



Minutes

87th World Taekwondo Council Meeting

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1. Establish Quorum, Conflicts Check, Call Meeting to Order

1. The meeting was called to order by the **CHAIR** of the meeting. The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Jeongkang Seo**, Secretary General, to announce the quorum.
2. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** announced the attendance of twenty-nine (29) Council members including the President, Secretary General and the Auditor. Among them, twenty-four (24) participated on-site and five (5) participated online. With this attendance, the meeting fulfills the requirement for a quorum, as stipulated in Article 6.10 of the WT Statutes.

4 members absent with prior notice:

Mr. Sakis Pragalos (By the request of Mr. Pragalos, Mr. Antonio Barbarino, Secretary General of European Taekwondo Union, was present as an observer)

Ms. Anna Panka

Ms. Jamie Lee Carpenter

Mr. Metin Sahin

2 members absent without prior notice:

Ms. Aicha Garad Ali

Ms. Nadin Dawani

3. He also announced that no Council members have reported an undisclosed conflict of interest related to the agenda, and none were found.

2. President Report

4. The **CHAIR** expressed his sincere gratitude to all Council members for attending the WT Council Meeting and acknowledged Vice President **Mr. Sakis Pragalos**, who could not attend due to a medical condition.
5. He emphasized that the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games were remarkable for Taekwondo. Most of the Council Members were present and experienced the extraordinary atmosphere, created by top-tier athletes, spectators, and the venue. He noted it was a historic occasion, marking the 30th anniversary of Taekwondo as an Olympic sport, celebrating a homecoming from Paris 1994 to Paris 2024. The CHAIR then requested playing the video commemorating 30 years of Olympic Taekwondo.

**Video played*

6. The CHAIR expressed appreciation to the Paris Olympic Organizing Committee and technical officials for their outstanding efforts. He also congratulated the medalists, highlighting the 23 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) that secured 32 Olympic medals and the 23 National Paralympic Committees (NPCs), along with the Neutral Paralympic Athlete (NPA), that won 39



medals. Special recognition was given to Zakia Khudadadi for her historic bronze medal—the first for the Paralympic Refugee Team, making Taekwondo proud

7. To revisit the memorable moments from Paris, he requested playing the video of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

**Video played*

8. The **CHAIR** remarked that the global appeal of Taekwondo was underscored by the diversity of countries represented in the medal distribution at both the Olympic and Paralympic Games. He also mentioned the medals of the WT Junior Championships, which was inaugurated in 1996 in Barcelona, were won by 71 Member National Associations (MNAs). He added that many junior medalists have progressed to win World and Olympic medals, including several from Paris 2024
9. Reflecting on his 20-year presidency, he noted that WT has grown from 176 to 213+1 MNAs. He recalled his first Extraordinary Council meeting on October 4th 2004, where 25 members helped lay the foundation for Taekwondo's current success. One of the first item that was discussed at the first meeting was the creation of a Reform Committee and major rule changes for the survival of Taekwondo in the Olympic Program. Although many achievements were made, one of the few goals that had not been realized was the establishment of a WT headquarters. However, this was finally accomplished last year here in Chuncheon, Republic of Korea.
10. He emphasized that through these reforms, Taekwondo has become a model International Federation (IF), praised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and other institutions.
11. He proudly highlighted key achievements during the Golden Jubilee last year, including the unveiling of a Taekwondo statue at the Olympic Museum and the receipt of the Olympic Cup for humanitarian efforts. WT was also recognized by Peace and Sport and the International University Sports Federation (FISU) for its achievements, and Taekwondo was celebrated as a model of sustainability and gender equality during the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.
12. The **CHAIR** noted that WT is now at a pivotal moment with proposed amendments to its statutes, aimed at making World Taekwondo more sustainable and democratic. These changes have been discussed not only within the Taekwondo family but also with A1-ranked Olympic IFs, which have highly praised these reforms.
13. He stressed that the proposed amendments reflect his commitment to driving change, rather than merely reacting to it. He has relinquished some of the President's powers to make the Council more democratic and efficient. Although change can be challenging, it is essential for strong, united organization.
14. The **CHAIR** then announced his intention to seek a final term as President in the next year's election in Wuxi, following the rule he himself introduced. In his final term, he plans to advance key initiatives, including the introduction of mixed team events at the LA 2028 Olympics, expanding Paralympic medal events, establishing Taekwondo in the Olympic E-sports Games, integrating it into the Commonwealth Games, and further increasing the sport's marketability

