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Dear nanbudo sportists and officials, dear friends of nanbudo martial art sport,

International nanbudo federation is an international sport federation that was founded in 2010 with a unique goal – to provide expansion, development and promotion of the **sport aspect** of nanbudo martial art internationally.

It was founded by the group of national federations from 4 continents (Africa, Europe, North America and Asia).

The foundation of INF is lying on 40 years experience of nanbudo development as a martial art sport on different continents. The experience was gained by organizing World, European and different international championships. Our wish is to continue that development in order to help nanbudo to become a world recognized martial art sport.

INF is a complementary rather than the alternative solution to WNF. Complementary in the sense that we respect the direction and orientation of **WNF** where there is **no place for sport**. Definitly **INF** represent the **SPORT ASPECT** of nanbudo while WNF is focused on „energy creation“. Both ways are legitimate and both directions can theoretically develop nanbudo.

After 8 years of INF and its struggle to develop nanbudo sport all over the world we are entering a new era which will be based on cooperation between all nanbudo organizations worldwide. To survive in this world of high and heartless competition among different combat sports, the unification of the two nanbudo federations and their participation in different international sport cooperations is fundamental.

INF will strive to unite all nanbudo athletes under one umbrella for a better promotion of our lovely and modern martial art sport.

International high level nanbudo competitions are more than essential for a better promotion of our sport. If you want more people to practice nabudo you have to offer them at least the best of the best.

Recognition of national nanbudo federations in different countries by their National Olympic Committees and government authorities is one of our priorities. This could happen at least if in every country the numbers of nanbudokas will be as high as possible. For that nabudo should be more than attractive. **High level competition is the best way to catch the attention of more people.**

When we reach many national recognitions, we will be ready to enter big family of sports like GAISF or IOC. Until then membership in SportREcognized and participation in New Sport Games that are announced for 2020 is our present priority.

New ways of communication, governance, democracy and leadership are being implemented in today's organizations, and only by their full implementation can an organization be sustainable and viable. Otherwise it is sentenced to atrophy.

INF IS TURNED TOWARDS THE FUTURE with professionalism because:

1. We want to join the world family of modern martial arts and sports.

All of the successful ones like judo, karate, taekwondo, ju jitsu, kick boxing, thai boxing, aikido and wushu are already there. **They all have their international federations structured and organized the same way INF has structured and organized itself, they all are martial arts but also sports who have regular calendars of world and continental championships.** All are developing very fast. We will help nanbudo to join this family and catch the train they are on. The others who want to belong to a group of people following the Founder focused on energy creation model of development can maintain that direction as a complementary path. We respect that and will always be open to a

dialogue for the benefit of nabudo. We can always learn from each other, if we had matured enough.

2. **WE Invite all the organizations who want to work together on this project - to join us.** Our doors are and will be keeping opened for all of you. You are invited to join our seminars, our competitions, our meetings, even if you are not the member. Our work is and will be transparent and in concordance with our Statutes.
3. **WE are developing nanbudo instead of Nanbudo;** in other words : We do not sell a trade mark, but we develop publicly accepted and worldwide spread martial art sport in a way that it **nurtures, preserves and develops its original values**, as they were set in 1978 and developed for many years. The **original values - regarding martial art techniques, methodology of teaching and training, and above all the atmosphere of respect and friendship that existed in nanbudo many years ago with a generation of masters who are still here, teaching and developing nanbudo as it used to be.**
4. **We Encourage all means of development of nanbudo,** such as demonstrations, seminars, competitions and participation within different events and sports organizations and federations. There will be no insult to anyone if somebody participates and works with any organization in order to develop, spread and promote nabudo. There will be no sanctions whatsoever for anybody who presents any technique and calls it nanbudo – because all of you are doing nanbudo, and how you interpret it is your freedom of choice and creativity, like in any other martial art and sport.

HOW CAN WE DO IT?

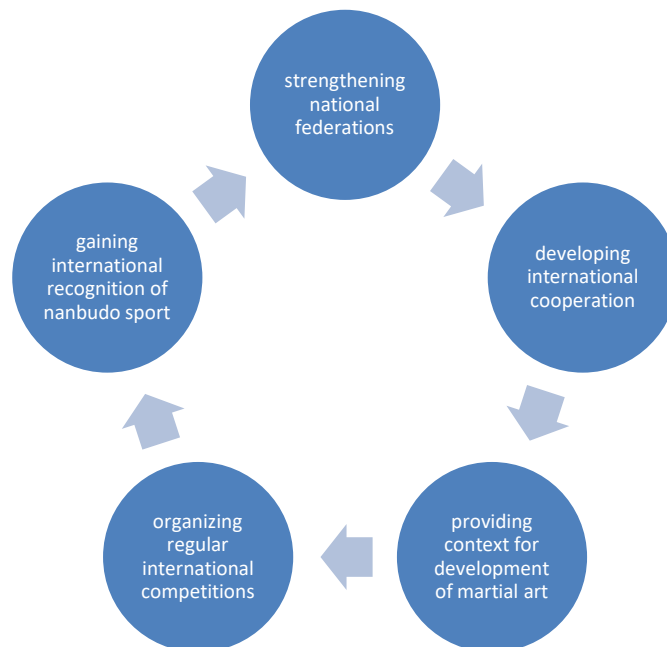
INF thinks that only by strengthening national federations (by giving them full independence, support and responsibility) **we can start developing nanbudo worldwide.** We must develop strong international network and cooperation among national federations and thus provide a context for development of martial art of nan-budo in all of its aspects, and all of the aspects national federations and clubs in many countries already created. The variety that has already happened in many countries, all the different interpretations, activities and disciplines that people have invented themselves – are our treasure and not handicap that has to be forbidden.

After 40 years of hard work, many nanbudokas are capable and experienced enough to contribute to development, not only follow the changes they are exposed to.

Together with supporting all the initiatives and activities in order to develop nanbudo in its full complexity, we have to ensure regular international competitions on highest level, because of 2 main reasons:

- 1. first one is that we believe young people want and need it,**
- 2. and second one is that sport is the best way to promote our martial art.**

Only this way we will be able to gain the full recognition of nan-budo sport one day, which is not the final goal, but only the step forward in the circle of bringing it to every country in the world, so people could enjoy benefits of practicing nanbudo. That way, (together with other organizations that will work towards the same goals), we can push nanbudo to where we want it to be in the future.



What does INF offer:

1. membership no matter if the federation is a member of another association
2. organization of a big event every year (World/Continental championship or World/Continental cup)
3. seminars/education on methodology of nanbudo training of sportists for nanbudo sport coaches
4. seminars on application of scientific approach towards training and diagnostics in preparation processes for sportists
5. platform for cooperation of all nanbudo organizations no matter which federation they belong to.

As they used to say in medicine: 'all what is closed ends by rotting'. That's why **INF is widely opened to the world** like any respected democratically structured organization.

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