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EXTRAORDINARY WTF COUNCIL MEETING
October 6, 2010 / 10:00
Crystal Ball Room / Intercontinental Hotel
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

1. Roll Call & Meeting called to order

WTF Secretary General Jin Suk Yang reported that a total of 27 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 & Auditor:

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
Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Member
Mr. Jesus Castellanos Pueblas, Member
Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member
Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Member
Mr. Issaka Ide, Member
Mr. Tae Kyung Kim, Member
Mr. Coleman Lee, Member
Mr. Kyu Seok Lee, Member
Mr. Zhao Lei, Member
Mr. Michel Madar, 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. Dae Sung Moon, Member
Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Member
Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Member

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor



2. President's Welcoming Speech

Dr. Chungwon Choue, WTF President and Chairman of the meeting welcomed the Council members and auditor to the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting on the occasion of the 5th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships, with his opening speech, as follows:

Dearest council members,

I would like to first thank you for your cooperation in the enhancement of the sport of taekwondo. I know that it isn't always easy to sacrifice your valuable time to be in attendance to these meetings. However, your time and dedication to our taekwondo family is greatly needed and highly appreciated.

We have accomplished so much together in the past several years. Taekwondo is now included in almost every major international multi-sport games that exist. In July we saw just how successful taekwondo can be when it was included in the first ever Youth Olympic Games in Singapore. Many IOC Members, including President Jacques Rogge, expressed how impressed they were with the taekwondo competitions.

These successes are the reasons that we must set our goals to the continuation of our accomplishments. From now on we must be focused on the upcoming 2013 decision whether to keep taekwondo in the Olympic program for 2020 and beyond. For this the WTF is taking the necessary steps to maintain our status.

Additionally, the International Paralympics Committee will take taekwondo under consideration in December of this year for the 2016 Paralympics.

These two last hurdles for our beloved sport must be at the forefront of our focus. The quest for taekwondo to truly be a sport-for-all is upon us. Please do your utmost to achieve this.

One of the biggest undertakings so far was to completely overhaul the rules and regulations of the WTF to be in line with that of the IOC and other IFs that are included in the Olympics. This process is now complete and we are ready to bring it to you the council for your consideration and passage.

For 2010, our motto has been "We are the one." Never has it been more important to stand together as one taekwondo family to ensure our existence in the Olympics. Together, we can demonstrate the IOC, the world of sport, and to the entire globe that we are the one; the one worthy of the Olympics.

Thank you.



3. Approval of the Minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting held in Urumqi, China on July 19, 2010

The Chairman moved that the Minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting held in Urumqi, China on July 19, 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.

5. Proposal for amendment to the WTF Competition Rules

The Chairman explained the progress that taekwondo has made since the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games by introducing the protector and scoring system (PSS), the world ranking system and the instant video replay system. In order to move forward the competition rules needs to be amended to meet the global standard as an Olympic sport, the Chairman stated.

The Chairman went on to introduce Mr. Chakir Chelbat, WTF Referee Chairman for a further explanation on the amendments.

Mr. Chelbat explained that most of the amendments to the competition rules had already been tested during the WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships held in Urumqi, China July 17-20, 2010 as well as the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore August 15-19 and the Combat Games in Beijing on September 2, 2010. Mr. Chelbat went on to inform the Council that the amendments mainly focus on the grey areas of the competition rules in order to make them clearer and more transparent. The council members have previously been informed of the suggested amendments and the biggest concern raised by the members have been considering head-kicks. Mr. Chelbat explained that a valid technique to the head would give three (3) points and a valid turning-kick would give four (4) points. In addition, a referee has to declare a winner if there is a twelve (12) point gap. With this Mr. Chelbat finished his presentation and the Chairman opened up the floor for questions.

Mr. Ji Ho Choi asked if coaches should be able to request a video review even if three judges had pushed for points for a head-kick for the opponent.