and inclusivity

15. He reiterated that establishing a permanent home for WT remains a priority. The Mayor of Chuncheon will present plans for the WT headquarters later in the evening, and the CHAIR expressed his hope for the Council's continued support and unity moving forward.
16. In closing, the CHAIR emphasized that "Harmony Brings Glory," stressing that greater success for WT can only be achieved through collective unity and harmony
17. He concluded his report and move on to the next agenda item.

3. Approval

A. *Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on May 12, 2024 in Muju, Korea.*

18. **The CHAIR** requested the Council to approve the minutes, noting that the minutes had been distributed for review and no requests for amendments were made.
19. The motion was seconded by the **Council**, indicating the official approval of the minutes.
 - **Decision: Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on May 12, 2024 in Muju, Korea are approved by the Council.**

B. *Agenda of the 2024 General Assembly on September 30, 2024*

20. The **CHAIR** presented the agenda for the upcoming General Assembly, seeking the Council's approval. In the absence of objections or suggestions from the Council, he called for approval of the agenda.
21. The motion was seconded by the **Council**, indicating the official approval of the agenda.
 - **Decision: Agenda of the 2024 General Assembly on September 30, 2024 is approved by the Council.**

C. *2023-2024 Reports*

i. Operation Report

22. The **CHAIR** invited **Mr. Jeongkang Seo**, Secretary General, to present the Operation Report.
23. Mr. Seo reported that since the last General Assembly (GA) in Baku, WT had organized 3 Extraordinary Council Meetings and held 5 e-votes for decision-making. WT also launched its first-ever public recruitment process for Committee positions, receiving over 400 applications, with 38% of the positions filled by women, reflecting WT's commitment to gender equality.
24. In 2023, WT organized 21 promoted competitions and 110 recognized competitions, involving over 45,000 athletes from 157 MNAs, including refugee athletes and Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN). WT also prepared for Paris 2024 by organizing a joint training camp for Olympic athletes and a referee training camp for the Paralympic Games. WT held 92 online courses and 26 onsite courses, benefiting over 4,000 participants



25. Regarding governance, WT earned an A2 score in the ASOIF Governance Review for the third consecutive time, with its rank elevated to the 12th out of 32 IFs evaluated. WT aims to achieve an A1 score in the next governance review.
26. WT supported 35 MNAs through various development programs in 2023, allocating over USD 1 million. This funding allowed 5 refugee athletes to compete in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and 2 refugee athletes in the Paralympic Games. The Taekwondo Cares program also supported vulnerable groups across 6 countries.
27. He noted that while many other operations were conducted throughout the year, further details can be found in the Annual Report distributed in advance.
28. The **CHAIR** thanked **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** for the comprehensive report. He then requested the Council to approve the Operation Reports.
29. The motion was seconded and **Council** approved the Operation Report.
 - **Decision: Operation Report is approved by the Council and will be presented to the General Assembly for its ratification.**

ii. Finance Report

30. The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to continue reporting the Finance Report.
31. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** reported that the Financial report for the year of 2023 was submitted to the General Assembly along with the letters from the Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, **Mr. Pimol Srivikorn**, and the Auditor, **Mr. Ali Sagirkaya**.
32. He mentioned that for the Financial Year 2023, WT recorded operating revenue of USD 11 million, which marks a 1.93% decrease compared to Financial Year 2022. This decline in revenue is mainly due to challenges faced by marketing partners and event organizers, leading to postponed payments. In contrast, the operating expenses increased by 27.2% from Financial Year 2022, reaching USD 11.6 million. The rise in expenditures is largely attributed to celebrations for the 50th Founding Anniversary and continued support for development programs.
33. WT's current asset-to-liability ratio is 2.45 to 1, and with the first Olympic Games revenue installments arriving by the end of 2024, WT remains financially healthy. However, there is room for improvement in securing sponsorships and ensuring timely payments from marketing partners and MNAs.
34. For the 2024 budget, the focus is on operational efficiency. Key priorities include continued support for MNAs and Continental Unions (CUs), as well as increased funding for Paris 2024 operations, particularly for qualification tournaments. The total 2024 budget is set at USD 11.35 million
35. Mr. Seo concluded by emphasizing ongoing efforts to optimize WT's financial and operational efficiency, with the goal of securing long-term financial stability.
36. The **CHAIR** thanked **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** and asked the Council to approve the Finance



Reports.

