



## Minutes

of the World Taekwondo  
**29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**  
 Sol Azur Hotel, Hammamet, Tunisia  
**April 5, 2018**

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## 1. Establish quorum & Opening of the Meeting

At 10:05am, Secretary General Hoss Rafaty announces that delegates from a total of 88 member associations, 22 Council Members, and two auditors were present, including 102 out of 162 eligible voters, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 7.8 of the Statutes.

The Secretary General makes a housekeeping announcement, reminding MNA delegates that in order to receive the GA participation subsidy they should pick up the GA Participation Certificate at the end of the meeting.

The meeting is called to order by the Chair of the Meeting, Dr. Chungwon Choue (WT President).

The Chair welcomes all participants and gives special thanks to the Tunisia Taekwondo Federation, the City of Hammamet, and the government of Tunisia for their support in organizing the General Assembly meeting.

The Chair then calls for a tribute and Moment of Silence for Dr. Un-Young Kim, the founding President of World Taekwondo, who passed away on October 3, 2017 at the age of 86, who had dedicated his life to turning Taekwondo into a global and Olympic Sport, and without whom today's Taekwondo would not have been possible. A commemorative video in memory of Dr. Kim was played, followed by a moment of silence.

## 2. President's Report

The Chair thanks the assembly and then delivers the President's Report.

- This World Junior Championships is already the 4th WT promoted championships taking place in Africa in two years. The previous events were held in Morocco, Egypt and Cote d'Ivoire. Congratulations should go to Gen. Fouly for the leadership making Africa truly leading continent in taekwondo. I also thank all MNA Presidents of Africa.
- I also would like to thank two important persons. First, I would like to recognize the master Houssine Ounifi who was the first local taekwondo master and the first national assistant coach as well as the first technical advisor. He was student of a Korean master Eun Ho Hong who brought taekwondo in Tunisia in 1970s. Unfortunately, master Ounifi is not with us any more since he sadly passed away on March 2016. In recognition of his contributions to development of taekwondo in Tunisia, I would like to award a plaque of appreciation to his mother, Mrs. Mabrouka Ounifi on his behalf. [Award presented]
- Let me also invite the current President of Tunisia Taekwondo Federation, Mr. Ahmed Gaaloul. Since he took over the Presidency, he has been continuing to promote and develop taekwondo in Tunisia and is now successfully organizing World Taekwondo Junior Championships first ever in Tunisia. It is my pleasure to award a plaque of appreciation as well as MNA certificate to Mr. Gaaloul. [Award presented]
- Now, let me congratulate the newly elected or re-elected Presidents of our MNAs. Let's give a big welcome to them when their names are called.
  - Mr. August Orlovic, Taekwondo Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Mr. Yassine Moustapha, Chad Taekwondo Federation

- Mr. Jianmin Guan, Chinese Taekwondo Association
  - Mr. Amr Selim, The Egyptian Taekwondo Federation
  - Mr. CHING Men Ky, Carl, Hong Kong Taekwondo Association
  - Mr. Örn Helgason, The Icelandic Taekwondo Federation
  - Mr. Noboru Kanehara, All Japan Taekwondo Association
  - Mr. Aloune Badara Traore, Mali Taekwondo Federation
  - Mrs. Margaret Binga Elizabeth, The Nigeria Taekwondo Federation
  - Mr. Placide Bagabo, Rwanda Taekwondo Federation
  - Mr. R.M. Kanchana Jayarathna, Sri Lanka Taekwondo Federation
  - Mr. Hussam Mohammed, Sudanese Taekwondo Federation
  - Mr. Simon Peter Komakech, Uganda Taekwondo Federation
  - Mr. Stephen McNally, USA Taekwondo
- Before moving onto the agenda, let me touch on some of remarkable achievements which I would like to share with you.
  - First, successful and excellent delivery of our events since the last General Assembly in Muju:
    - First ever Grand Prix Final in Africa. Festive atmosphere were impressive in true African style. Cheick Daniel Bamba did wonderful job despite all difficulties he had before the event.
    - With Cadet, GP and GP Final all taking place in Africa, it was not a surprise when World Taekwondo Africa was awarded the prize of the Continental Union of the year at the annual Gala Awards.
    - Grand Slam was launched in Wuxi, China. This was the biggest prize money event in the history of taekwondo. International sport world and international media paid huge attention to this event. This success will be continued this year even with addition of World Cup Team Championships in July, eventually to aim at successful inclusion of mixed-team taekwondo competitions at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.
  - Second, inclusiveness
    - Collaboration with ITF has come to fruition. Historic joint taekwondo demonstration at the opening ceremony of Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympic Games was held and in return, joint demonstration was held in Pyeongyang by invitation of the government of Democratic People's Republic of Korea. As President of World Taekwondo, I am so proud that taekwondo is contributing to remarkable reconciliation of the two Koreas. You also deserve enjoying being part of taekwondo family with pride. It is my pleasure to share with you a highlight video which shows our pathway from 2014 Nanjing Protocol of Accord to historic joint demonstration in Pyeongchang

