



Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting



-MEETING MINUTES-
of the extraordinary WTF Council Meeting
Mexico City, Mexico
December 7, 2015

A. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

WTF President Chungwon Choue announced that 27 Council Members and 2 Auditors were present at the meeting, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WTF Statutes.

The attending WTF Council members and Auditor were as follows:

Dr. Chungwon Choue, President

Mr. Ivan Dibos, Vice President

Mr. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President

Mr. Hoss Rafaty, Secretary General

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

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Member

Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member

Mr. Anthony Ferguson, Member

Mrs. Aicha Garad Ali, Member

Mr. Issaka Ide, Member

Mr. Kook Hyun Jung, Member

Mr. Tae Kyung Kim, Member

Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez, Member

Mr. Milan Kwee, Member

Mr. Kyu Seok Lee, Member

Mr. Michel Madar, Member

Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member

Mr. Hazem Ahmad Awwad Naimat, Member

Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member

Mr. Metin Sahin, Member

Mr. Jonathan Nnaji, Member

Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Member

Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Member

Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Member



Mr. John Kotsifas, Member
Mr. Koos Engelbrecht, Member
Mr. Hyeon Deuk Oh, Member

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor
Mr. Dalibor Krpan, Auditor

The Chairman noted Council Members who were absent with prior notice as follows:

Mr. Dai Soon Lee
Dr. Sunjae Park
Mr. Phil Coles
Mr. Kamaladdin Heydarov
Mr. Pimol Srivikorn
Ms. Carine Lahoud
Mr. Jesus Castellanos Pueblas
Mr. Arman Chilmanov,
Ms. Sarah Stevenson
Mr. Anatoly Terekhov

The Chairman introduced new WTF Council Members as below:

Ex-officio member Mr. Hyeon Deuk Oh, Vice President of Kukkiwon
Ex-officio member Mr. Koos Engelbrecht, Chairman of WTF Para-Taekwondo Governing Board
Ex-officio member Mr. John Kotsifas, new president of Oceania Taekwondo Union.

B. President's welcome speech

Dear colleagues, thank you for joining the Extraordinary Council meeting being held in conjunction with the Grand Prix Final, the World Cup Team Championships and the year-end Gala Awards.

We now only have three weeks left before the closing of this year.

As we are approaching the year-end, I would like to look back some great moments we experienced this year.

On January 31, the IPC Governing Board decided to include para-taekwondo at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games.

On April 3, I made a speech at the Turkmenistan International Sports Media Forum 2015 with



a theme of “A New Vision for Peace and Sport through Sports Peace Corps.” Since then, the role of sports for peace has been the mission of the WTF through this year.

On April 6, I was invited by the UN Secretary General Ki Moon Ban to an event called “United Action Towards Sustainable Development for all through Sport”.

On April 8, the WTF reached a record-breaking US\$10M sponsorship deal with Booyoung Group, a construction company of Korea.

On April 29, the WTF signed an agreement on broadcasting and technical services with SBS Sports which is one of the major broadcasting companies in Korea and is also in charge of producing international signals for Rio 2016 Olympic Games taekwondo.

On May 12-18, we organized the 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships in Chelyabinsk, Russia. At the opening ceremony, the WTF and ITF demonstration teams jointly performed together for the first time in history.

On June 16-19, taekwondo was staged at the inaugural European Games held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

On June 22, the WTF organized a reception celebrating the opening of our new headquarters in Seoul.

2014 Miss U.S.A. Nia Sanchez was appointed as a WTF Goodwill Ambassador on July 27. The ceremony was held at the Seoul headquarters.

On August 10, the WTF signed an MOU with the Association of Korean Medicine to prevent injuries of taekwondo athletes.

On August 14-16, we organized the 2015 World Grand Prix Series Moscow in Russia.

On August 19, IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach visited the WTF headquarters in Seoul and was awarded a 10th Dan Honorary Black Belt.

On August 23-26, the 2nd WTF World Cadet Taekwondo Championships were held in Muju, Korea.

On September 21, I was invited to deliver a speech at the United Nations Headquarters on the occasion of the UN International Day of Peace. On this occasion, I announced the launch of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation, and the WTF Demo Team carried out wonderful performances and led some interactive practice together with the young audience. The WTF Demo team also performed at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point.

On September 24, a Para-taekwondo Poomsae event for the Intellectually Disabled was held



for the first time at the INAS Games in Quito, Ecuador.

The 6th WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships and 2015 WTF World Grand Prix Series were held on September 17 and September 18-19 respectively in Samsun, Turkey.

On October 13, the WTF appointed Ms. Catharina Choi Nunes as another WTF Goodwill Ambassador. Catharina is scheduled to perform taekwondo during the Miss World Contest on December 19 in China.