37. The **Council members** approved the Finance Report.

- **Decision: Finance Report is approved by the Council.**

D. Rule Changes

i. Amendment

a. WT Statutes

38. The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Corbin Min**, Legal Counsel, to present the proposed amendment to the WT Statutes.
39. **Mr. Corbin Min** presented that earlier this year, WT began reviewing its Statutes to explore potential improvements focusing on how to build a stronger foundation for long-term stability and growth. To do this, WT formed a governance improvement task force that engaged with various other Olympic International Federations (IFs), which generously provided valuable insights through candid discussions.
40. From these conversations, WT found that some of the challenges faced were similar to those faced by other IFs. Based on this, WT created a package of changes designed to strengthen WT's structure and practices with the federation's long-term health in mind. The goal with these changes is to achieve three main outcomes.
41. The first goal is to have a more sustainable and efficient Council. Sustainability will be measured by both input and output. While WT plans to streamline the size of the Council, WT will increase its output by introducing more specific job descriptions and clearer, measurable requirements for Council members.
42. The second goal is to encourage more active members. Currently, WT has level I and II categories. But a few Level II MNAs are nearly inactive, while other Level II MNAs are active but do not have the resources to reach Level I states. WT will create more pathways for the more active Level II MNAs to become voting members (Level I) members. This will be achieved by expanding the list of qualifying events for level I membership to include Continental multi-sport games such as the Asian Games, Pan American Games, and All Africa Games. Meanwhile, WT will create a Level III category in which to place nonperforming MNAs, and seek organizations that can more actively develop Taekwondo in those territories.
43. The third goal focuses on improving the autonomy of Continental Unions (CUs). WT plans to enhance their ability to hold elections, as requested by the CUs, and will remove the requirement for WT Council members to be ex-officio members of CUs, instead designating them as observers. This change addresses concerns about sustainability and quorum issues. However, WT will also increase reporting obligations for CUs to ensure proper coordination with WT. WT learned from the issues in the past leadership of the Pan Am region that proper follow-up on reporting obligations is crucial, especially in terms of accountability for the funding received from the International Olympic Committee.



44. Also, the total number of Council members will be reduced from 37 to 25. This reduction includes three fewer Vice Presidents, decreasing from eight to five. CU Presidents will no longer be ex-officio WT Vice President. However, WT will introduce a system for the direct election of three Vice Presidents by the General Assembly.
45. Additionally, the number of ordinary Council members will be reduced by eight, with five of these reductions coming from appointed members and three from elected members. This adjustment will continue to provide for a minimum representation of Council members across continents.
46. The Auditor position will be retained, but it will no longer be counted toward the Council member total. This will help ease quorum requirements and grant the Auditor more independence in overseeing Council operations.
47. Furthermore, WT will remove the term limit requirement that previously mandated a break after serving three consecutive terms. This change will allow a Council member to serve three consecutive terms and then be elected to other roles without a mandatory break. WT will also reduce the number of appointed voting members. In particular, the Secretary General and Treasurer will retain their Council roles but will no longer have voting rights, as their positions are more operational rather than directorial.
48. Finally, WT is adjusting the candidate nomination process. Previously, candidates for WT positions had to be MNA executive board members. WT will remove this requirement and instead implement an election committee screening process, as successfully tested in the last election. This committee will ensure that candidates meet the necessary qualifications for WT positions.
49. He concluded his presentation.
50. The **CHAIR** opened the floor for any questions or comments.
51. **Mr. Pimol Srivikorn**, Treasurer, asked if the ratio or size of Council restructuring had been compared with other IFs of similar size.
52. **Mr. Corbin Min** mentioned that WT did compare, and while there is no definitive "right or wrong," WT had extensive discussions with external governance advisors. Different IFs have varying membership bases, histories, and activities. One leader from the A1 scored IF with a large Council expressed strong desire to make similar changes but is hindered by internal dynamics. Every member of the Governance Advisory Group agreed that this is the right direction for IFs moving forward.
53. There are two key considerations: First, after the pandemic delayed the Tokyo Olympic Games, many IFs had to seek advances from the IOC because they had insufficient financial reserves. The IOC now emphasizes the need for IFs to be financially self-sufficient to survive potential disruptions. Second, hosting large meetings can be a financial burden on organizing committees. Thus, WT has been exploring ways to streamline operations and reduce costs for both WT and organizing committees.
54. **Mr. Pimol Srivikorn** concerned, that as WT continues to grow, WT has fewer people to handle the increasing workload, and since WT is not facing financial difficulties, there may be no need to downsize. Lastly, while the number of appointed Council members has been