and Pyongyang.

- [Video plays]

• Third, Humanitarian Activities

- Construction of Taekwondo Academy at Azraq Camp was finally completed a couple of days ago. Thanks to donation of Huamin Charity Fund and effort of THF team as well as strong support of Jordanian governmental authorities, we are now able to provide better facility to our young refugee taekwondo practitioners. Special thanks should go to Mr. Hazem Naimat, our Council Member. The opening ceremony was well organized on 1 April. It is a legacy of World Taekwondo for the young refugees who need safe space for sports. As IOC President Bach said in the inaugural Olympic Refugee Foundation Board meeting, the initiative of refugee activities should be fully operational rather than only ceremonial. This year, we will expand our projects to other countries such as Djibouti, Ethiopia and Colombia.
- As a member of Olympic Refugee Foundation, I also attended the inaugural board meeting in December last year in Lausanne. My appointment was clear recognition of our humanitarian efforts as IF. I will try to share our experiences and knowledge with Olympic Refugee Foundation and other IFs as much I can.

- What is important now is to keep moving forward. This year will be focused on development and youth. More focus will be made to help our national federations to grow grass root level of taekwondo and enhance elite level athletes also, and identify the talented. I am putting more emphasis on development of various educational tools for easy access and efficient management. The benefits will go to athletes, coaches, referees and administrators of our MNAs.
- Education is the single most important element for development of our MNAs. That is reason why we will allocate more educational session at the General Assembly this afternoon. We are even aiming at having 2-day General Assembly with more educational session at 2019 WT World Taekwondo Championships in Manchester. Joint growth is key objective during my term of office.
- Appealing to youth is fundamental goals of all sports. Without attracting young generation, there will be no future for taekwondo. I am pleased that taekwondo is constantly growing among young generation thanks to the continued efforts of our MNAs. With this respect, it is meaningful that taekwondo will debut at the Gymnasiade for the first time. This demonstrates that taekwondo is being recognized as a sport widely practiced in young generation. The host country Morocco decided to invite 30 African countries to participate. So I encourage the MNAs from Africa to check with our council member Mr. Driss El Hilali any time in Hammamet.
- Another point I wish to briefly mention is activation of our committees. Committees are comprised of volunteers who have passion in taekwondo. I urge that the committee members are more actively engaged in WT activities with support of WT administration. We will set up conference call system for the committee members to freely use for meetings. Our office will give you more information on how to use the system. At the end, I would like all committee chairs to present annual activity report at the General Assembly next year.

Thank you again for joining the General Assembly. Now we will move on to the next agenda which is Approval of the Minutes.

### 3. Approval of the Minutes

The Chair calls attention to the Meeting Book, which was previously circulated to the General Assembly and which contains documents to be considered during the meeting.

The Chair asks the council if there are any comments on the minutes to the 28<sup>th</sup> General Assembly held on June 23, 2017, in Muju, Korea, which had been circulated previously and which also appears as Appendix I in the Meeting Book.

There are no comments.

The Chair calls for approval of the Minutes. This is seconded, and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Minutes of the June 23, 2017 28<sup>th</sup> General Assembly approved by the General Assembly.

The Chair then moves on to the next item on the agenda, the 2017 Annual Report, which includes the Operations Report, the Auditors' Report and the Financial Report.

### 4. 2017 Annual Report

#### 4(a) Operations Report

The Chair invites Secretary General Hoss Rafaty to present the Operations Report.

The Secretary General thanks the Chair, and then called the attention of the delegates to the 2017 World Taekwondo Annual Report, circulated to them previously, and which contains the Operations Report Contents, including sections on Strategic Planning, on the 2017 World Championships and other competitions including the Para Taekwondo Championships and Grand Slam, on Development activities, and on Governance.