On October 16-18, 2015 WTF World Grand Prix Series Manchester was held in U.K.

On October 26, the WTF jointly organized a conference with the ISC under the theme of "Sport for a Better World." UNHCR Korea Representative Dirk Hebecker and Olympafrica CEO Thierno Diack also joined as speakers. I laid out the details of our humanitarian plans during my keynote speech.

On November 27, we organized a reception for foreign ambassadors at the Seoul headquarters. The ambassadors from countries that have organized or will organize multi-sport games or WTF-promoted championships were invited.

On December 1, the THF opened its taekwondo academy at Zaatari Camp in Jordan as part of its pilot project to help refugees.

As you just saw, this year has been truly significant in the history of the WTF, and I thank you for all your support and encouragement which gave me strong motivation to move forward.

I believe that we deserve to celebrate our success of this year. But again we will not settle for the present because the world surrounding us keeps moving, keeps changing and keeps pushing us to catch up.

Next year will be another busy year with 5 continental qualification tournaments taking place for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. From April 7-10, the inaugural WTF President Cup will be held in Bonn, Germany. A referees' and coaches' joint training camp will be held in Muju, Korea, in early May. An Extraordinary Council Meeting is also scheduled to take place on this occasion. The Rio 2016 Olympic Games will be held on August 5-21. The taekwondo competition takes place from August 17-20. The 10th WTF World Poomsae Championships will be held in Lima, Peru from September 30–October 3, and the 10th WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships will be held in November. Finally, the WTF Grand Prix Final, World Cup Team Championships and Gala Awards will be held in December.

On another note, I recently attended the annual IF Forum in Lausanne where I could feel big changes taking place within international sport organizations.

IOC President Thomas Bach said that autonomy and good governance are two sides of the same coin. The autonomy of sport organizations is not guaranteed without good governance.



Recent issues related to FIFA and IAAF gave us a warning. Sport organizations are not independent from the rest of the world. We are part of the world, which is drastically changing day by day.

Now it is time to evaluate ourselves and improve before being evaluated and forced to change ourselves. Agenda 2020 is the key reference for us.

Instead of going into too much detail now, I will mention the new visions and objectives for the WTF to achieve in the year 2016 as another agenda item later today. I hope you will share a sense of urgency and importance. The Council must be in position to monitor and be updated with progress.

C. Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting held in Chelyabinsk, Russia on May 10, 2015

The Chairman motioned for the approval of the minutes of the WTF Council Meeting held on May 10, 2015 in Chelyabinsk, Russia. The minutes were included in the Agenda and Documents of this Council Meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

D. Amendment proposals

1. WTF Statutes

The Chairman introduced the Senior Director of the Legal Department, Mr. Corbin Min, to give a presentation on proposed amendments to the WTF Statutes. Mr. Min presented a summary of the amendments to the Statutes. Mr. Min explained that based on feedback received after the circulation of the proposed amendments and the Executive Meeting on the day prior the WTF Council meeting, a recommendation was made to move items related to the WTF Council structure, Committee changes and mandatory MNA articles.

Mr. Min stated that the changes on articles 6, 8 and 10, discussed in this meeting will not take effect before the next elections in 2017.

He also went through additional amendments proposed during the Executive Meeting the prior day to the Council meeting, and mentioned:

- That all MNAs are required to implement the Global Membership System in accordance with bylaws to be issued later
- MNA survey



Mr. Min explained that each MNA is required to complete the survey in order to maintain access to Development Funds and also to make sure that MNAs don't risk their membership in the WTF.

The Chairman moved that the proposed amendments, including the MNAs, GMS and MNA Survey requirements, be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council as proposed by Mr. Min. The proposed amendments will be presented to the General Assembly for final approval.

2. Poomsae Competition Rules and Interpretations

The Chairman gave the floor to WTF Director General, Mr. Jin Bang Yang, for a presentation on proposed amendments to the Rules and Interpretations on Taekwondo Poomsae Competitions. Mr. Yang presented a summary of the amendments to the Rules and Interpretations on Taekwondo Poomsae Competitions.

The Chairman moved the proposed amendments be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and the amendments were approved by the Council. The proposed amendments will be presented to the General Assembly next year for its final approval.

3. WTF Para-Taekwondo Bylaw

The Chairman explained that the amendment proposal focuses on granting more rights to athletes in reviewing the process of rules changes, and to creating a para-athletes committee. He continued, expressing his belief on these changes will illustrate the strong will of the WTF for good governance.

The Chairman moved the proposed amendments to be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

4. WTF Ranking Bylaw

The Chairman explained that the proposal was suggested in order to make the calculation of points easier and clearer, especially for para-taekwondo.

