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**EXTRAORDINARY WTF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 19, 2010 / 10:00**  
**International Exhibition Meeting Room (1<sup>st</sup> Fl.), Yindu Hotel**  
**Urumqi, China**

**1. Roll Call & Meeting called to order**

WTF Secretary General Jin Suk Yang reported that a total of 21 Council members and 1 Auditor were present at the meeting and that in accordance with article 16.9 of the WTF Rules & Regulations, a quorum for the meeting was constituted.

List of Attending WTF Council members & Auditors:

Dr. Chungwon Choue, President

Mr. Ivan Dibos, Vice President

Gen. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President

Mr. Dai Soon Lee, Vice President

Mr. Sun Jae Park, Vice President

Mr. Jin Suk Jang, Secretary General

Mr. Tae Eun Lee, Treasurer

Mr. Mohamed A.K. Al-Sulaiti, Member

Mr. Jesus Castellanos Pueblas, Member

Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member

Mr. Issaka Ide, Member

Mr. Coleman Lee, Member

Mr. Zhao Lei, Member

Mr. Michel Madar, Member

Mr. Mario Mandel Vaisman, Member

Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member

Mr. Fuzuli Musayev, Member

Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member

Seyed Mohammad Pouladgar, Member

Mr. Metin Sahin, Member

Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, Member

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor



## 2. President's welcome speech

Dr. Chungwon Choue WTF President and Chairman of the meeting wished everyone welcome to Urumqi, China on the occasion of the 2010 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships and went on to introducing Mr. Won Sik Kang, the newly appointed President of Kukkiwon, who attended the meeting as a special guest. The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Won Sik Kang.

Mr. Won Sik Kang started his speech by thanking Dr. Chungwon Choue and the members of the WTF Council for inviting him to attend this meeting. Mr. Kang expressed his and the Kukkiwon board's commitment to reform the Kukkiwon after the comments and requests from the taekwondo family worldwide. Mr. Kang promised that he would make the Kukkiwon into a creative and functioning organization to work closely together with the WTF and its members. Mr. Kang strongly pointed out that in order to do this the public relations division, taekwondo academy and the international capability of the Kukkiwon will be reinforced. Mr. Kang finished his speech by asking the WTF Council members for their support in Kukkiwon for the future development of Taekwondo.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Kang and pointed out that the World Taekwondo Federation and Kukkiwon will work closely together for the future of taekwondo.

The Chairman opened the meeting by once again welcoming the Council members to Urumuqi on the occasion of the 2010 WTF World Cup Team Taekwondo Championships and the Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting.

### The Chairman's opening speech:

I would like to ask the Council to thank the President of the Chinese Taekwondo Association and the organizing committee for their outstanding hospitality. They have put forth tremendous efforts in successfully organizing this meeting the World Cup Team Championships.

I also would like to extend my appreciation to each of you for your precious time to be here today. I know that traveling from far away is difficult and time consuming. 42 hours for Mandel Vaisman and Mr. Dibos long travel. However, we have some very important issues to discuss and to make decisions.

This year we have made great strides in further establishing the great sport of taekwondo in unclaimed territories. The fruits of our concentrated efforts have gained acceptance in the program for the European and World Masters Games. Taekwondo also became a category 2 sport in the Commonwealth Games. The revisions of our competition rules to include the Protector Scoring System and instant video replay were implemented and have drawn a large amount of praise.

The WTF received further accolades for the work of our Taekwondo Peace Corps. At the UN-IOC Forum held in Lausanne, Switzerland in May, we were commended for the Peace Corps's achievements. The forum further advocated the Peace Corps's global expansion in cooperation with the UN, IOC, NOCs, and national and international sport federations.



What started out as a dream several years ago can now be seen as a tool that is offered to build taekwondo programs in any country that may need it. We must continue to focus on this program. I encourage each Council member to see the value of the WTF Taekwondo Peace Corps. I would like for each Council Member here to work together with the Continental Unions to promote this program to the MNAs that would most benefit from it

In all of our works, we must always continue to strive to the betterment of our sport. We must always be future focused. As we proceed with this Extraordinary Council Meeting and all others in the future, we must remain this way. The progress of our beloved sport depends on it.

