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To National Judo Federation of Great Britain
Mr. Gerry Gualtieri, Chair
Mr. Andrew Scoular, Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Mr. Gualtieri, dear Mr. Scoular,

I hope this letter finds you well.

We have noticed that Austrian and British media followed up intensively on 5th placed Lubjana Piovesana, covering once again the dispute in the British Judo team some years ago, leading to Lubjana's departure from British Judo.

We were caught by surprise that it came up now, because in the past one and a half years it never became a topic, not even after Piovesana's two Grand Slam wins. On the other hand, we understand the personal relevance and related emotions of the win in the quarter final bout against former teammate Lucy Renshall.

We regret this development and would like to underline the always correct and friendly collaboration between British Judo and Judo Austria in general and especially during the negotiations regarding the nationality-change. Furthermore, we do not have any doubts about the integrity of the persons involved and that the investigations by an independent panel were done on the highest possible level.

We hope indeed that the focus will come back to sportive matters as soon as possible.

With best regards,



Dr. Martin Poiger
President