The Chairman moved the proposed amendments to be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and the amendments were approved by the Council.



E. Enactment Proposal

1. Poomsae World Ranking Bylaw

The Chairman explained that the athlete ranking system was first introduced in 2009 and has served as dynamic and efficient system to recognize the best athletes in each weight class. Following the application of a ranking system for para-taekwondo, a ranking system is also being introduced for poomsae.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Marco Ienna, from the WTF Sport Department, to give a presentation on enactment proposals to the Poomsae World Ranking Bylaw.

Mr. Ienna presented a summary of the enactment proposal for the new bylaw.

The Chairman moved that the proposed bylaw be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and enactment of the bylaw was approved by the Council.

F. Selection of Host MNAs

1. 2016 WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships

The Chairman explained that Mexico was originally selected to host the 2nd WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships in 2016 but later withdrew from the hosting due to financial reasons.

The Chairman informed the Council that there were two candidate MNAs to host the 2016 WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships: the Canada Taekwondo Association, proposing Burnaby as the host city; and the Turkish Taekwondo Federation proposing Samsun as the host city.

The Chairman gave the floor to the Secretary General to explain the host MNA selection guidelines

The Chairman went on to invite the bidding MNAs to the bid presentation. In alphabetical order, the Chairman first invited the Canada Taekwondo Association delegates to the floor while he asked Mr. Metin Sahin and Mr. Ali Sagirkaya to leave the meeting room in accordance with the host MNA selection guidelines.

Mr. Sagirkaya and Mr. Sahin announced the withdrawal of Turkish Taekwondo Federation granting the hosting of the championships to Canada Taekwondo Association, in order to support WTF Championships and the Canada Taekwondo Association.

Ms. Nancy Small, Executive Director of Tourism Burnaby, Mr. Mike Suk, Executive Director of the Korean Cultural Heritage Society of Burnaby City, and Mr. Paul McDonnell, Burnaby City Councilor and



Acting Mayor of the City of Burnaby delivered a bid presentation.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Nancy Small, Mr. Suk and Mr. McDonell for their presentation.

Mr. McDonell assured the Council that there would be no problem with visa issuances.

Since Turkish Taekwondo Federation had withdrawn its candidacy, the Chairman moved that the Council grant the Canada Taekwondo Association the right to host the 2016 WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the Council.

The Chairman declared that Burnaby, Canada was selected by the WTF Council to host the 2016 WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships.

G. WTF Roadmap 2016

The Chairman moved on to the Roadmap 2016 which had been prepared to share the importance of the next year's missions and objectives with the Council. Each vision has several objectives, and each objective will be developed into an implementation plan by the administration. Then the progress of each objective will be reported to the Council and General Assembly next year.

Before looking forward to 2016, the Chairman took a moment to reflect on the significant progress the WTF achieved within the year.

In 2015, the WTF focused on 'One Taekwondo', which means the WTF leaves no athletes behind. This effort led to several great successes, including para-taekwondo's inclusion in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games and the joint demonstration performance with the ITF at the 2015 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

In addition, the WTF laid the cornerstone of 'Sport for Development' by announcing the launch of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation at the UN International Day of Peace and also at the WTF-ISC Conference. Pilot projects are under way or will take place in Jordan and Nepal.

The WTF will build on these 2015 legacies in 2016 in line with the IOC's Agenda 2020, along with new visions and objectives.

The Chairman introduced five (5) visions and twenty (20) objectives as key references. He continued explaining that Council Members, Continental Unions and Member National Associations must do their utmost to keep pace with these visions and to produce actual outcomes. The five (5) visions are: (1) Good Governance (2) Innovate WTF Events (3) Putting Athletes at the Center of the WTF Movement (4) Development through Taekwondo and (5) Education and Engagement.

Before moving on to the first vision, the Chairman shared with the Council today's environment surrounding us.



The Chairman remarked that it is expected that sport organizations should not just abide by their own rules and practices but they must also conform to universal principles of governance, and they must expect to be monitored from the outside.

The Chairman introduced the new visions and objectives for the year 2016 as follows:

1. Good Governance

Recommendation 4, 5 and 27 of Agenda 2020 are all related to good governance. Based on the recommendations, the WTF should come up with objectives to achieve this in line with the IOC. To achieve this vision, four (4) specific objectives were outlined as follows:

- Self-evaluation and Improvement of the WTF's governance in compliance with the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement.
- Establish clear definitions and policies on revenue and distribution.
- Increase transparency in financial reporting according to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and publicize all financial reports on the WTF website.
- Set Sustainability and Legacy guidelines within all WTF events and daily operations.