reduced, there may be situations where WT President may need to appoint specific individuals for tasks that elected members may not be suited due to a lack of relevant expertise.

55. The **CHAIR** stressed that WT has 17 committees, and there are rooms to improve to better function. He wished to create more active and dynamic committees to better serve the future of WT. WT has also established an evaluation committee to assess the size and structure for the future, involving other IFs, as well as their Secretaries General, Presidents, and legal experts.
56. **Ms. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo** expressed her support for the plan of having a smaller, yet more dynamic and engaged group, emphasizing that a more focused team could lead to greater effectiveness and productivity within the organization.
57. **Mr. John Kotsifas** raised concerns about rushing the organizational reform aimed at achieving ASOIF A1 status by 2026. He emphasized that some other A1 IFs have large Councils but effective management structures, often including continental union Vice Presidents. He stated that he did not support the proposal to remove the CU Presidents from the Council as ex-officio members and as Vice Presidents of WT, highlighting the importance of regional representation and advocacy, which they oppose. He also noted the need to meet ASOIF's gender balance requirements for Council composition, pointing out that the current proposal does not meet the one-third female representation needed for A1 status. He proposed retaining continental Presidents as ex-officio members on the Council and supported delaying the decision to allow for thorough consideration.
58. **Mr. Corbin Min** clarified that the organizational changes are not specifically tied to the ASOIF governance survey but are correlated with areas of improvement such as integrity and control mechanisms. He emphasized that while CU Presidents represent regional voices, all Council members should represent the interests of all MNAs. The changes are timed to coincide with next year's elections, as the **CHAIR** aims to create a stable foundation for WT in his final term. The governance advisory group also supports the timing of these reforms.
59. **Mr. Pimol Srivikorn** questioned whether there is a need to rush the decision. He proposed forming a small committee to review the proposal before making a final decision.
60. **Mr. Inseon Kim** agreed to Mr. Srivikorn to have more time before proceeding.
61. **Mr. Jinbang Yang** stressed that implementing changes based on specific directions always comes with both advantages and challenges, as well as certain objectives. Given that the next General Assembly, which will include elections, is approaching, now is the optimal time to proceed.
62. **Ms. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo** emphasized that everyone has the opportunity to contribute to the success of WT, even with the reduction in the number of Vice Presidents. The focus should be on how each individual can actively support WT during this critical time. She stressed the importance of adapting to modern times.
63. **Mr. John Kotsifas** proposed forming a small committee of Council members with various experience in order to explore better options.



64. The **CHAIR** acknowledged on the importance of the CUs and noted that while the new election procedures change the Council structure, meetings between CUs and WT should continue taking place on a regular basis, allowing for better communication and the opportunity to address any concerns of CUs.
 65. He emphasized the importance of current initiatives, particularly Virtual Taekwondo, as the IOC has planned the Olympic E-sports games for 2025 in Saudi Arabia. Additionally, Para Taekwondo is growing in significance. He also highlighted the importance of the Diamond Games. He proposed restructuring the existing Committees to create more productive working to meet regularly to drive progress.
 66. **Mr. Juan Manuel Delgado** supported the proposed changes, adding that Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU) has worked diligently to rebuild itself since 2021, which further motivates them to pursue deeper modifications. He encouraged that CU Presidents collaborate to work towards the improvement of Taekwondo together.
 67. **Mr. Jay Warwick** who was involved as a member of WT Governance Advisory Group, added that from the Advisory Group meeting with some experts from other IFs, all supported WT's proposed changes, and stressed it would benefit WT's future work and serve as a model for other IFs.
 68. The **CHAIR**, noting no further comments, asked the Council members if they were ready to proceed with approving the proposed amendment to the WT Statutes. He emphasized that, unless there were any objections, the amendment would be considered approved.
 69. There was no further objection and the CHIAR requested the Council to approve the proposed amendment to Statutes. It was seconded and approved by the Council.
 70. The **CHAIR** acknowledged that there is never an ideal time for change, particularly when things are running smoothly. He expressed his gratitude to all Council members for their willingness to embrace these necessary changes, as WT strives to become a more sustainable and respected IF.
- **Decision: The amendment proposal to the WT Statutes is approved by the Council and will be presented to the General Assembly for its ratification.**