Thank you.

### **3. Approval of the minutes of the WTF Council Meeting held in Tijuana, Mexico on March 1, 2010**

The Chairman moved that the Minutes of the WTF Council meeting held in Tijuana, Mexico on March 1, 2010, be approved.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

The Chairman declared that the Minutes of the WTF Council meeting held in Tijuana, Mexico on March 1, 2010 had been approved by the Council.

### **4. Proposal for amendment of the Standing Procedures for the Olympic Games**

The Chairman explained that since the WTF Competition Rules were changed last year, and these changes shall be reflected on the rules for the Olympic Games Taekwondo Competitions, it is necessary to amend the Standing Procedures accordingly.

The Chairman also pointed out the necessity of specifying exceptional situations such as the case of double disqualification during competitions to assure that all situations be managed smoothly.

The Chairman went on to introduce Mr. Philippe Bouedo, Technical Committee Chairman, for a more detailed explanation on the amendments.

Mr. Bouedo informed the Council that the proposed amendments to the Standing Procedures for the Olympic Games are necessary in preparation for the London Olympic Games.

Mr. Bouedo informed of the Council of the following suggested amendments to the Standing Procedures:



Art. 2. Podium size

The Standing Procedure needs to state clearly that the platform for the competition Area shall be one (1) meter high.

Art. 4. Head of team meeting and Drawing of lots

The top eight (8) athletes will be seeded in accordance with the WTF World Ranking as of February 1, 2012

Art. 5 Competition Method

To clarify the official standings of places 5-11 in the Olympic Games Taekwondo competitions.

Art. 6 Technical Officials

The amendment adds and clarifies the roles and positions of Technical Controllers (TC), Review Jury (RJ) and International Referees (IR).

Art. 7 Protest

The amendment controls the number of requests for Video Replay that can be made.

Art 9. Criteria for Quota Allocation for the Olympic Games

The suggested amendments would clarify the allocation of the Quota for the Olympic Games, including World Qualification, Continental Qualification and Wildcard allocation. The suggested quota allocation was used for Beijing Olympics but must be stated in the Standing Procedures.

Art 10. Doping test

It is the same procedure as the procedures used before and during the Beijing Olympics. However, it needs to be specified in the Standing Procedures.

Art. 11. Fill-up Quota Procedure

Art. 12. Entry Procedure

The suggested amendment is a correction in the text. NOCs shall take necessary measures in coordination with MNAs to submit entries to OCOGs on time.

Mr. Bouedo went on to inform the WTF Council of the suggested amendments to the Bylaw of the WTF World Ranking, as follows:

Art. 1.1

The amendment will give a better definition of the events where WTF Ranking will be applied.

Art. 5.5

The amendment adds the SportAccord Combat Games as a G5 championships and the Universiade as a G4 championships.



#### Art.6

The proposed amendment clarifies that an athlete can be ranked in more than one weight division and also how to decide the ranking in case of the Olympics.

With these explanations Mr. Bouedo finished his presentation to the WTF Council.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Bouedo and opened up the floor for questions and comments from the WTF Council Members.

Mr. Pouladgar wanted to ask regarding the ranking system. However, the Chairman asked Mr. Pouladgar to save his question for the next point of the agenda.

Mr. Pouladgar went on to point out the limitation with the Video Replay system to be used at the Olympic Games mentioned in article 7.6 under the suggested amendments to the Standing Procedures for the Olympic Games. To only allow the video replay to be used one time is not enough, considering that only two cameras will be set up for the video replay system and this provides the chance of dead angels.

The Chairman replied that the Standing Procedures for the Olympic Games are being discussed and that three cameras will be used, two on ground level and one filming from above. The Chairman stated that this will eliminate dead angels.

Mr. Pouladgar commended the effort to use several cameras for the Olympic Games and expressed his wish that this system could be used for all WTF Championships.

The Chairman informed that using the same system for all WTF Championships would be ideal. However, since the video replay system is expensive it might still take some time to reach this goal.

Mr. Pouladgar once again stated his belief that it was not right to limit the coaches to only one video replay request before the video replay system has been perfected.