2. Innovate WTF events

Recommendations 1 and 13 of Agenda 2020 contain innovative plans by the IOC for the Olympic Games and increase the role of IFs in planning and preparation for the Olympic Games.

The Chairman recalled the importance of the vision as the WTF moves forward to develop new concepts. Five objectives have been developed to achieve this vision.

- Complete review of the current WTF process on planning and management of events (including bidding, event manual, venue specifications, etc).
- Increase and optimize event coverage via TV, news and SNS through developing attractive contents.
- Take relevant measures regarding risk management at WTF events (insurance, security, preventative measures, etc).
- Maximize utilization of the Olympic Channel.
- Further participate in multi-sport games (inc. ANOC Beach Games, Commonwealth Games).



3. Put athletes at the center of the WTF movement

Recommendations 15 and 18 of Agenda 2020 deal with athletes' rights and welfare. The Chairman emphasized the necessity of ensuring that WTF events give the best experiences to participating athletes, and also ensure that WTF athletes are engaged in all WTF activities as important stakeholders. To achieve this vision, five objectives were proposed as below:

- Strengthen the Athletes Committee; actively engage athletes in decision-making processes.
- Develop an athletes' engagement strategy for WTF events.
- Inaugurate an annual WTF Athletes Forum.
- Develop an Athletes' Career Support Program.
- Set the guidelines for the protection of clean athletes against manipulation in competitions and develop educational tools for a 'fair play' campaign.

4. Development through Taekwondo

The Chairman introduced this new vision as a legacy from the year of 2015 when WTF launched the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation. He explained that this vision is also in line with the United Nation's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Three objectives are suggested to achieve this vision.

- Deploy taekwondo instructors to refugee camps worldwide, bringing the benefits of fitness, sport, self-defense, self-belief, and self-respect to those who need it most.
- Cooperate and network with competent and internationally recognized organizations and NGOs such as UNHCR, UN Women, UNICEF, etc to further contribute to human society through taekwondo.
- Maximize the WTF's CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) activities.

5. Education and Engagement

The Chairman explained that the last vision is intended to engage more and more stakeholders in WTF activities by providing more opportunities for education, training and meetings. This covers all levels of athletes, coaches, referees, grass-roots practitioners and the administration. Three specific objectives were presented to achieve this vision.

- Develop various education and training programs to cover a wide range of taekwondo officials from the elite to the grass-roots level.
- Provide proper education and training to the workforce of WTF administrations, and set key performance indicators and evaluation procedures to promote efficiency and good management.
- Fully support the WTF Committees for their members to actively engage in decision-making and in actual implementation.
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As the President of the World Taekwondo Federation and as Chairman of the Council, the Chairman moved to approve these five visions and 20 objectives as the roadmap of the WTF next year so that the global taekwondo families jointly move forward.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chairman declared that the Council unanimously approved these five visions and 20 objectives as the WTF's roadmap 2016. He expressed his hope of celebrating great achievements in one year.

Once again, the Chairman strongly encouraged the Council to share the goals with their stakeholders to ensure everybody works hard in making the organization a role model for other International Federations.

H. Progress Report

1. Recommendation from the Executive Meeting

Before moving on to the next agenda, the Chairman invited WTF Secretary General Mr. Hoss Rafaty to report on the Executive Meeting held on December 6, 2015.

Mr. Rafaty explained that the new Executive Group consists of the President, five Continental Union Presidents and himself. They would, before each Council Meeting, bring up recommendations for the President to consider for the future of taekwondo.

Mr. Rafaty reported seven recommendations from the Executive Meeting as follows:

I. Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation: Progress Report and Plan

Mr. Rafaty began his report emphasizing that the Executive Group is fully in agreement for the presented program as follows:

- Donation of 1 USD to humanitarian support and for the project from Continental Union athletes.
- Create a new website via which every Continental Union will help their MNAs support those MNAs who cannot support the THF monetarily, but with a signature.
- Support local infant's homes and orphaned children, when doing championships through local organizations, inviting them to championships, teaching them Olympism, and connecting them with local dojangs for future improvement.
- Standardizing G1 and G2 entries' section fees with some amount going to the THF.

He then emphasized the necessity of helping the Continental Unions expand the importance of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation through all MNAs.



II. IP Strategy

- WTF to take ownership of the World Taekwondo brand and trade name.
- Develop World Taekwondo brand images, marques and messaging.
- All members to use the World Taekwondo name and associated brand elements.

