014 from the German Government. „Judo for Ethiopians“ is incorporated in the German Government initiative „More space for sport – 1.000 chances for Africa“. The German Grand Prix 2015 in Düsseldorf was held under the IJF - motto „Judo for Ethiopians“, with press conference, material donation, participation of Ethiopian Judoka and more. We met us personally in DUS and had a nice talking.

Your Spanish Judoka, Mr. Puerto prepared among many other Judo-activities in Ethiopia the two Ethiopian participants for Düsseldorf with the correct Judo-behaviours, - values and the fighting rules. Yared (- 60 kg) did a great fight against his brazilian oponent. Maybe you remember, Mr. Vladimir Barta gave a really positive response to this fight.

Mr. Puerto is a black belt 4th Dan, member of the Rafael Ortega Club, in the Madrid Judo Federation.

While Mr. Puerto was working for the United Nations in Ethiopia, he used his spare time to train the Judo team continuously several times per week, and he coordinated activities for the development of „Judo for Ethiopians“ within the Ethiopian Community.

Among many other activities, Mr. Puerto supported the participation of Ethiopian athletes in international competitions and seminars, administered the sports equipment provided by foreign donors, and also contributed to the opening and maintenance of Judo dojos at the German Embassy School, Juventus Italian Club and the Don Bosco School in Addis Ababa. He prepared further for my Judo-visits in Ethiopia and accompanied me as well.

Mr. Puerto built together with me the examination panel that awarded the two first black belts in Ethiopia, in November 2015. Mr. Puerto prepared both Judoka (Yared and Wondimu) pretty well, so that no doubts were on for their graduation to 1st Dan-Grad in Judo.

The selfless and professional help provided by Mr. Puerto is greatly appreciated. Mr. Puerto was an enormous support and help for the development of „Judo for Ethiopians“. He is an enrichment on tatami as well as a really Judo-friend with living the „Judo-values“ like respect, friendship, senpei-kohei and more.

Maybe there is any possibility to give some recognition to Mr. Fernando Puerto.

I remain at your disposal to provide further details of his contribution to the development of Judo and its Olympic values as well as the world known Judo-values in Ethiopia.

Thank you very much!

Kind regards,

Yours


Johannes Daxbacher, 5. February 2017