The Chairman noted Mr. Pouladgar's comment and promised that gradually more cameras would be used at WTF Championships.

Mr. Zhao Lei addressed art.6, Technical Officials, and suggested that members of the Review Jury, that have different responsibilities, also should be wearing a different uniform so that this could be clear to everyone. Mr. Lei pointed out that he had previously functioned as a Review Jury member and that he has noted a need for review jury training seminars.

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Bouedo to answer the points brought up by Mr. Lei.

Mr. Bouedo informed that since the Technical Chairman and Referee Chairman was appointed they have seen the need for three different positions, Review Jury, Corner Judge and Referee, and that they are now changing the International Referee Training accordingly to guarantee the best possible refereeing at each position.



Mr. Pouladgar asked for a clarification on art.7.8 of the suggested amendments, if anyone could submit video recording for review or if it was only the official video replay system that would be used.

Mr. Bouedo pointed out that for the Olympic Games several cameras will be used to assure fairness and transparency and that only the official video replay system will be used.

Mr. Pouladgar suggested that the word “official” should be put in for further clarification on this point.

Secretary General Yang remarked that in the official Standing Procedures for the Olympic Games it is already underlined that it is only the official video replay that will be used.

Mr. Pouladgar went on to question art. 7.7, if a decision can be reversed, does this include warnings given the wrong way?

Secretary General Yang stated that everyone have the right to appeal to have a decision overturned. However, all details do not need to be stated in the Standing Procedures. And that the suggested amendments to the Standing Procedures have been discussed in coordination with the IOC.

Mr. Dai Won Moon pointed out that the amendment to the Standing Procedures for the Olympic Games that are being discussed are not the full Standing Procedures just the points that needs to be amended.

The Chairman moved that the Council approves the amendments to the Standing Procedures for the Olympic Games. The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared the amendments approved.

## **5. Proposal for amendment to the Byelaw of WTF World Ranking**

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the proposed amendments to the Byelaw of the WTF World Ranking is to add multi-games, such as the Universiade and the SportAccord Combat Games, in the WTF grading system.

The Chairman once again gave the floor to Mr. Bouedo for a further explanation.

Mr. Bouedo stated that he previously explained that the suggested amendments to the Byelaw would add multi-games, SportAccord Combat Games in G5 and Universiade in G4, and also amend ranking for weight classes so that when Olympic weight divisions are used points can be combined and counted. The weight divisions would be combined Fin & Fly, Bantam & Feather, Light & Welter, Middle & Heavy. Accordingly, point from Fin & Fly division can be combined, however points from Feather and Light division cannot be combined.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Bouedo for his summary and gave the floor to Mr. Pouladgar.



Mr. Pouladgar pointed out that the reason for the ranking system was to decrease the player's chance of a good draw and have the players advance according to their technical abilities. The ranking system would also help bring participants to all WTF events in the four years between the Olympics. Mr. Pouladgar moved on to state that in his opinion the ranking points should be given to the MNA and not to the players, which Mr. Pouladgar thinks would make governments and sponsors more interested in investing money in taekwondo. Mr. Pouladgar went on to point out the problems with athletes changing weight divisions and losing points. Mr. Pouladgar therefore suggested that points be given to the MNAs.

Secretary General Yang pointed out that it is not the basis for the Byelaw to the WTF World Ranking that is being discussed, only the proposed amendments.

Mr. Pouladgar replied that if the basis for the WTF World Ranking is not good then it should be able to be discussed again.

Mr. Dai Won Moon reminded that the WTF World Ranking has been discussed at previous meetings. To give ranking points to MNAs or players both have pros and cons, however, it has previously been decided to give ranking points to players.

Mr. Pouladgar added that in case of a player being qualified for the Olympic Games gets injured and has to be replaced, the new player will not be ranked and would have to be drawn as everyone else. This might discourage governments and sponsors from investing in the sport of taekwondo.

Mr. Bouedo reminded out that the main reason behind the WTF World Ranking was to ensure that an Olympic Champion and a World Champion would not meet in the first round at the Olympics.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Bouedo for his clarification and moved that the Council approve of the proposed amendments to the Byelaw of the WTF World Ranking.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that the amendments to the Byelaw of the WTF World Ranking had been approved.