III. Governance Matters

- A. Full agreement to alignment with IOC Agenda 2020, especially prioritizing improving governance.
- B. Full agreement on initiatives discussed:
 - Working group to create CU-level athlete dispute resolution panels.
 - Greater CU responsibility for anti-doping results management.
 - Work to create detailed strategic plan to be announced at Rio.

IV. MNAs Survey

- Agreement to structure proposed: 3 levels (A,B,C); three ranks (1,2,3)
- Recommend that MNAs must complete surveys to maintain membership and to access development funding
- Recommend that all MNAs are required to implement GMS, in accordance with bylaws to be provided by early 2016

V. Development Program Guidelines

- Full agreement with proposals presented
- Detailed guidelines to be circulated by year-end

VI. Kukkiwon / MNAs Matters

- Recommend: WTF recognizes only Kukkiwon dan grades that are issued through WTF MNAs under supervision of CUs starting from 2016.
- Recommend a workshop be held between WTF, CUs and Kukkiwon to discuss technical matters.

VII. Other Matters

- Introduction of President's Cup.
- CUs to make every effort for inclusion of taekwondo into regional multi games.



- Development of Extreme Taekwondo.
- CU interns to work at WTF.
- Approve Transition of GMS to bring it under WTF umbrella.
- Post-Rio Taekwondo event to be held in Seoul.
- CU elections on occasion of WTF elections.
- Introduction of para-taekwondo dan certificate.
- Graduate School of Taekwondo (Muju / Online)
- Explore combined event Men-only / Women-only Championships

The Chairman made some explanations regarding the reported items. Mrs. Aicha Garad Ali, Member, strongly supported the item in the recommendations regarding the career of the athlete after his retirement; and the Chairman agreed with her comment.

Also Mr. Dalibor Krpan, Auditor mentioned the importance of the lifestyle as an athlete and after his retirement and that is really important to focus on the prevention of injuries through sport for athletes after their retirement.

The Chairman agreed with both suggestions and suggested Mr. Krpan, Auditor to discuss the matter with WTF Medical Committee and Mr. Paul Viscogliosi, Chairman of WTF Anti-Doping & Medical Committee.

A motion was made to approve the Executive Meeting recommendations. The motion was seconded and the proposals were approved by the Council.

2. Rio 2016 Olympic Games Taekwondo Competitions

A. WTF Progress Report by Mr. Mark Kaufmann, Taekwondo Sport Manager of Rio 2016 Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

Mr. Kaufmann gave a progress report on an overview of the Olympic and Paralympic Village and the Taekwondo Training and Competition Venue, explained the Taekwondo Competition progress and event schedules and test events.

He explained that an international taekwondo tournament has been scheduled as a test event in Rio de Janeiro over February 20th and 21st and elements are scheduled to be tested will be Value Operation, Competition Management, WKF and Sport Specific Volunteers, Technology and FOP and Sport Facilities.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Kaufmann for his presentation and gave the floor to Mr. Jay Lee, Director of the WTF Sport Department.



B. Mr. Lee gave a presentation with the results of the 2015 WTF Grand Prix Final and the Road to Rio for taekwondo athletes.

He began by explaining the four methods of qualification

a. Qualified through WTF Olympic Ranking:

- Maximum four (4) male and four (4) female athletes per NOC
- Maximum of one (1) athlete and top six (6) ranked athletes per weight category
- Last event to be included in previous calculations: Grand Prix Final 2015
- 25% deduction will be made on earned ranking points from GP Final 2014
- Eligible rank and time period: Ranked within top 20 between December 2015 (Published in January 2016 Olympic Ranking) and June 2016 (Published in July 2016 Olympic Ranking)

b. Qualified through Continental Qualification Tournaments:

- Maximum of two (2) male and female athletes with a maximum of one (1) athlete per weight category per NOC
- Quotas by continent (Top two athletes per weight category)

Continent	Africa	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Pan America
Quota	16	16	16	8	16
Total	72				

** Any NOC who qualifies a minimum of two (2) male and two (2) female players via the Olympic ranking will be deemed to have qualified its total quota of places and shall not be permitted to enter the Continental Qualification Tournaments. However, if an NOC has not qualified a minimum of two (2) places in male and two (2) places in female via Olympic Ranking, they shall be allowed to compete for the additional places via the Continental Qualification Tournaments.*

c. Qualified through Host Country Places:

- The Host Country NOC may qualify the maximum number of quota places through the WTF Olympic Ranking, as is the case for all other NOCs.
- The Host Country is guaranteed up to a total of four (4) quota places. If it qualifies less than four (4) quota places through WTF Olympic Ranking, as follows Two (2) in male events and two (2) in female events (with a maximum of one (1) athlete per event)

d. Qualified through Tripartite Commission Invitation Places:

- Four (4) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available to eligible NOCs at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.
- Two (2) male and female quota places will be given to the weight categories which were not chosen as Host Country places by the Host NOC.

