3rd WT Member Relations & Development Commission Meeting (via conference call)
December 2, 2019 | 16h00-17h00 (local time Korea)

Present: Jean-Marie Ayer (Chair), Michel Madar (Member), Russell Ahn (Member), Jeongkang Seo (Senior Director, MRD), Youngji Bae (Manager, MRD), Taeeun Kim (Manager, MRD), and Sockho Lee (Assistant Manager, MRD)

Excused: Ide Issaka (Vice Chair), Sarah Stevenson (Member), Usman Dildar (Member), Guo Li (Member)

Summary

1. Establish Quorum

   The Commission did not have a quorum with three (3) attendees out of seven (7) members. Commission decided that the absent members should be contacted by email after this conference call for their decisions.

   At 16:02 Chairman called the meeting to order after a short wait.

2. Approval of the Minutes of 2nd MRD Commission Meeting

   The minutes from November 12, 2019 commission meeting were approved, which has been sent via email to all commission members for their review.

3. Approval

   a. Amendment to Membership Fee Tier and List of MNAs under each category

      Chair gave a floor to SD Seo for the List of MNAs under each category prepared.

      SD Seo reported that the list was developed in cooperation with GMS team following recommendation of the MRD Commission. He explained that the List was developed based on 4 economic indicators, and the number of GMS holders in each country was added in order to determine the level of taekwondo development in each country ultimately to allocate resources efficiently in WT Development Programs.

      Chair opened floor to the members for opinions.
Membership Fee Tier and its List of MNAs under each category should be the standards only for membership fee payment not for development program operations.

Development Program should be run considering economic level of country as well as reflecting the results of this program itself.

After the discussion, the Commission made following recommendations:

(1) Commission approves the new Membership Tier and List of MNAs under each category which was developed based on economic indicators such as UN GDP Expenditure, UN GDP per Capita, World Bank GDP per Capita and GDP PPP.

(2) Commission approves that 209 MNAs will be classified into 100 MNAs (Tier I with US$700 membership fee), 39 MNAs (Tier II with US$300 membership fee) and 70 MNAs (Tier III with free membership fee)

(3) Commission approves that lower ranked MNAs will be priority target for WT Development Program but it can be adjusted following advices from Development Committee or Continental Unions.

*The revised list of MNAs based on the economic indicators was sent via email to all commission members after the meeting for their review and comment.*

*All commission members approved via email three (3) recommendations presenting to the upcoming Council meeting for approval in Moscow.*

*Council approved the recommendations from MRD Commission and decided to exempt unpaid fees for MNAs under Tier III for 3 years from 2017 to 2019 in Council meeting on December 5, 2019 in Moscow.*

4. Next Commission Meeting

The next Commission meeting will be held in January 2020 via conference call and exact date will be decided later on.

5. Closing Meeting

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