## **6. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee Chairman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quadrennial Reform Fund Allocation**

The Chairman informed of the Ad hoc Committee that was formed at the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting held in Cairo, Egypt in November, 2009. After setting up the basic criteria and research form, the Ad hoc Committee will finalize the allocation at its meeting in Seoul, Korea to be held on July 26, 2010 on the basis of such criteria and research data collected from all of the Member National Associations. Accordingly, details of the allocation will be notified to each Member National Association and Continental Union.

The Chairman moved on to the next point on the agenda.



## **7. Selection of the host site and dates for the 6<sup>th</sup> WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in 2011**

The Chairman informed the Council that during the meeting the host of three Taekwondo Championships would be decided. First was the selection of the host for the 6<sup>th</sup> WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

Secretary General Yang announced that the Mongolian Taekwondo Federation had applied to host the Championships and that their terms and conditions were presented in the Agenda. However, representatives from the Mongolian Taekwondo Federation were unable to attend the meeting. Accordingly, this matter would have to be decided at the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting to be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on October 6, 2010.

## **8. Selection of the host site and dates for the 9<sup>th</sup> WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships in 2012**

The Chairman stated that Egypt was the only country that had applied to host the 9<sup>th</sup> WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships in 2012 and that the terms and conditions for their bid was enclosed in the Agenda. The Chairman gave the floor to Gen. Ahmed Fouly, WTF Vice President, for a presentation on the Egyptian bid.

Gen. Fouly started his presentation by asking for the Council's support of the Egyptian bid to host the 9<sup>th</sup> WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships in 2012 in Sharm Ek Sheikh, Egypt in the last week of November 2012. Gen. Fouly went on to explain the buildup of the Organizing Committee for the Championships. The venue that hold five courts and has 3000 seats and 200 VIP seats would be finished in good time to host the Championships. Gen. Fouly went on to present the hospital, media center, warm up area and IR room arrangements. The city of Sharm Ek Sheikh has previously hosted several major sport events. Gen. Fouly ended his presentation by informing that this bid was supported by the Egyptian Council of Sport and the Egyptian Olympic Committee.

The Chairman thanked Gen. Fouly and opened up the floor to questions.

Since there were no questions on the Egypt bid the Chairman moved that the Council approve of Egypt's bid to host the 9<sup>th</sup> WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships in 2012.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that Sharm Ek Sheikh, Egypt had been selected to host the 9<sup>th</sup> WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships in 2012.





## **9. Selection of the host site and dates for the 2012 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships and the 3<sup>rd</sup> WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships**

The Chairman informed that Aruba Taekwondo Association has applied to host the 2012 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships and the 3<sup>rd</sup> WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships. With this the Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Jose Cornelio, President of the Aruba Taekwondo Association, for a short presentation of their bid to host the Championships.

Mr. Cornelio greeted the Council and opened his presentation by explaining that 2012 is a sport year in Aruba and that they are looking forward to hosting these Championships. Aruba is a small island in the Caribbean with four official languages Dutch, English, Spanish and the native language of Papiamentu. Mr. Cornelio went on to inform that in spite of the size of the island they have a large capacity venue that seats 1500 for the championships. Aruba has flight connections with the United States, Canada and also direct flights from several sites in Europe, such as, Netherlands, Spain and Great Britain. With this Mr. Cornelio finished his presentation on the Aruba bid.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Cornelio and opened up the floor for questions from the Council.

Mr. Issaka Ide asked Mr. Cornelio what kind of visa was necessary to get to Aruba and how to attain it.

Mr. Cornelio replied that Aruba is a part of the Netherlands, accordingly a Dutch visa would be needed and this can be obtained at any Dutch embassy in the world.

Mr. Dibos asked if a Schengen visa would apply for Aruba as well since it is a part of the Netherlands.

Mr. Cornelio replied that it was not probable, however he would look into the matter.

Mr. Tae Eun Lee asked regarding the budget for the 3<sup>rd</sup> WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships.

