

# 10th WT Member Relations & Development Commission Meeting (via conference call) November 4, 2020 | 16h00-17h00 (local time Korea)

# **Summary**

Attendees: Jean Marie Ayer (Chair), Sarah Stevenson (Vice Chair), Michel Madar (Member), Guo Li (Member), Russell Ahn (Member), Usman Dildar (Member), Nadia Sobhi (Guest), Jeongkang Seo (Senior Director, MRD), Corbin Min (Director, Strategic Planning & Legal), Haeri Jeon (Manager, MRD), Sockho Lee (Assistant Manager, MRD) and Wooram Kim (Coordinator, MRD)

#### 1. Establish Quorum

- Six (6) members attend the meeting; thus the quorum is established.

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes

- The Chair asks for approval of the minutes of the previous Commission meeting held on October 15, 2020 which was sent to all members for their review. The minutes are approved by the Commission.

#### 3. Discussion

- a. Revisit to NOC confirmation process on MNA governance
  - i. Issues
  - ii. Proposed measures
    - ➤ Mr. Jeongkang Seo addresses current process and issues of WT MNA verification procedure, proposals and MNA verification process of other IFs. He recognizes after studying other IFs cases that WT might be one of few IFs relying on verification of MNA from NOC.
    - If Mr. Jeongkang Seo mentions four proposed processes that WT entrusts the respective CU for verification of change of MNA leadership in normal election cases, CU is responsible for attending MNA election to witness the results of the election and report to WT, MNAs are requested to submit the following documents for WT to update the directory on website and inform the NOC of the results, and WT shall consult with the pertinent NOC only if the change of leadership occurs regardless of regular election.
    - Members are in favor of the proposals except for attending MNA's election as a CU observer to every country to witness the results of the election.
    - ➤ Mr. Jeongkang Seo recommends that the proposals could be on the table to discuss at the CU meeting to be held on Nov. 9, 2020 to hear CU's opinion as this is issue of jurisdiction and authority of CU. Members agree with that.

#### b. Increase of the number of Level I membership

i. Issues

#### ii. Proposed measures

- ➤ Mr. Jeongkang Seo address two proposals. Proposal 1 is that MNAs are required to dispatch at least one MNA representative at the WT General Assembly in wo years (2019-2020), and at least two competitors to WT Promotional Championships in two years (2018-2019) (no competition in 2020). Proposal 2 is that MNAs are required to dispatch at least one MNA representative at the WT General Assembly in four years (2017-2020), and at least two competitors to the WT Promotional Championships in four years (2019-2019) (no competition in 2020).
- The Chair and Mr. Usman Dildar asks the purpose of the proposals which is for increasing MNA's participation in voting or increasing athlete's participation in WT promoted Championships. Mr. Jeongkang Seo mentions that WT wants more MNA's active participation in voting as well as in WT promoted Championships, however, there need to be minimum requirements of being level 1 member to prevent from negative effect.
- According to the recommendation of MRD Commission members from the last meeting, annual membership category is removed.
- ➤ Mr. Michel Madar asks for other similar size of IF's statutes of MNA's voting right, and will decide proposal 1 or 2 after seeing other IF's statutes.
- ➤ Other members are in agreement with the proposal 1, but it is subject to study of other IFs case.

## 4. Other Matters

There are none.

### 5. Next Commission Meeting

> Once the study of other IF's case is done, the suitable date and time for the next meeting will be sent to all in due course.

#### 6. Closing of Meeting

> Chair thanks the members and WT administration for active participation in the meeting and excellent management of the works.