Mr. Chelbat answered that coaches are allowed to request a video review of any decision within five (5) seconds due to the human factor. Further, Mr. Chelbat informed that the international referees are currently being trained so that the WTF can guarantee the best referees, judges and review jury for the Olympic Games.

Mr. Zhao Lei suggested to Mr. Chelbat that guidelines need to be set for video replay juries separately from the WTF Competition Rules.

Mr. Kyu Seok Lee requested that changes and amendments to the WTF Competition Rules should pass through the technical committee before being presented to the Council to make



sure that it has been thoroughly reviewed and researched.

Mr. Ji Ho Choi moved that the proposed amendments to the WTF Competition Rules be approved as one package.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

The Chairman declared that the amendments to the WTF Competition Rules had been approved by the Council and that it would be put on the Agenda for final approval at the Extraordinary General Assembly on October 7, 2010.

6. Proposal for amendment to the Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships

The Chairman informed that the Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships were first enacted in 1993 and up to date there has been no amendments. In order to ensure that the WTF Championships will meet the global standards as an Olympic sport an overall amendment to the Rules was proposed. The proposed amendments will better describe the roles and responsibilities of the WTF and the Organizing Committee and include timelines of each activity.

The Chairman went on to introduce Mr. Philippe Bouedo, Chairman of the Technical Committee for Games, to further explain the proposed amendments to the Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships.

Mr. Bouedo explained the proposed amendments, including changes to the bidding process, a set minimum monetary contribution to the WTF, a clear timeline of activities and clear view of the responsibilities of the Organizing Committees and the WTF.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Bouedo and moved that the amendments to the Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council. The Chairman announced that the amendments to the Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships had been approved and that the Council's decision would be ratified at the Extraordinary General Assembly.

7. Proposal for amendment to the Standing Procedures for the Olympic Games

The Chairman reminded that at the last Council meeting in Urumqi, China, parts of the Standing procedures for the Olympic Games were amended and are in force. The amendment proposal for this meeting is aimed at a better interpretation of the rules in conformity with the



Competition Rules, the Chairman stated.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Jeong Kang Seo, Manager of the WTF Sports Division, for a further explanation on the amendment proposal.

Mr. Seo stated to the Council that the objective of the proposed amendments is to further clarify the articles of the Standing Procedures for the Olympic Games. The major point of the amendments is to make the qualification system, which has already been approved by the IOC, as clear as possible. The amendment proposal also clarifies the final standing of athletes. For example an athlete that did not pass weight in will have a lower final standing than an athlete eliminated in the first round. Further the amendments also effect the distribution of the four (4) wildcards. The host nation gets to chose four weight categories (2 male and 2 female), accordingly, wildcards will be given in those divisions not chosen by the host nation. With this Mr. Seo finished his presentation.

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

There were no questions on the proposed amendments from the Council.

The Chairman moved that the Council approve the amendment proposal to the Standing Procedures for the Olympic Games.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

8. Report of the 2nd Quadrennial Development Fund Allocation

The Chairman informed that the ad hoc Committee for the 2nd Quadrennial Development Fund met on July 26, 2010 in Seoul, Korea. The Chairman then gave to floor to WTF Secretary General for a brief explanation on the resolution of the meeting.

Secretary General Yang started his report by commending the ad hoc committee and its chairman, Vice President Phillip Walter Coles, for their work with the Development Fund. Secretary General Yang went onto inform that at first a tier system was discussed for allocation of the Development Fund. However, in order to secure a fair and transparent distribution of the Development Fund the committee decided upon an even distribution among the member national associations with an increase in funds from previous quadrennial.

The Chairman thanked Secretary General Yang for his report and moved on to the next point on the agenda.

9. Agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly

The Chairman explained that most of the major items included on the agenda for the Extraordinary General Assembly to be held the following day had already been discussed on today's agenda.



The Chairman moved that the Council approve of the Agenda for the Extraordinary General Assembly to be held on October 7, 2010.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that the Agenda for the Extraordinary General Assembly was approved.