Mr. Cornelio replied that the final budget for the Championships is not set. However, the Championships will receive a budget from the Government.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Cornelio for the presentation and moved that the Council approve of Aruba's bid to host the 2012 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships and the 3<sup>rd</sup> WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman announced that Aruba had been selected to host the 2012 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships and the 3<sup>rd</sup> WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships.



## **11. Reports**

### **a. Progress report of the Organizing Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships**

The Chairman informed that the 5<sup>th</sup> WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on October 8-10, 2010 and went on to introducing Dr. Abbos Latipov, Secretary General of the Uzbekistan Taekwondo Association, and his delegation for a progress report on the preparations for the Championships.

Dr. Latipov started the progress report for the 5<sup>th</sup> WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships by informing the Council that Uzbekistan is ready to host the Championships. The delegation went on to give a video presentation of the preparations for the Championships.

After the presentation the Chairman thanked the Uzbekistan delegation and opened the floor for questions from the Council.

Mr. Dibos asked the delegation how to attain a visa for Uzbekistan.

Dr. Abbos replied that visas would be issued at the airport.

Mr. Dibos informed the delegation and the Council that flying from certain nations you will not allowed to get on the plane if you do not have a visa and therefore suggested that invitation letters be sent out to those who requested it.

Dr. Abbos replied that such letters would be issued to anyone who requests it.

The Chairman thanked the Uzbekistan Delegation and moved on.

## **10. New membership**

The Chairman informed the Council that the National Taekwondo Federation of Burundi had newly applied for membership to the WTF and all of the administrative procedures had been completed for the approval of the WTF Council and the General Assembly.

The Chairman moved that Burundi Taekwondo Federation be accepted as a new member of the World Taekwondo Federation.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that Burundi Taekwondo Federation had been approved by the Council as a provisional member to be approved as a full member at the next Extraordinary General Assembly to be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on October 7, 2010. In addition, the Chairman informed that New Caledonia, Namibia and Botswana are currently going through the formalities for membership to the WTF and that the Chairman's hope was that our membership would reach 200 Member National Associations.



## **11. Reports**

### **b. Presentation of the WTF Global Membership System**

The Chairman introduced Mr. Justin Tenbeth, WTF Staff member and Manager of the WTF Global Membership System, for a presentation on the operations of the Global Membership System (GMS).

Mr. Tenbeth started his presentation by informing the Council that he would like to update them on the progress of the system and the next step of going forward with the project. Since the last report in November of 2009, HangAStar has been chosen as the provider of the system and a contract was signed in February 2010. The yearly membership fee has been reduced from US\$9 to US\$5 due to several MNAs with limited resources. On April 1, 2010 an information package was sent out to all MNAs which clearly outlined the benefits of the system. On May 1, 2010, the development of the membership system began based on the feedback of the MNAs and the pilot countries that have signed up. On July 22-31, 2010 a trial version of the system will be provided for the pilot countries for their testing. August 1-15, 2010 any problems reported will be fixed. Membership cards and certificates have been designed. Mr. Tenbeth pointed out that the GMS provides quick and instant access to your members information, all that is needed is a computer with internet access. Benefits of the system will be added as the GMS grow.

Mr. Tenbeth went on to inform that there are 11 pilot countries for the GMS project and that this is a good start for the launch of the system on September 1, 2010. The GMS has been designed mainly for black belts and color belts, however, most MNAs have been pointing out the GMS as something that would be very helpful to athletes competing internationally, Mr. Tenbeth stated. Accordingly, Mr. Tenbeth recommended linking GMS with the WTF competition management system and the WTF World Ranking. Further down the line other systems like the referee management system can also be linked to the GMS.

Mr. Tenbeth recommended that to move forward, WTF should make it mandatory to be registered in GMS, as a license fee, if you are an athlete competing in WTF events from January 2011. Mr. Tenbeth went on to inform that having an athlete license fee is something that is used by other IFs. The license fee should be US\$15-20 per year. With this Mr. Tenbeth finished his presentation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Tenbeth for his presentation and opened up the floor for questions from the Council.

Mr. Michel Madar asked for a clarification if the GMS were mandatory from September 1, 2010 or not.

Mr. Tenbeth replied that the GMS were not mandatory and that the MNAs in the system starting September 1, 2010 have all volunteered to sign up.

