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Dear Victor,

We have received your letter of January 14 in which you share your surprise and outrage over the unexpected, unwelcome visit by Mr. Melo and other foreign individuals to your country.

Having listened to and witnessed actions of this type affecting several of our member federations in this continent I also want to share my dismay and to convey to you the full support of the Pan-American Sambo Federation and all its members and mine personally too.

We are all aware of the privileged position and respect that the Venezuelan Sambo Federation carries in your country, in our continent and in the international arena of organized sport, this has been the result of years of hard work within established rules and protocols and there is no room in our continent for these types of actions.

Rest assured you are not alone, several of us have suffered similar if not worst offenses but working together within the framework of the law we will overcome. We are putting together a plan of action to strengthen our individual and collective SAMBO organizations in our continent and we will be in touch again shortly.

I have just received a copy of the letter from Mr. Shestakov to you in which he agrees that he is against actions like the ones you described, in his first paragraph, and supports your position. However, in his third paragraph he "naively" states that "FIAS cannot prohibit sambo individuals from other countries to "privately" visit and contact and work with coaches and clubs in your country!!

I do not, as you probably too, believe for one second that Mr. Moshanov's visit to Venezuela was a "private" visit. Mr. Moshanov is a paid Director for Development for FIAS, he is traveling to our countries under direct orders from Mr. Shestakov, surreptitiously entering our countries and undermining the work we have done, and trampling the autonomy and independence of our legally established institutions.

Further in his letter Me. Shestakov confines that indeed, Mr. Moshanov had travelled to Venezuela following his instructions and is "very happy and satisfied " by the results of the meeting with you and the plans for further cooperation, all of this after he states at the beginning of his letter that he did not send anyone to Venezuela and whoever went did it as an independent individual to hold "private" talks.

It has been very clear to me for some time that Mr. Moshanov is traveling to countries around the world with the purpose of creating "new" national SAMBO federations to



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usurp the legally established existing ones for new ones favorable and supportive of

Mr. Shestakov, with funds from FIAS and staff paid by FIAS. How can we stand by and remain supportive and members of an organization whose leader is using our FIAS against us?

I look forward to talking and swing you in the near future and please don't hesitate to contact me or my staff by email or by phone at any time.

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