✘ *Eligible NOCs: The list and guideline was sent to all MNAs on September 11, 2015.*



If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by confirmation of the quota place deadline, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

I. WTF Olympic Ranking

- Reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked athlete in the same weight category, based on the WTF Olympic Ranking of December 2015 (Counting up to the GP Final 2015).
- The relevant NOC should not exceed the maximum quota of four (4) men and four (4) women.

II. Continental Qualification Tournament

- Reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked athlete in the same weight division at the respective Continental Qualification Tournament.
- The relevant NOC does not exceed the quota of two (2) men and two (2) women

III. Host Country Places

- If the Host NOC has already qualified quota places through the WTF Olympic Ranking, the number of Host Country places shall be reduced accordingly; the unused Host Country places shall be reallocated through Tripartite Commission Invitation Places.

IV. Tripartite Commission Invitation Places

- If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked athlete in the same weight category based on the WTF Olympic Ranking of December 2015 (Counting up to the GP Final 2015) as long as the NOC does not exceed the quota of two (2) men and two (2) women.

After Mr. Lee's presentation the Chairman thanked his hard work and efforts and moved on to the next item on the agenda.

3. Shaping new WTF Event Planning and Management Process

The Chairman gave the floor to Chief of Staff of the WTF President Office, Mr. Jeongkang Seo, to present on this matter.

Mr. Seo explained that his presentation was intended to report the progress of the WTF's initiative to innovate current practices in event planning and management. He recalled the recommendations of the IOC regarding Agenda 2020 and compared it with the WTF's current situation in relation with events, and what steps the WTF should take from now on.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Seo for his presentation and moved on to the next progress report.



4. Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation

Given that the WTF has launched the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation Pilot Project in Zaatari camp in Jordan on December of 2015, the Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Roger Piarulli Director General of the WTF Lausanne office and Mr. Usman Dildar, present details of the project.

Mr. Piarulli began with an explanation of the context, mission and vision of the foundation, and reiterated the responsibility the WTF has to support humanity through taekwondo.

The Chairman said he had appointed Lorenz Kneubulher, a Swiss Supreme Court judge and taekwondo 3 dan, as a local board trustee member in Lausanne.

Mr. Piarulli then gave the floor to Mr. Dildar who presented operational details of the pilot project. He began explaining that the aim of THF is to help refugees around the world through taekwondo and the THF Pilot Project is a one-year program that will help the THF establish a system. He said that Jordan has been selected for the pilot project due to the mass refugee migration across the border in Syria, and discussed the situation in two refugee camps in Jordan: Zaatari and Azraq.

Mr. Dildar explained that taekwondo empowers children and keeps them engaged in something positive, giving them discipline and confidence. He presented the general action plan of the foundation as follows:

- The corporate image of the THF
- Provision of a taekwondo center
- Opening ceremony
- Recruitment of local instructors
- Taekwondo syllabus
- Equipment provision

Mr. Dildar ended his presentation explaining the further steps to take regarding the recruitment and deployment of taekwondo instructors.

The Chairman thanked the two presenters and informed them of an upcoming pilot project in Nepal on January 2016, saying that he was hoping to be able to update the Council with its outcome in the future.

5. Para-Taekwondo Activities of 2015

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Koos Engelbrecht, Chairman of the Para-Taekwondo governing board and Council member, to report activities in 2015.

Mr. Engelbrecht began by recalling that the WTF Council passed the WTF Para Taekwondo Bylaw in an e-vote on 11 June 2015. This made provision for the establishment of a Para-Taekwondo Governing Board. The WTF adopted these bylaws to provide effective international governance and



administration of taekwondo for athletes with impairments, fully integrated with the structure of WTF, thereby safeguarding the best interest of the athletes. He mentioned the seven WTF Para-Taekwondo Standing Committees, along with the 1st WTF Para-Taekwondo Governing Board Meeting Agenda.

He also shared the recommendations to the President and the Council as follows:

- The WTF Classification Committee needs to meet in early 2016 to review, update and clarify sport classes and to ensure conformity with the 2017 IPC Classification Code.
- An additional member should be added to the Para-GB to add diversity, gender equality and continental representation.
- An Ad-hoc Para-Taekwondo Women's Committee to be appointed
- Special funding for promotion of female athletes and participation in WTF recognized competitions.
- Qualification procedures for 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games to be finalized and put into action as of January 1, 2018.
- WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships to be held on a biannual basis, with the 7th WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships to be held in 2017.
- Amendment proposal to WTF Para-TKD Strategic Plan.
- Amendment proposal to WTF Para-Taekwondo Bylaw.
- Amendment proposal to WTF World Ranking Bylaw.
- Recommendations for appointment of WTF Para-Taekwondo Marketing & Media Committee.
- Approval to recommend IPC Academy Online course "IPC Introduction of Para-Sport" to WTF Members.
- Formation of a working group to develop a WTF Para-Taekwondo Education.
- Financial administration of the WTF Para-Taekwondo Department should be placed in Lausanne for more effective administration.
- At least one staff member to be hired for the WTF Para-Taekwondo Department to meet the administration demands of the rapidly expanding development of para-taekwondo.