10. Selection of the host site and dates for the 6th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships

The Chairman reminded the Council that this matter should have been decided upon on the previous Extraordinary WTF Council meeting held in Urumqi, China. However, the representatives from Mongolia, whom applied to host the championships, did not show up at that time. The Chairman went on to explain that once again the representatives from Mongolia had not shown up. Accordingly, the Chairman opened up the floor for suggestions on applicants to host the 6th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

Mr. Anatoly Terekhov stated that Russia would be willing to host the 6th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in Vladivostok, Russia.

The Council approved of Russia hosting the 6th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in Vladivostok, Russia.

Mr. Terekhov thanked the Council for the opportunity for Russia to arrange the championships and ensured that the championships would be organized on the highest level and welcomed everyone to Vladivostok in 2011.

The Chairman declared that the Council unanimously approved of Russia as the host for the 6th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

11. Selection of the host sites and dates for the Continental Qualification Tournaments for the London 2012 Olympic Games

The Chairman informed that the World Qualification for the 2012 London Olympic Games was scheduled in Baku, Azerbaijan in July of 2011 where 12 male and 12 female athletes in 4 male and 4 female weight divisions will be selected.

The remaining 48 male and 48 female will be selected through Continental Olympic Qualification Tournaments.

The Chairman gave to floor to Secretary General Yang to conduct the selection of the host sites for the WTF Continental Olympic Qualification Tournaments.



11-1. African Qualification Tournament

Secretary General Yang informed that there were three member national associations bidding to the African Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games, Egypt, Morocco and Senegal. Since the host application was made Senegal has withdrawn their application. Morocco is still bidding for the qualification tournament. However, they have not been able to send a delegation to present their bid.

Secretary General Yang introduced Mr. Hussam Morsy for a presentation on the Egyptian bid.

Mr. Morsy delivered the Egyptian bid to host the African Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games. Egypt has the support of the Government, the NOC and the Sport Organization.

Secretary General Yang asked for a clarification on the bidding conditions.

Mr. Morsy replied that US\$50.000 will be provided to the WTF along with any meetings deemed necessary and that accommodation would be provided for some countries in need.

Secretary General Yang thanked Mr. Morsy for his bid presentation.

Secretary General Yang went on to present the letter received from Morocco regarding their bid to host the qualification tournament. Morocco is willing to offer US\$65.000 as contribution to the WTF and accommodation for 10 countries in need.

Secretary General Yang proceeded to inform the Council that the decision was in their hands.

Seyed Mohammad Pouladgar stated his view that MNAs bidding for an event should at least show up to present their bid to the Council and if not their bid would not be considered.

Egypt's bid was unanimously approved by the Council.

11-2. European Qualification Tournament

For the European Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games two MNAs had applied to host, Germany and Russia.

Secretary General Yang introduced Mr. Heinz Gruber, President of the German Taekwondo Federation for a presentation of the German bid.

The German bid was presented to the Council.

After the presentation Secretary General Yang thanked the German delegation and summarized Germany's bid, US\$100.000 to the WTF and free accommodation of room and board for all WTF Council members.



Secretary General Yang went on to introduce Mr. Anatoly Terekhov, WTF Council member and President of the Russian Taekwondo Union for a presentation of Russian bid.

Mr. Terekhov presented the Russian bid to host the European Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games. Mr. Terekhov assured that the qualifications would be held at the highest level. An additional US\$25,000 was added to Russia's bid to be used for assuring that countries in need could attend the qualifications.

Secretary General Yang thanked Mr. Terekhov for the presentation and asked that the Council would take a ballot vote to determine the host of the European Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games.

The ballots were distributed, collected and counted by Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, WTF Auditor.

The Chairman received the results of the vote and announced that Russia had won the bid to host the European Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games by seventeen (17) votes to ten (10).

11-3 Pan American Qualification Tournament

Secretary General Yang informed that there were two MNAs bidding to host the Pan American Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games, Mexico and USA.

Secretary General Yang went on to give the floor to Mr. David Askinas of CEO of USA Taekwondo Inc.