The Chair thanks the Secretary General for his report and asks if there are any questions or comments. There are no questions or comments.

The Chair calls for approval of the Operations Report. This is seconded, and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** the Operations Report is unanimously approved.

The Chair then moves on to the next item in the agenda, the Auditors Report.

#### 4(b) Auditors' Report

The Chair notes that the Auditors Letter, the 2017 financial statements and the 2018 budget appear from page 12 of the Meeting Book. Also, that the Independent Auditors Report, prepared by Nexia Samduk(Accounting corporation), was provided earlier. The Chair then invites WT Auditor Mr. Ali Sagirkaya to deliver the Auitors'

Report, which also appears in both in the Annual Report and on page 9 of the Meeting Book. Auditor Sagirkaya confirms that he has audited financial statements for 2017 and budget for 2018 and is satisfied as to the financial statements the financial position of World Taekwondo and with the results of the operation for the year then ended conform with general according principal accounting principles and adoption of international financial reporting standards. He recommends that acceptance of the financial statements for 2017 and budget for 2018 be approved by the General Assembly.

The Chair thanks Auditor Sagirkaya for his report, and then asks the General Assembly if there are any questions or comments.

There are no questions or comments.

The chair calls for approval of the 2017 World Taekwondo Financial Statements and Independent Auditors Report. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** the 2017 World Taekwondo Financial Statements and Independent Auditors Report are approved by the General Assembly.

#### 4(c) Financial Report

The Chair invites WT Treasurer Mr. Pimol Srivikorn, to present the financial report, which appears from page 59 of the Annual Report. Treasurer Srivikorn reports that he has reviewed the WT 2017 financials prepared by the Finance Department and audited by the WT Auditors, and finds the revenues and expenses to be in line with the budget previously set in 2016. There are minor variations; however, they are within the acceptable range. Regarding the 2018 financial budget, the budget has been set prudently. The revenues projected are achievable and the expenses forecasted are reasonable, in line with the previous year. This budget will help ensure the continuing growth of the WT in 2018.

The Chair thanks Treasurer Srivikorn for his report, and then asks the General Assembly if there are any questions or comments.

There are no questions or comments.

The chair calls for approval of WT's 2017 Financial Report and 2018 Budget. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** the 2017 Financial Report and 2018 Budget are approved by the General Assembly.

## 5. Amendments

### 5(a) WT Statutes

The Chair notes the amendment material contained in the Meeting Book beginning at page 12, and introduces Mr. Corbin Min, Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Affairs.

Director Min gives a presentation on each of the proposed Statute amendments, including the following: a comprehensive change of terms of all mentions in the Statutes from "World Taekwondo Federation" to "World

Taekwondo”, and from “WTF” to “WT”, which reflects the federation’s new trade name; an amendment to Article 34 (Enforcement), to clarify that the French, Korean and Spanish-language updates to the statutes would be made available within one month following each year’s General Assembly; a change in terminology from “Full Member” MNA to “Level I” MNA, and “Demoted” MNA to “Level II” MNA, which includes changes to Articles 14 (Member National Associations) and 16 (MNA Rights and Responsibilities); a clarification on the procedures to suspend MNAs under Article 14.3(E); and a simplification of Media and Commercial Rights under Article 26 (Media Rights).

The Chair thanks Director Min and asks the General Assembly if there are any comments on proposed amendments to the Statutes.

There are no comments.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments to the Statutes. This is seconded, and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed amendments to the Statutes are approved by the General Assembly.

#### 5(b) Competition Rules and Interpretation

The Chair then introduces Technical Committee Chairman Mr. Jinbang Yang to deliver a presentation on proposed changes to the Competition Rules and Interpretation, which appear on page 16 of the Meeting Book.

Chairman Yang delivers a presentation on the proposed rule amendments. This includes the following: Amendment to article 6, new format of team standing is introduced which put more weight on winning medals; an amendment to article 7, a five-minute round added as a one of duration of contest; amendment to article 8, participation of head of team meeting becomes mandatory. Also, in article 9, new concept of weigh-in was introduced to protect health of athletes; in article 12, part of valid point system was changed to make competition more dynamic; in article 14, new penalties were introduced; in article 15, new name of 4th round was introduced as well as new criteria for superiority; in article 16, new kind of decision was introduced to make two types of "win by disqualification"; in article 18, more specific procedures to deal with concussion case were added; in article 20, qualification of technical delegates for WT promoted championships was changed; in article 21, scope of requesting video replay was expanded for fairer competition.

