



6th WT Member Relations & Development Commission Meeting (via conference call)

Aug 26, 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), Jeongkang Seo (Senior Director, MRD), Haeri Jeon (Manager, MRD), Sockho Lee (Assistant Manager, MRD) and Wooram Kim (Coordinator, MRD)

Excused: Ide Issaka (Vice Chair)

1. Establish Quorum

Six (6) attendees attend the meeting, thus the quorum is established.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Chair asks for approval of the minutes of June 10, 2020 Commission meeting which was sent to all members for their review. The minutes are approved by the Commission.

3. Update

- a. Develop Quantitative indicators to use the results of the MNA Survey 2020 as an evaluation tool of MNAs' current capacities

Chair gives a floor to Senior Director Seo for the result of MNA Survey. SD Seo explains the background and aims of MNA Survey and mentions that 15 MNAs among 210 MNAs did not answer so MRD department are trying to check the status of the 15 MNAs.

SD Seo informs that MNA Survey data will be sent to the Members right after the Commission meeting and the analysis will be reported to the Members in three weeks before the analysis will be reported at the WT General Assembly in October.

- b. Develop pathway and identify female athletes and officials to become Council and Committee members at the global, continental, and national levels

Chair asks current proportion of female officials in Council and Committees and SD Seo answers that females are nearly 30 % in Committee and 15% in Council and WT is targeting 35 % of women in Continental Union, Member National Associations, Committees and Council.

Chair opens floor to the members for opinions.

Sarah mentions that the education about international leadership for women athlete and officials

are required first and this topic can be discussed in detail with Taekwondo for All Committees and externals have knowledge in this area.

Russell agrees to Sarah and education program will inspire lots of women athlete and officials in Taekwondo and encourage them to actively engage in decision making process. He also suggests the online forum.

Michel recommends to have special education course and to identify the suitable person, women to be in the Committees and Council through the course.

Usman emphasize to communicate with MNAs and also the education at the national level. The education should be implemented step by step, from MNAs and the grass-root level.

Chair requests to SD Seo to introduce the various education programs, which is ongoing and SDr Seo explains that the awareness program about WT for Referee, Coach and Technical Delegates are implemented. He fully agrees to create specific leadership program for retired athletes and other education course that members suggest and mentions that it can be deal with the Education Committee.

4. Discussion

a. Associate membership

Chair gives a floor to SD Seo for this overview. SD Seo explains the commission's recommendation proposed last November that strengthen enforcements of residence check and apply 3-year rule (one representing one country as a national team member cannot represent another country within 3 years) to Associate Members (one representing one MNA cannot represent another MNA). He asks Commission whether change the WT Statutes this time or not.

Chair proposes to change relevant rule in the WT Statutes at the General Assembly in October. The motion is seconded by the Commission and unanimously approved.

b. Procedure on membership suspension

Chair gives a floor to SD Seo for the overview of the issue. SD Seo explains the recommendation that when MNA has a conflict or issue and if WT administration believes that membership should be considered to be suspended, MRD Commission should review the case and make the recommendation. If this decision is challenged by MNA then send the case to Juridical Committee.

Chair proposes to change relevant rule in the WT Statutes at the General Assembly in October. The motion is seconded and unanimously approved by the Commission.

c. Verification on new leadership by NOC

Chair gives a floor to SD Seo for this overview of this issue. SD Seo explains the current way of verification on new leadership in MNA which is the recognition from the pertinent National Olympic Committee (NOC). SD explains that there are NOCs that do not respond to the request for verification causing delay of WT recognition. SD Seo proposes the Commission to take this issue and discuss to find alternative way to verify the MNA new leaderships if NOC doesn't respond it.

Chair proposes to make it as the agenda of next Commission meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

d. Other matters

Sarah suggests, to reduce the gender gap during the General Assembly, to recommends the MNAs that have two delegates to register one male and one female representative to respect WT's initiative for gender balance at the decision-making meetings.

Usman suggests any Committee members of WT can be ex-officio member of pertinent MNA.

Chair proposes to recommend two items above. The motion was seconded and unanimously by the Commission for changes in Statutes and Guidelines for GA.

5. Next Committee Meeting

The next Commission meeting will be held in September with President via conference call and exact date will be decided later on.

6. Closing of Meeting

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