Mr. Madar asked if the Council at the upcoming meeting in Tashkent would vote on making the system mandatory for athletes from 2011.



The Chairman confirmed that the Council would take a decision on athlete license fee and making the GMS mandatory for athletes.

Mr. Tenbeth added that GMS would differ from other athlete license fee since the athletes would actually get something back through the benefits of the system.

Mr. Madar went on to remark that the National Federation logo on the card should be made bigger.

Mr. Tenbeth thanked Mr. Madar for his feedback.

Mr. Madar asked how long it would take to receive the membership card.

Mr. Tenbeth replied that cards will be printed in bulk every three months once the system is running. However, at the start all cards should be printed and sent out in January 2011, so that all MNAs would have the cards in good time before the season starts.

Secretary General Yang informed that the benefits of the GMS is something that has taken up a lot of time for the WTF President lately since he has tried to find new possible benefits to add to the system. And there is a possibility of setting up web based shopping malls on the five different continents where members of the system can be given discounts.

Mr. Pouladgar pointed out that making GMS mandatory for top athletes is not enough for the system to grow since there are only approximately 1000 athletes at that level. Accordingly, Mr. Pouladgar suggested that the more athletes joining the GMS from one MNA the greater benefits that MNA would receive.

Mr. Tenbeth replied that once the system is up and running this will be something to consider. However, at the start the most important thing to all MNAs are the benefits for their athletes competing internationally.

The Chairman once again thanked Mr. Tenbeth and informed the Council that it is important to all MNAs to take an active part in the GMS.



## 12. Other matters

### a. Ad Hoc Committee for celebration of the WTF 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Chairman stated that since the WTF was founded in 1973, it has emerged as one of the most popularized International Olympic Sports Federations. In 2013, WTF celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> year of existence which will mark a turning point for the future. For this event, the Chairman, after discussions with WTF Vice President, Mr. Dai Soon Lee, appointed an Ad Hoc Committee for the preparations of the celebration, as follows:

Chairman	Mr. Dai Soon Lee, Vice President
Vice Chairmen	Gen. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President Mr. Kamalddin Heydarov, Vice President
Members for Europe	Mr. Metin Sahin, Council member
Members for Africa	Mr. Ide Issaka, Council member
Members for Pan Am	Mr. Anthony Ferguson, President of Trinidad & Tobago Taekwondo Association
Members for Oceania	Mr. Tae Kyung Kim, Council member
Members for Asia	Mr. Coleman Lee, Council member

The Ad-hoc Committee is tasked with setting up detailed programs for the celebrations. The Ad hoc Committee will report its findings at the next Extraordinary WTF Council meeting to be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on October 6, 2010, as the case may be.

### b. Complete revision of the WTF Rules and Regulations

The Chairman informed that the WTF is now undertaking a complete revision of the Rules & Regulations in order to make the rules clearer and easier to understand and to make sure that the WTF adopts the best practices among the International Sport Federations. The revision of the Rules & Regulations will be presented to the IOC attorneys for their feedback. The Chairman stated that the proposed revision will be submitted to the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting and General Assembly in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Corbin Min, WTF Legal Counsel, for a further explanation on the project.

Mr. Min started by introducing himself to the Council and went on to state that he is looking forward to be working on this project since it is a very rare opportunity to work on creating a charter for an International Sports Federation. Mr. Min went on to point out the most important factors of creating a charter. Mr. Min informed that the charter controls the mission of the WTF, what needs to be done and how.

Mr. Min explained that in order to assure that the WTF uses the best practices and principles the charter of all the other Olympic IFs has been studied and the best practices will be borrowed. The final result will be discussed together with the IOC attorneys to get their recommendations. However, each IF has its own history, problems and strengths and the



experts for the WTF are the Council and the MNAs. Accordingly, Mr. Min informed that he would be in contact with all Council members over the next two months to get their recommendations and feedback on how to revise the Rules. With this Mr. Min finished his presentation of the project.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Min for his presentation and went on to the next point on the agenda.

#### **c. Establishment of WTF Academy**

The WTF has remarkably expanded as an International Olympic Sport Federation to 191 member nations. Now is the right time for all of us to take any possible measures for scientific and academic enhancement, the Chairman stated.