He continued introducing para-taekwondo goals for 2016 as follow:

- 5 Continental Championships (G4/G2)
 - At least 10 PATU Countries to participate in the 2016 PATU Championships
 - At least eight AFTU Counties to participate in the 2016 AFTU Championships
- 50% increase in female participation in K40 classes
- GMS
 - 50 P20 athletes on INAS Master list and in GMS
 - 30 P30 athletes classified and in the GMS
 - 425 para-athletes with WTF Licenses
 - Athletes from 10 new countries registered for WTF License
- Classification
 - Two International Classification Seminars to be held in 2016
 - At least two panels on each continent (i.e. two Technical Classifiers and two Medical Classifiers)
 - Continuous research into classification



- Development
 - Inclusion of a competition format for one more impairment group by 2017 World Championships
- Education
 - By the end of 2016, the WTF should be able to provide members with a Para-Taekwondo Education program

The Chairman thanked Mr. Engelchbrecht for his presentation and moved on to the next item.

6. Joint Referee and Coach Training Camp for Rio 2016 Olympic Games

The Chairman recalled that a training camp was previously organized in 2012 before the London Olympic Games. He stated that the training camp would serve as a perfect opportunity to ensure all officials taking part in the upcoming Rio 2016 Olympic Games share the same information and spirit, regardless of their positions.

The Chairman said Taekwondowon had offered to organize this training camp, as it is proud of its state-of-art-facilities.

He explained that exact dates are being discussed, but it is foreseen to take place at the beginning of May 2016, where the Chairman is planning to call the last Council meeting before the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

7. Expansion of WTF License to all MNAs in 2016

The Chairman introduced Mr. Justin Tenbeth, Director of GMS, to give his presentation on the WTF GMS progress report.

Mr. Tenbeth began by mentioning that the goal is to provide a global, standardized, consistent, centralized and better quality online database with club, membership, events & tournaments management functionalities to all WTF MNAs for free in return for a nominal licence fee per member.

He continued that the proposal of the requirement for WTF membership explaining that MNAs should register their members in the global membership system with an active WTF Global Licence to be or maintain their status as a member of the WTF.

It would be required that each MNA register all their existing/paying and new MNA members in the WTF GMS with an active WTF Global Licence. He emphasized the importance of the Global Membership System and the need to support the initiative.

The mandatory use of the WTF GMS will be incorporated into the WTF Statutes by General Assembly evote which will state that the GMS must be adopted by all WTF MNAs in accordance with the relevant bylaws.



The bylaws (implementation process and procedures) will be presented for adoption by the Council in May.

Mr. Tenbeth continued his presentation explaining about the new GMS GOLD level pricing, the benefits of agreeing to going GOLD, and the transparency of the WTF GMS.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Tenbeth for his presentation and moved on to the next agenda item.

8. Juridical Committee on 2015 Activities

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Anthony Ferguson, Chairman of the WTF Juridical Committee and WTF Council member, to deliver a presentation on the progress report on the 2015 activities.

Mr. Ferguson gave an overall explanation regarding six countries that had disputes during 2015, and the different items discussed within each case.

9. Creation of New WTF Events

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Jiho Choi, PATU President, to give a presentation of a new event to be called 'President's Cup.'

Mr. Choi began explaining that the Executive Group had decided to implement his new event and that the project rationale of the event is to promote the new WTF objective: "No Athlete Left Behind" in order to try to embrace all taekwondo practitioners in all WTF events and activities and also to expand taekwondo in a global way and to develop a system to promote root development of future athletes.

He continued explaining the categories and divisions to be implemented, and the rewards and eligibility of the Cup, saying that this event would be a Wild card invitation to all respective WTF World Championships.

This championship will be held every year and it will work as a wild card to participate in WTF World Championships and Continental Union Championships as well.

A motion was proposed by Council member Mr. John Kotsifas to move that that World Taekwondo President's Cup, at a continental union level, become an event to qualify non-ranked athletes for the 2017 WTF World Championships.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chairman explained that this event is to excavate new, young and talented athletes for the future of taekwondo.



