



16th WT MRD Commission Meeting (via conference call)
April 6, 2022 | 15h00-16h30 (KST)

SUMMARY

Attendees: Ms. Maria Borello (Chair), Mr. Hassan Sadok (Vice Chair), Ms. Hadwah Moawad (Vice Chair), Mr. Maher Magableh (Member), Sister Linda Sim (Member), Mr. Usman Dildar (Member), Mr. Jeongkang Seo (Senior Director, MRD), Mr. Corbin Min (Legal Counsel) and Mr. Wooram Kim (Assistant Manager, MRD)

1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

- Six (6) members attended the meeting; thus, the quorum is established.

2. Approval of the Minutes

- The **Chair** asked for approval of the minutes of the previous Commission meeting held on December 3, 2021. The minutes were approved by the Commission.

3. Report

a. Maldives – New Membership

- **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** reported that Maldives Taekwondo completed the necessary affiliation process to become the 212th member of WT and that the membership of Maldives Taekwondo will be presented to the upcoming Council Meeting on April 20 for approval.

4. Discussion

a. Polynesia Taekwondo – Associate Membership

- Polynesia Taekwondo is currently a full member of WT since 1975 despite the fact that it should fall into category of “Associate Membership” under the article 8.2.2 of WT Statutes introduced in 2016. It has been brought to MRD Commission following the complaint from French Taekwondo Federation regarding the status of Polynesia Taekwondo (Corbin Min, WT Legal Counsel).

- All overseas parts of France are considered an integral part of France and they can vote for French election and have representation in the French parliament. Among other overseas territories of France such as Guadeloupe, Martinique and French Guiana, French Polynesia is the only full member of WT. CNOSF (NOC of France) is also representing France and its overseas territories. Full membership of French Polynesia is also violation of the WT Statutes article 8.2. (Hassan Sadok, President of French Taekwondo Federation).

- Polynesia Taekwondo is one of the founding members of WT and has been a member since 1975 and therefore they have vested right as a full member despite change of the related article of the WT statutes in 2006. Polynesia Taekwondo is also one of the most active members in Oceania region. Although there is no NOC in French Polynesia recognized by the IOC, Polynesia Taekwondo is a member of ONOC which is a member of IOC (John Kotsifas, President of Taekwondo Oceania).

- Conflict among Taekwondo organizations in French Polynesia is being resolved under control of Polynesia Taekwondo (Alfred Lai Koun Sing, President of Polynesia Taekwondo).



[For discussion and resolution by Commission, Mr. Sadok, Mr. Kotsifas and Mr. Sing were requested to leave the meeting room.]

- *What WT Statutes say is clear and it should be strictly enforced (Maria Borello).*
- *Rule must be respected but it would be good to consider more options to associate members who have contributions (Hadwah Moawad, Sister Linda).*
- *Polynesia Taekwondo has been most active in pacific region and is one of few voting MNA in Oceania so demoting would be unfair (Maher Magableh).*
- *Commission's role is to recommend to the Council for what is in compliance with WT Statutes (Usman Dildar)*

Recommendation of MRD Commission: “While we acknowledge the long history and contributions of French Polynesia, for the sake of clarity and good order among our members, and given that there is no right to be taken away from French Polynesia except the right to vote, we believe that the Statutes should be strictly applied based on the interpretation provided by WT, and therefore French Polynesia should be made an Associate Member. This change should also apply to Macau.”

b. MNA Rules related to participation of individual in G1 and G2

- *Mr. Corbin Min explained that there has been an issue where participation of individuals and clubs in G1/G2 open tournaments were blocked by the pertinent MNA. He also mentioned that this issue has been discussed in depth among stakeholders including Games Committee and the conclusion was that there should be no additional approval from MNA required for participation of individuals and clubs in G1/G2 open tournaments as long as they have already obtained GAL.*

MRD Commission agreed to the proposal and asked to present to the Council Meeting and inform MNAs.

5. Next Committee Meeting

- *The Chair announced that the date and time for the next meeting will be announced in due time.*

6. Closing of Meeting

- *The Chair thanked the members of the commission and WT Administration for contributions to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.*