b. Competition Rules & Interpretation

c. Poomsae Competition Rules & Interpretation

d. Poomsae Ranking Bylaw

e. Ranking Bylaw

f. Event Operations Rules

g. World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Competition Rules

h. Regulations on the Administration of the WT Educators

i. Virtual Taekwondo Rules and Regulations



j. Member National Association Ranking Bylaw

k. Disciplinary Actions and Appeals Code

l. Integrity Code

m. Safeguarding Policy

n. GIU Terms of Reference

71. For the sake of efficiency, considering the 13 amendments from item *b* to *n*, and in the absence of any comments or questions following the prior distribution for review, the **CHAIR** requested to Council to approve the amendments.

72. The **Council members** approved.

- ***Decision: The amendment proposals from b to n are approved by the Council.***

ii. Enactment

a. World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking Bylaw

73. The **CHAIR** stressed that the Paralympic Games in Paris 2024 were highly successful, providing WT with the momentum to engage in discussions with the International Paralympic Committee regarding the inclusion of additional medal events. One such event is Para Taekwondo Poomsae.

74. Accordingly, he requested to Council members to approve the enactment of World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking Bylaw as there were no comments or questions following the prior distribution for review.

75. The **Council** approved.

- ***Decision: The enactment proposal to the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking Bylaw is approved by the Council.***

E. Others

a. Policy for the Participation of AIN Athletes and Support Personnel in WT Promoted and Recognized Events

76. The **CHAIR** invited **Mr. Jay Lee**, Senior Director of Sport & Event Management Department, to explain about the policy.

77. **Mr. Jay Lee** addressed that currently AIN athletes and Support Personnel who have been declared eligible and have participated in WT promoted events are allowed to participate in WT Recognized events. However, the proposals are to allow AIN athletes and Support Personnel to participate in WT recognized events even they had no previous background check, and the Review Committee delegates European Taekwondo Union (ETU) to handle the entire process for any new AIN athletes in close collaboration with an independent



agency. The payment for background check shall be borne by the requesting MNAs (Russia/Belarus). He concluded his presentation.

78. The **CHAIR** asked Council members for any questions.
79. As there were no questions, the **CHAIR** requested the Council's approval of the policy.
80. The **Council** approved.
- **Decision: The Policy for the Participation of AIN Athletes and Support Personnel in WT Promoted and Recognized Events is approved by the Council.**

E. Others

b. Integrity Pledge for International Referees

81. The **CHAIR** invited **Mr. Corbin Min**, Legal Counsel, to explain the Integrity Pledge for International Referees.
82. **Mr. Corbin Min** explained that it was developed in consultation with a working group primarily consisting of International Referees, as well as with input from regional integrity coordinators nominated by the CUs. It was also reviewed by the Technical Committee Chairs to ensure their agreement. This process is part of a broader effort to involve key stakeholders, in this case, International Referees, in significant consultations.
83. He highlighted that the pledge includes a basic integrity commitment along with specific guidelines for referees, covering areas such as decorum, field conduct, and proper preparation. It emphasizes the responsibilities of referees once they are certified by WT, ensuring they understand and abide by the rules. The pledge aims to ensure full transparency and accountability, and it is proposed to be mandatory for all referees at WT promoted events starting next year. Additionally, it will be integrated into the certification and recertification processes.
84. The **CHAIR** asked the Council members for any questions.
85. As there were no questions, the **CHAIR** requested the Council's approval of the Integrity Pledge for International Referees.
86. The **Council** approved.
- **Decision: The Integrity Pledge for International Referees is approved by the Council.**

E. Others

c. MNA Election Report and Integrity and Compliance Pledge

87. The **CHAIR** requested **Mr. Corbin Min** to continue to present the MNA Election Report and Integrity and Compliance Pledge.
88. **Mr. Corbin Min** addressed that this is pledged was recommended by the governance



advisory group and modeled after best practices from another IFs. After elections, MNAs must submit key information, including officers, bank accounts, and legal registration numbers, with signatures from two members for authorization. The integrity pledge requires the MNA president or top official to commit to following WT's rules. This information must be submitted during the annual or biannual MNA survey, within 10 days of an election, and required when registering for WT General Assembly starting next year.