The Chair thanks Chairman Yang and asks the General Assembly if there are any comments on proposed amendments to the Competition Rules and Interpretations.

There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments to the Competition Rules and Interpretations. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed amendments to the Competition Rules and Interpretations are approved by the General Assembly.

#### 5(c) Para Taekwondo Competition Rules

The Chair invites Para Taekwondo Technical Committee Chairman Mr. Chakir Chelbat to deliver a presentation on the proposed amendments to the Para Taekwondo Competition Rules, noting that the amendments appear from page 34 of the Meeting Book.

Chairman Chelbat delivers a presentation on the proposed rule amendments.

The Chair thanks Chairman Chelbat and asks the General Assembly if there are any comments on proposed amendments to the Para Taekwondo Competition Rules.

There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments to the Para Taekwondo Competition Rules. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed amendments to the Para Taekwondo Competition Rules are approved by the General Assembly.

#### 5(d) Composition of the Korea Registered Board

The Chair reminds the General Assembly that World Taekwondo is in the process of revising its registration in Korea. He asks for the General Assembly to approve the following changes to the federation's registration in Korea:

First, that the composition World Taekwondo's Korea registered board be as follows:

- Mr. Yong Won Jun, Chairman, WT Advisor
- Mr. Dai Soon Lee, President The Korea Association for University Foundations
- Mr. Myung Ho Seung, Chairman, Dongwha Group/ Hankookilbo (Hankook Daily Newspaper)
- Mr. Jung Lok Kim, Board Member, Taekwondo Promotion Foundation
- Mr. Jung Seok Chae, WT Legal Advisor
- Mr. Sung Chul Hwang, Partner, Samhwa Accounting Corporation
- Mr. Kook Hyun Jung, WT Council Member

Second, to change the registered address of the federation as follows:

- From: 4th Fl., Joyang Bldg., 113 Samsung-dong, Kangnam-gu, Seoul, Korea.
- To: 5th Fl., Kolon Bldg., 15 Hyoja-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Korea

The Chair asks the General Assembly if there are any comments or questioned on proposed changes.



There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed changes to the federations registered board and registered address. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed changes to the federation's Korea registration are approved.

## 6. Announcements

### 6(a) Poomsae Competition Rules

The Chair informs the General Assembly that the Poomsae Committee has recommended that amendments to the Poomsae Competition Rules that were approved by the GA via evote on January 31, 2018, and in Muju, Korea on June 23, 2017, be revoked. The Chair informs the General Assembly that the Poomsae Committee has requested that the former rules in effect as of March 19, 2014, be reinstated. This is pending a new set of amendments from the Committee.

The Chair asks the General Assembly if there are any comments or questions about this proposal from the Poomsae Committee. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposal to reinstate the Poomsae Competition Rules in effect as of March 19, 2014. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** The amendments to the Poomsae Competition Rules made on June 23, 2017, are revoked, and the Poomsae Competition Rules dated March 19, 2014, are reinstated.

### 6(b) Host City Selections

The Chair announces the following host city selections had been made during the Council Meeting on April 4, 2018:

- Sophia, Belgrade, as the host city for the 2020 World Taekwondo Junior Championships.
- Istanbul, Turkey, and host of the 2019 WT World Para Taekwondo Championships.

### 6(c) Codes and Bylaws

The Chair announced that the following codes and bylaws had been amended by the Council during its meeting on April 4, and that the updated rules were posted on the WT website:

- Medical Code; World Para Taekwondo Bylaws; Standing Procedures for Para Taekwondo at the Paralympic Games; World Ranking Bylaws; Grand Slam Championships Standing Procedures; Grand Prix Standing Procedures; Team Ranking Bylaws; and the 2018 Development Program Guidelines

## 7. Reports

### 7(a) Continental Union Reports

The Chair announces that, because unexpected passing of his mother, the President of the Oceania Taekwondo Union had to cancel his plans to attend the General Assembly and therefore would not be presenting.