Mr. Askinas announced the withdrawal of USA's bid to host the Pan American Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games. Mr. Askinas explained that this decision was based on the fact that currently Mexico was the MNA best fitted to promote the sport of taekwondo in the Americas.

Secretary General Yang and the Council commended Mr. Askinas for putting what is best for the development of taekwondo first.

Secretary General Yang went on to introduce Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado, President of the Mexican Taekwondo Federation, for a presentation of the Mexican bid to host the Qualification Tournament.

Mr. Lopez Delgado presented Mexico's bid to host the Qualification Tournament. Mr. Lopez Delgado also informed that their bid had been upgraded to US\$80,000 in monetary contribution to the WTF. In addition, airfare for WTF and PATU officials will be covered by the Organizing Committee along with room and board for 80 athletes and 20 coaches.

The Council unanimously approved Mexico's bid to host the Pan American Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games.



11-4 Asian Qualification Tournament

Secretary General Yang explained that the selection of a host country for the Asian Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games had been handled by the Asian Taekwondo Union at their General Assembly. The selection was prior to the WTF's notice of the changed bidding process. China and Thailand bid to host the continental qualification and Thailand was awarded the tournament by the ATU.

Secretary General Yang gave the floor to Mr. Zhao Lei, WTF Council member from China.

Mr. Zhao Lei started by congratulating Thailand for earning the right to host the Qualification Tournament and went on to state that the Chinese Taekwondo Association will fully abide by the decision made by the ATU and the WTF on this matter.

Secretary General Yang introduced Mr. Dai Soon Lee, WTF Vice President and President of the Asian Taekwondo Union, to further explain the selection.

Mr. Dai Soon Lee informed that Thailand's bid for the tournament included US\$50,000 in monetary contribution to the WTF along with free room and board for all participants.

Secretary General Yang went on to introduce Mr. Lert Nitheranont, Secretary General of Taekwondo Association of Thailand, for a brief presentation.

Mr. Nitheranont started by thanking everyone for their support in Thailand to host the Qualification Tournament and went on to inform that the tournament will be held in Bangkok and the Taekwondo Association of Thailand will cover all costs of accommodation of room and board for the participants. Mr. Nitheranont ensured that the tournament would be held on the highest level in strict compliance with the WTF standards.

Secretary General Yang thanked Mr. Nitheranont for the presentation.

11-5 Oceania Qualification Tournament

Secretary General Yang introduced Mr. John Kotsifas, Secretary General of the Oceania Taekwondo Union for an explanation of the situation regarding the Qualification Tournament for Oceania.

Mr. Kotsifas explained that in the Oceania region the biggest countries are Australia and New Zealand, either one could easily host the qualification tournament. However, this creates great expenses for the smaller countries. Accordingly, to ensure that all member national associations has the opportunity to attend the qualification tournament, Mr. Kotsifas suggested that the Qualification Tournament be held after the taekwondo competitions of the Pacific Games in New Caledonia in 2011. Mr. Kotsifas recommended that the Council approve of the Oceania Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games to be held in New Caledonia.



The Council approved of New Caledonia to host the Oceania Olympic Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games.

12. New membership

The Chairman announced that New Caledonia had applied for Associate membership to the WTF since its NOC has not been recognized by the IOC in accordance with article 4.3 of the Rules and Regulations.

The Chairman moved that the Council approve New Caledonia Taekwondo Association for associate membership to the WTF.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

The Chairman declared that New Caledonia Taekwondo Association's application for associate membership had been approved by the Council to be ratified at the next General Assembly.

13. Report on the 2nd World Youth Taekwondo Camp

The Chairman informed that the 2nd World Youth Taekwondo Camp was held in Korea from July 26 to 31, 2010 with participants from 26 countries.

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Dai Soon Lee, WTF Vice President, for a report on the 2nd World Youth Taekwondo Camp.

