



1st WT Member Relations & Development Commission Meeting (via conference call)
September 18, 2019 | 15h00-16h30 (local time Korea)

Summary

Attendees: Jean-Marie Ayer (Chair), Ide Issaka (Vice Chair), Sarah Stevenson (Vice Chair), Michel Madar (Member), Russell Ahn (Member), Guo Li (Member), Usman Dildar (Member), Philippe Bouedo (Observer), Jeongkang Seo (Senior Director, MRD), Corbin Min (Senior Director, Strategic Planning Office), Youngji Bae (Manager, MRD), Taeun Kim (Manager, MRD), and Sockho Lee (Assistant Manager, MRD)

1. Introduction to the Committee

- a. Functions
- b. Responsibilities
 - *Replaced by the documents previously distributed*

2. Welcome and Introduction of Members (Chair)

- *WT Secretary General welcomes the commission members and thanks for attendance.*
- *Chairman welcomes the members, and members introduce themselves.*

3. Discussion

- a. Overview of WT Member Relations and Development
 - *Chair gives a floor to SD Seo for this overview. SD Seo explains the functions and responsibilities of WT Member Relations Development and the expected role of MRD Commission under the new Statutes.*
 - *Chair remarks that the commission is expected to oversee the three committees (Development, Education and Taekwondo for All) and key issues and key activities from each committee can be shared at this commission meeting.*
- b. Outstanding Issues
 - *Associate Membership*
 - *Chair asks the background of this information to SD Seo.*
 - *SD Seo and SD Min explains that the current rule on associate membership was introduced mainly for equal opportunities to anyone in the world with access to participation in international taekwondo competitions but these days there are abuses encountered, therefore requiring solution.*
 - *Chair opens floor to the members for opinions.*
 - *Associate membership should only be allowed to the countries recognized by UN.*
 - *Geographical restriction should be applied so that associate members can only participate in the pertinent continent competitions.*
 - *Current system should be kept while some remedies back the system.*
 - *Proof of residence (a minimum 3 years) should be required before applying for GMS.*
 - *Legal aspects should be taken into account before changing the related rules.*
 - *Chair recommends that WT administration present a proposal to the commission based*



on the discussion with dispute teams.

- *MNA Membership Fee*
 - Chair asks SD Seo for background information on this issue.
 - SD Seo remarks that this issue was already discussed by Development Committee and that the purpose is to adjust the current system to allow more MNAs to have access to WT system.
 - After discussion, Chair proposes WT Administration update the progress of discussion at the next meeting.

4. Action Items

a. Projects

b. Recommendations

- Chair opens floor to members for any proposal for projects or recommendations.
- Regular training for MNA officials with subjects of safeguarding will be critical to protect athletes and officials.
- This commission should take into account the value of 'Universality' when it proposes any projects.

5. Other matters

- *Chair opens floor to members for other matters; there were none.*

6. Next Commission Meeting

- *Chair proposes a monthly conference call.*
- *Chair suggests deciding the date of the next conference call in due time.*

7. Closing of Meeting

- Chair thanks the members and WT administration for active participation in the meeting and excellent management of the works.

Appendix:

- Proposed amendment Associate membership