89. The **CHAIR** asked the Council members for any questions.
 90. As there were no questions, the **CHAIR** requested the Council's approval of the MNA Election Report and Integrity and Compliance Pledge.
 91. The **Council** approved.
- **Decision: The MNA Election Report and Integrity and Compliance Pledge is approved by the Council.**

4. Report

A. Reports on Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games

92. The **CHAIR** gave the floor to **Mr. Jay Lee** to present the reports on Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
93. **Mr. Jay Lee** highlighted key points from the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games. A total of 23 National Olympic Committees (NOC) won medals, the highest number in history, surpassing the 22 NOCs in the Beijing Olympics. Four countries—Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, and Hungary—won Olympic medals for the first time. Notable achievements included Panipak Wongpattanakit from Thailand and Ulugbek Rashitov from Uzbekistan becoming back-to-back Olympic Champions.
94. For the Paralympic Games, the number of medals increased from 24 to 40, awarded to 23 National Paralympic Committees (NPC), plus Neutral Paralympic Athletes (NPA) and Refugee Paralympic Team (RPT) won medals. 10 NPCs won medals, and the Medal distribution across continents included Africa, Asia, Europe, and Pan America for both events.
95. As the other parts regarding WT Grand Slam and Grand Prix will be presented in detail at the upcoming General Assembly, he concluded his reports.
96. Before moving on to the next agenda, the **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Jay Warwick** holding the Chair of Ad-Hoc Competition Rule Reform Committee to report about the Committee.
97. **Mr. Jay Warwick** presented that the Committee met to review potential rule changes for LA 2028 Olympic Games, aiming to make the competition more exciting and media-friendly. He identified 4 key pillars: simplifying competition rules (including scoring and passive play), improving the protector scoring system, enhancing the Instant Video Replay (IVR) system, and changing the scoreboard display. A survey will be conducted in October 2024 to gather input from stakeholders. The results will be analyzed in December, with a final proposal to be presented to the Council in May 2025. The new rules will be tested in selected events but will not be used in the 2025 World Championships.



98. The **CHAIR** thanked **Mr. Jay Warwick** for the informative presentation.

B. First Review of MNA Governance and Performance

99. The **CHAIR** invited **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to present the First Review of MNA Governance and Performance.

100. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** presented that Since 2000, WT has been conducting MNA Survey with aim to improve governance of MNAs and also to better understand the need and status of MNAs. As announced at the last General Assembly in Baku, the WT made extensive assessment of the MNAs to publish the first MNA Ranking based on the 2024 MNA Survey and other criteria in accordance with the MNA Ranking Bylaw.

101. He mentioned that each and every MNA will receive a hard copy of so called "Per MNA Report" which detailed breakdown of their own scores and standing at the upcoming General Assembly. Since this report is relevant to MNAs, he plans to give detailed outcomes at the upcoming General Assembly and will just highlight a couple of key points.

102. MNAs have been assessed based on the five (5) criteria outlined in the MNA Ranking Bylaw; which are governance, participation, performance, events and sustainability. Each five area has different weight in scoring. To assess the governance of each MNA, the MNA survey was conducted in May this year in four languages. Out of 213 MNAs, 185 MNAs completed the survey, in 5 principles of governance, transparency, integrity, democracy and development.

103. For the governance section which takes up 50% of total score of MNA ranking, seven (7) MNAs were found most well-governed being classified under A1 group: Finland, France, Guatemala, Italy, Spain, Sweden and United States of America in alphabetical order.

104. In order to assess participation, the records of participation of MNAs in WT promoted Championships and General Assembly were checked and only two (2) MNAs got the perfect score of 25 points: Brazil and Republic of Korea.

