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WORLD MARTIAL ARTS GAMES MOVE TO LAS VEGAS **LAS VEGAS, USA WILL BE THE LOCATION FOR THE 5TH WORLD MARTIAL ARTS GAMES**

January 25, 2010 Geneva, Switzerland - The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is pleased to announce that Las Vegas, USA will be the host city for the 2010 World Martial Arts Games. This year's Games mark the 5th anniversary of the World Martial Arts Games Movement and will take place at the Mandalay Bay Hotel, in Las Vegas, September 17, 18 & 19, 2010. The 2010 WMAG hosting committee will be headed up by Alberto Friedmann, National WMAG Director for the USA. Mr. Friedmann will report to the WMAGC Executive Committee.

"The US Martial Arts Team is honoured and excited to be hosting the 5th Anniversary of the World Martial Arts Games", said Alberto Friedmann, Las Vegas 2010 Hosting Committee Chairman, "Work is underway to bring the best competitors from across the globe together with celebrity guests, entertainers, seminar presenters, and more to make this an event that everyone will remember. We are proud to showcase our country to our fellow Sport Ambassadors and International Representatives!"

"We are thrilled to be holding the 2010 World Martial Arts Games in the dynamic city of Las Vegas, USA", says Ken Marchtaler, WMAGC President, "The Games comes back to North America after successful events in Canada, Germany, Korea and last year in Australia. This marks the 5th Anniversary of the World Martial Arts Games Movement and what better place to showcase our athletes then in the Entertainment Capital of the World. There is no doubt that Las Vegas 2010 will be our most spectacular event yet!"

The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is a non-profit society formed in August 2005. It is the supreme authority of the World Martial Arts Games Movement. Its role is to promote top-level sport as well as sport for all in accordance with the World Martial Arts Games Charter. It ensures the regular celebration of the World Martial Arts Games and strongly encourages appropriate sports ethics and the protection of athletes. The WMAGC is an Active International Member of TAFISA (www.tafisa.net), an IOC recognized Multi-Sport Organisation.

Further information about the World Martial Arts Games Committee and the 2010 World Martial Arts Games can be found by visiting the WMAGC website at www.worldmartialartsgames.com .

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