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**Chairman Communication 034/2024**

**To:** All ITKF Member Organizations

**Subject:** Opening of ITKF Permanent Representation Office at the European Union

Dear ITKF Member Organizations,

I am pleased to inform you about a significant milestone in our journey towards internationalization. The **International Traditional Karate Federation - ITKF** has officially opened a **Permanent Representation Office** within the European Union.

This office is situated at:

Rua Antônio Costa Neiva, 785,  
Vila do Pinheiro, 4485-016  
Portugal

We are honored to have Mr. Fernando Manuel Alves Maia da Silva as our representative at this new office.

This achievement is a testament to our continued efforts to expand and strengthen our presence on the global stage. The Portuguese Government, in compliance with European Union legislation, has thoroughly examined and validated all legal documents from ITKF Brazil, endorsing our commitment to uphold the highest standards of integrity and governance.

As the ITKF Chairman, I am immensely proud of this giant step forward. This development not only signifies our growth but also reaffirms our dedication to promoting and preserving **Traditional Karate** worldwide.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our shared mission. We look forward to continuing our work together and achieving even greater success in the future.

Best regards,



Gilberto Gaertner  
ITKF Chairman