105. To assess performance, MNAs were evaluated based on their team standings of six major WT events, and the only MNA with a perfect score of 10 points is Republic of Korea.

106. To assess the events, the records of hosting WT promoted events were checked, and four (4) MNAs got a perfect score of 10 points: Azerbaijan, Mexico, People's Republic of China and Republic of Korea.

107. Finally, three (3) MNAs received a perfect score of sustainability which as Australia, Belgium and Costa Rica.

108. He mentioned that he will share the key findings from this process at the upcoming General Assembly with hope that this report will serve as reference to further strengthen good governance of MNAs, and top MNAs in the first MNA Ranking will be also announced. He concluded his report by thanking the Member Relations & Development Department, MRD Commission and GMS team for their incredible works and dedications.

109. The **CHAIR** thanked **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** for the thorough report.



C. GIU (Global Integrity Unit) Report

110. The **CHAIR** invited **Mr. Corbin Min** to present the GIU Report.
111. **Mr. Corbin Min** reported that GIU's current focus is to provide education, awareness, monitoring, and enforcement of WT and IOC integrity requirements at the global, continental, and national levels. The GIU's development involves 4 key stages: education and awareness, capacity building, rule harmonization, and enforcement. The regional Integrity officers are now being onboarded, with coordinators at WT and continental levels, and full implementation of the Integrity Framework, as already briefed to the Council, expected by 2026. The GIU will introduce event-related rules for safeguarding and competition manipulation, with an emphasis on creating consistent practices across all regions. Test case monitoring and enforcement has begun, including at the with the current event (2024 World Taekwondo Junior Championships).
112. The **CHAIR** thanked **Mr. Corbin Min** for the detailed report and asked for any questions.
113. As there were no questions, he moved on to the next agenda.

5. Selection of the Host Cities

- A. 2025 World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships
- B. 2026 World Taekwondo Junior Championships
- C. 2026 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships

114. The **CHAIR** stated the he had decided to defer the selection to the next meeting scheduled for May in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates, in order to ensure the selection of more reliable hosts.

6. Other Matters

115. The **CHAIR** asked the Council if there were any matters to be discussed.
116. **Mr. Kyuseok Lee** suggested that instead of focusing solely on reviewing pre-drafted proposals, Council members should be more actively involved in shaping them from the start. He proposed that the council members should be more engaged in the Committees to address issues and debate.
117. The **CHAIR** thanked **Mr. Kyuseok Lee** for his comments and reaffirmed the importance of making Committees more active, functional, and practical. He noted that during the forthcoming Committee restructuring, Council members may have increased opportunities to engage in the process and details.
118. There were no further comments.
119. The **CHAIR** announced that the term of Secretary General **Jeongkang Seo** will expire on October 6, and he has decided to reappoint him for an additional two years due to his proven skills, and leadership in managing WT's administration.
120. He invited **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to share a few remarks.



121. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** expressed his gratitude for the reappointment, recognizing the honor of serving in his role. He reaffirmed his dedication to the MNAs and Council members, reflecting on his journey from staff to his current position, and committed to maintaining open communication and continuing his best efforts moving forward.
122. The **CHAIR** expected that he will play an important role in the continued development of Taekwondo.
123. As there were no further questions, the **CHAIR** informed the Council that the inaugural Olympism and Peace Forum will be held at Kangwon National University from 14:00 to 17:00 on October 1, and encouraged the attendance of Council members.

7. Next Meeting

124. The **CHAIR** proposed that the next Council meeting be held in a hybrid format during the 2025 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates, with a tentative date of May 9, 2025. Council members will be formally notified of the confirmed date in due course.

8. Closing of Meeting

125. Following the housekeeping announcements, the **CHAIR** reminisced the challenges of leadership, recalling his 2013 statement in Puebla, Mexico about the solitude of serving as WT President. He expressed, however, that this loneliness fades in the presence of colleagues and friends, highlighting the unity and harmony within the Council—a quality often praised by other IF Presidents. He remarked that over the past decade, this bond has only strengthened, likening the Council to a family.
126. He adjourned the Council Meeting acknowledging the significance of the decisions made and thanking the members for their wisdom and unity. He reiterated his belief that "Harmony Brings Glory," and encouraged all Council members to continue working together to bring further success to WT.