10. New Uniforms for Athletes and Referees

The Chairman announced that the WTF will organize an ad-hoc committee to investigate new uniforms and equipment improvements. A meeting will be held at the end January in Seoul next year.

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Chakir Chelbat, Chairman of the WTF Referee Committee, to brief the Council on the new uniforms for International Referees. Mr. Chelbat introduced two referees modelling the new uniforms and gave a detailed explanation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Chelbat for the explanation and moved to the next item.

11. WTF Referee Ranking

The Chairman stated that it is an important task to ensure only the best officiating referees are selected for important WTF competitions. He then gave the floor back to Mr. Chelbat.

Mr. Chelbat explained the necessity of this ranking project and the criteria of how to improve the skills of the referees and how to show the world the transparency of the international referee selection. He explained the advantages of WTF IR Ranking System as follows

- Transparency
- Public database on web site
- Fair selection
- Use of best ranked referees at major events
- Specific ranking lists:
 - World ranking
 - Continental unions ranking
 - MNA ranking
 - Individual ranking
- Pre-selection for Olympic camps from world ranked referees
- Detailed monthly ranking list for all active WTF IRs
- Referee statistics
- Strengthens the stability of the referee structure system

The Chairman thanked Mr. Chelbat for doing a wonderful job and expressed his will to apply the ranking from 2016.

I. Other Matters

1. WTF Guidelines on Mandatory Use of WTF–Recognized Products

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Corbin Min to give a presentation regarding the WTF guidelines on the mandatory use of WTF uniforms and equipment.



Mr. Min emphasized that all MNAs must be informed of WTF-recognized products; the full list is available online, and is required for WTF competitions. He added that all continental unions should ensure that only WTF-recognized uniforms and equipment can be used at CU-level championships. This guideline applies in all WTF-promoted and sanctioned events.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Corbin for his presentation, saying that compliance with the guideline is a minimum protection for the WTF. Without respecting the WTF's recognized companies, there will be no future for the taekwondo industry.

2. WTF Sustainable Development Goals and the Role of the WTF

The Chairman explained that sport is now considered one of the most effective tools to bring happiness to human society. The United Nations, together with the IOC, has developed goals to achieve this. He then gave the floor to WTF Council member Mr. Michel Madar, who has studied the initiatives to match them with the activities of the WTF.

Mr. Madar introduced to the Council the sustainable development goals of the IOC and compared them with the actual, ongoing activities of the WTF.

He explained that his proposal for the WTF was to show and promote the idea that taekwondo is in perfect synchronization with these principles and objectives, and to propose new actions to be even more aligned with these principles and objectives. He said it is important to study ways to make the IOC aware of WTF activities in this area, and so secure cooperation on these subjects that are so crucial for all, suggesting the establishment of a forum or committee.

The Chairman then moved on to the next agenda item.

3. Kukkiwon MNA Matters

The Chairman said that the WTF and Kukkiwon should work together so that Kukkiwon dan certificates go through WTF MNAs and Continental Unions.

The Chairman called for a special meeting the next day to discuss Kukkiwon-related matters between WTF Continental Union Presidents and the Kukkiwon prior to an official meeting in January. The main target is to develop and spread taekwondo all around the world.

4. WTF Regional Training Centers

The Chairman announced that next year clear guidelines will be set for more effective management of WTF Regional Training Centers. Then he gave the floor to Mr. Jinbang Yang, WTF Director General, to give a presentation regarding more appropriate use of the WTF Regional Centers.



Mr. Yang introduced the WTF regional training centers across the world and explained that the WTF Education Department and Sport Department are willing to activate training centers and educational projects are being planned – such as training camps, seminars and workshops.

The Chairman recalled the MOU signed with the ITF in 2014 on an open-door policy where either organization's athletes can participate in each other's competitions. But due to the different competition rules and regulations, special education is needed. He explained that since already exists an ITF-initiated taekwondo training center in Croatia, and the WTF is planning to introduce WTF competition rules and regulations to ITF athletes through the ITF training center. He expects all projects to be finalized by the end of January.

J. Next Council Meeting

The Chairman announced that an Extraordinary Council Meeting is to be held in Muju, Korea on May 5, 2016 in conjunction with the 2016 Coach and International Referee Seminar. This will be the last WTF Council Meeting before the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

K. Closing of the Meeting

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman appointed Mr. John Walker, Chairman of the WTF Marketing Committee and CEO of Macquarie Korea, as the new WTF Treasurer.

The Chairman declared the WTF Council Meeting closed and thanked the Council for their attendance. He wished all Council Members a joyful stay in Mexico City and wished them a wonderful Gala Dinner.