Mr. Dai Soon Lee reported that the camp was jointly organized by the WTF and the Taekwondo Promotion Foundation. The camp was aimed to promote the spirit and values of taekwondo as well as Olympic values, crucial to the growth of young athletes. The Camp was held in both Muju and Seoul and was attended by 272 athletes from 26 countries participated.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Dai Soon Lee for his report and moved on to the next point on the agenda.

14. Presentation of the WTF Global Membership System and WTF Mandatory International Athlete License

The Chairman introduced Mr. Justin Tenbeth, WTF Staff member in charge of the Global Membership System, for a presentation on the WTF Global Membership System and the WTF Mandatory International Athlete License.

Before Mr. Tenbeth started his presentation he introduced Mr. Hoss Rafaty, Chairman of the Expansion Committee, for a short summary of what has been done with the Global Membership System so far.



Mr. Hoss Rafaty informed that the customization of the Global Membership System had been finalized and the system will be ready to start as of January 1, 2011.

Mr. Justin Tenbeth continued the presentation on the Global Membership System by stating that there had been many obstacles to overcome in order to prepare for the launch of the system due to the large nature of the project. However, Mr. Tenbeth was very hopeful that the project would be launched in January 2011 with 3-5 pilot Member National Associations.

Mr. Tenbeth went on to explain the primary objective of the WTF Mandatory International Athlete License is not to make money, but to build a database of WTF competing athletes since WTF is one of the only Olympic IFs that does not have easily accessible data on their top competing athletes. The license would also serve to identify athletes through an individual athlete number to verify accreditation at tournaments which would allow for a much more efficient competition management. All license rules, applications and information on how the MNAs sign up their athletes will be prepared during October to December of 2010 to be sent out to all MNAs by the beginning of January 2011. The fee for the license would be US\$30 per athlete and license period, the first period being from May 1, 2011 until December 31, 2012. Registration of athletes will start in January of 2011 and the first mandatory event for the license would be the WTF World Taekwondo Championships in Korea.

Mr. Tenbeth finished his presentation by recommending the Chairman and the Council to approve the mandatory WTF International Athlete License.

The Chairman moved that the WTF Mandatory International Athlete License be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and the WTF Mandatory International Athlete License was approved by the Council.

15. Other matters

a. Taekwondo for all in Africa

The Chairman informed that a meeting themed “Taekwondo for all in Africa” is currently being organized to be held in Korea with the attendance of three (3) IOC members representing the Northern, Central and Southern parts of Africa. The aim is to put forward an effective plan for the further development of taekwondo in Africa. The findings from the meeting will be reported to the Council in due course.



b. The Peace and Sport Awards 2010

The Chairman reminded of the Peace and Sport International Forum, under the patronage of Prince Albert II of Monaco. The Chairman attended the forum in Monaco as a speaker in 2007 where the Chairman presented the World Taekwondo Peace Corps.

The Chairman went on to inform that the WTF Secretariat is currently preparing an application for the “Peace and Sport Awards 2010” in the category of “Best Peace Project”, utilizing the Taekwondo Peace Corps activities.

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The Taekwondo Peace Corps is now one of three finalist programs to receive the “Best Peace Project” prize at the Peace and Sports Forum to be held in Monaco on December 2, 2010.

c. World Taekwondo Tour

The Chairman explained that following the success of the first World Taekwondo Tour held in Mexico in 2009 it is now time to move forward with the World Taekwondo Tour project.

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Dai Won Moon, WTF Council member for a further explanation on the future plans of the World Taekwondo Tour.

Mr. Dai Won Moon stated that the main objective behind the World Taekwondo Tour was to create more interest for taekwondo worldwide by creating taekwondo stars and superstars. Mr. Moon pointed out that in order to do this a professional competition system that differs from other professional combat sports, such as K1 and MMA, needs to be created in taekwondo to provide entertainment for the whole family.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Dai Won Moon for his presentation.

4. Proposal for amendment to the WTF Rules and Regulations

The Chairman explained that the WTF Rules and Regulations need to be amended to be better worthy of an International Olympic Sport Federation. To amend the Rules and Regulations would serve as an important step to evolve further as a sport and to be included in the Olympic program of 2020, to be decided in 2013.

