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Dear Mr. President,

During the General Assembly at Matsumoto the new statutes of the UIAA were discussed and finally voted with a majority. Of course we accept this democratic decision, but we are afraid, that the UIAA under the new constitution is not the organisation where our ideals of democratic principles, balance of interests and effective work for the benefit of the member associations and their associated individuals, can be guaranteed. Our objections and reservations to the new statutes were argued in detail at the GA by our delegates Mr. Heinz Röhle and Mr. Franz Kassel and before at the Council and at various other occasions.

Consequently the DAV, the OeAV and the VAVÖ according to article 23 of the UIAA statutes will terminate their membership to the UIAA with the end of the year 2007.

On the other side we also would like to state that this step will not influence our friendship to and our responsibility for the world of mountaineering including the UIAA and all their member associations.

With kind regards

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