The Chairman went on to explain that in order to achieve this vision the WTF Academy will be established to conduct International Referee Seminars, International Coaches Seminars, Taekwondo Symposiums as well as other meetings. The WTF Academy will also conduct studies for the practical use of each Taekwondo Training Center founded in Azerbaijan, Iran and China. The detailed strategy and programs of the WTF Academy will be set up to be introduced during the meetings in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

#### **d. Operation of Referee and Judge Pool System**

The Chairman informed that in order to assure fair conduct of taekwondo competitions, a Referee Pool and Judge Pool system would be put into practice. Expert referees will be included in the Referee Pool and expert judges will be included in the Judge Pool. The operation of the system will be concretely studied by the Technical Committees concerned.

#### **e. Full membership for Macao Taekwondo Association**

As prescribed in Article 4 of the Rules & Regulations, those national Taekwondo Associations whose nations have National Olympic Committees recognized by the IOC are eligible for application into the WTF, the Chairman informed. However, the Macao Taekwondo Association has been affiliated with the WTF as a provisional member since their NOC has not been duly recognized by the IOC yet. Nevertheless, Macao has actively participated in the Asian Games conducted by the Olympic Council of Asia.

Given this background and taking into special consideration the active promotion of taekwondo in Macao for the past 15 years, the Chairman moved that the Council grant Macao Taekwondo Association full membership to the WTF.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that the Council approved Macao Taekwondo Association as a full member and that the matter would be put forward for approval at the next Extraordinary General Assembly in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on October 7, 2010.



### **13. Next WTF Council meeting**

The Chairman announced that the next Extraordinary WTF Council meeting will take place on October 6, 2010 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on the occasion of the 5<sup>th</sup> World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

Before the Chairman started his closing speech, he gave the floor to Mr. Moon for a short report on the upcoming SportAccord Combat Games.

Mr. Moon informed the Council that SportAccord was formerly known as GAISF. The SportAccord Combat Games will be held August 28 – September 4, 2010 in Beijing, China. The Taekwondo competitions of the Combat Games will be held on September 2, 2010. Mr. Moon went on to point out that not all the participating sports are Olympic sports, only 4 (Taekwondo, Boxing, Judo and Wrestling) of the 13 sports are Olympic sports. The taekwondo competition of the Combat Games will consist of 64 athletes, the selection of the athletes have been based on the World Ranking and special invitations by the WTF. In addition, taekwondo demonstrations will be given during the event to differentiate the sport of taekwondo from other martial arts. With this Mr. Moon finished his report.

Mr. Zhao Lei extended an invitation to all Council members to come to Beijing to attend the SportAccord Combat Games.

### **14. Closing of the meeting**

The Chairman's closing speech:

I would like to thank you for your diligence today. The devotion to improving our sport has been amply demonstrated. Significant decisions were made and important information shared that at this meeting. But our mission to establish a strong future for the WTF and the sport of taekwondo continues.

In 2013, the International Olympic Committee will vote as to whether or not taekwondo will become one of the 25 core summer Olympic sports. Until the moment of the vote, we must make this goal the focus of all of our efforts.

As previously announced, the next Extraordinary Council Meeting and General Assembly will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on the occasion of the 5<sup>th</sup> WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships. It will be at those meetings that we will vote upon our most extensive efforts to progress our Olympic status: a complete overhaul of the WTF Rules and Regulations.

The purpose of this is to be sure that the practices and aims of our sport are in line with the IOC Charter and other International Sport Federations. The preliminary stage of this project has been completed and we are now at the stage of drafting. Council members, as well as a number of experts will be asked to give their input from this point forward.



I request that you do this with the highest regard for the future of taekwondo. Not only do we take these steps forward to establish out sport as a core sport of the Olympics, but also to be certain that it is preserved for generations to come. Your steadfast dedication to taekwondo is appreciated and valued.

I would like to thank you once again for your precious time to come here to China. For many of you, it was a long journey. The amount of gratitude that I have for your endeavor to be here today cannot be expressed. Knowing that our council is made up of such loyal members demonstrates the great promise of what is to come for the WTF.

Thank you.