In consideration of this necessity, an ad hoc committee consisting of the Legislative Committee members was appointed for an overall amendment to the Rules and Regulations by adopting the best practices of the IOC Charter and other International Olympic Sports Federations.

The Chairman went on to introduce Mr. Corbin Min, WTF Legal Counsel for a more detailed explanation on the proposed amendments to the WTF Rules and Regulations.



Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Council member, asked that the Council be given a short summary of the most important points of the proposed packet of amendments to the WTF Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Min stated his presentation by reminding the Council that this matter had been discussed at the previous Council meeting in Urumqi, China. Mr. Corbin Min went on to present the amendments, the first being a name change from the WTF Rules and Regulations to WTF Statutes to distinguish the Rules and Regulations from the Competition Rules. Further the aim with the amendments was to make the Statutes more clear and user friendly. Mr. Min pointed out that although the Statutes had been arranged into chapters the vast majority of the articles remain the same. The material that had been added was usually to clarify certain articles and how the secretariat works, such as clarifications regarding elected and appointed officials and voting rights at the General Assembly. **Mr. Min pointed out that the requirement of an NOC approval for membership applications had been taken out in order to assure that WTF can choose its own members, which is in agreement with the IOC Charter. However, given the importance of the NOCs for the Olympics the WTF will still request an NOC confirmation of an organization applying for membership.** English had been decided the controlling language for both the WTF Statutes and the Competition Rules. The responsibilities of the Continental Unions had been further clarified for a smoother cooperation between the WTF and the Continental Unions. With this Mr. Min finished his presentation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Min and opened up for questions and comments from the Council.

Mr. Jo Ho Choi commended the work of putting together the WTF Statutes and asked that the articles controlling the Continental Unions be more detailed and clear to the MNAs.

Mr. Ivan Dibos congratulated Mr. Corbin Min and the ad hoc committee for the great work they had done in compiling the WTF Statutes and that this is a great step forward for the WTF and in keeping taekwondo as an Olympic sport.

The Chairman, taking into consideration the strengthening of our solidarity, moved that the Council approve the proposed amendments in a packet.

The motion was approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that the amendments to the WTF Rules and Regulations had been approved as a packet. The packet proposal would now be put on the agenda for the deliberation of the Extraordinary General Assembly.

16. Next WTF Council meeting

The Chairman announced that the next WTF Council meeting will be held on April 28, 2011 in Gyeongju, Korea on the occasion of the WTF World Taekwondo Championships to be held May 1-6, 2011.



17. Closing of the meeting

The Chairman ended the Extraordinary Council meeting in Tashkent, Uzbekistan with his closing speech, as follows:

Dear Council Members,

I would like to thank all of you again for your time here in Tashkent. I feel that we have taken great steps in improving our taekwondo family.

I would like to thank you for all of your efforts today. It is truly a happy occasion with a family can come together and work for its betterment. I feel that we have grown closer each year and our accomplishments are evidence.

Now that we have passed the new statutes that will regulate our organization, we will be able to function more efficiently. Also the world of sport will begin to look toward us to be a model IF to follow in the future.

Now we must concentrate our utmost efforts for important consideration of taekwondo's inclusion of the Paralympic Program in December this year and the 2013 selection for core sports of the Olympic program. The IOC's decision for the 2020 Olympics coincides with the 40th anniversary of the World Taekwondo Federation.

Never has the timing been more perfect for us to focus our concerted determination to achieve our goals. However, we can only accomplish these if we continue to stand side-by-side as one taekwondo family. I my heart our success has already been reached.

The future awaits us and we should be there to answer its call. After the Extraordinary General Assembly meeting tomorrow, we will hold a brainstorming session for the development of taekwondo and the WTF. Your ideas, comments, and enthusiasm will help shape the path that will lead us forward.

I would like to thank you again for all of your efforts and dedication to the WTF and the entire taekwondo family. I hope that you will enjoy your time here in Tashkent.

Thank you.