The Chair then invited the following presenters to deliver the Continental Union Reports:

- General Amed Fouly, President of WT Africa, delivers the WT Africa Report
- Pimol Srivikorn, Vice President of the Asia Taekwondo Union, delivers the Asia Taekwondo Union (ATU) Report on behalf of ATU President Kyu Seok lee.
- Mr. Ji-Ho Choi, President of the WT Pan America, delivers the WT Pam America Report.
- Mr. Kenneth Schruken, Special Adviser to the President of WT Europe, delivers the WT Europe Report on behalf of WT Europe President Sakis Pragolos.

The Chair thanks the presenters for their reports.

### 7(b) Executive Meeting

The Chair introduces Secretary General Rafaty to report on Executive Committee.

Secretary General Rafaty informs the General Assembly that the Executive Committee meet on January x,, 2018, in Seoul Korea, followed by a joint meeting with the Technical Committee on January x, 2018 in Wuxi, China. From these meetings the Executive Committee issued the following:

- First, the Executive Committee supported the decision of the Council to not change the time slot with Wrestling during the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
- Second, the committee agrees with the proposals created by the Member Relations Department for the 2018 and 2019 Development Program, and recommends that the Council approve those proposals.
- Third, the committee recommends that WT make best efforts to satisfy the good governance standards published by the IOC and ASOIF.
- Fourth, the committee recommends that WT continue to support the Wuxi Grand Slam project to the fullest extent possible.

The Chair asks if there are any questions or comments from the General Assembly members. There are none. The Chair thanks the Secretary General for his report.

### 7(c) Technical Committee Report

The Chair introduces Technical Committee Chairman Jinbang Yang to deliver a report on the Technical Committee.

Chair Yang introduces three subcommittee chairs: Mr. Mohamed Shaaban of the Games Committee, Mr.

Songchul Kim of the Referee Committee, and Dr. Dae Hyoun Jeong of the Medical Committee. Chair Yang reports that the main work of the committee during 2017 was the adoption of the new competition rules that were first applied during the World Championships in Burnaby, Canada. Also, a priority was the successful launch of the Grand Slam Championships in Wuxi, China, in December 2017 to January 2018.

The Chair asks if there are any questions or comments from the General Assembly members. There are none. The Chair thanks Chairman Yang for his report.

The Chair then notes that it is after 1pm, and calls for a lunch break, with the General Assembly to resume at 2:30 pm.

### **Break for Lunch**

At 2:30pm the Chair calls the General Assembly meeting back to order.

Secretary General Rafaty makes a housekeeping announcement, reminding the participants that MNA delegates need to pick up their GA participation certificates at the end of the meeting in order to receive the GA subsidy.

#### **7(d) Grand Slam Update**

The Chair reintroduced Technical Committee Chairman Yang to deliver a report on the Grand Slam Competition.

A video is played showing highlights from the Grand Slam Competition.

Chairman Yang then delivers his report.

The Chair asks if there are any questions or comments from the General Assembly members. There are none. The Chair thanks Chairman Yang for his report.

#### **9(e) GMS Update**

The Chair then invites GMS Director Justin Tenbeth, to give the WT GMS (Global Membership System) report.

Director Tenbeth delivers his report, noting that 70 national federations have opened the system to individual and club registrations and that the GMS now has over 25,000 clubs in the system. He notes that in 2018 the GMS has already supported 25 of WT's 69 G-ranked competition to date, and that this number is expected to increase going forward as more National Federations start to use the Event Registration system for their National events.. He notes that the GMS is now available in 15 languages, and that additional languages can be added on request. He notes that payments are available by credit card, debit card, and Paypal, including spit payments between organizations using only one transaction. He notes that the GMS now offers a rolling calendar membership system on top of the standard calendar membership year option, providing more flexibility. He notes that from next month the GMS will add Para Taekwondo Ranking as well as the ability for National Federations to print GMS cards locally. Finally he notes that the new GMS to OVR (Competition Management System) protocol standardized connection has been tested and will require any WT recognized OVR company to follow the standard in order to be able to receive the registration data, run the event and send the complete results back to GMS for storage. With the new protocol in place it will allow for storage of detailed match results breakdown which previous were not stored.

The Chair asks if there are any questions or comments from the General Assembly members. There are none. The Chair thanks Director Tenbeth for his report.

#### **7(f) THF and TKD Care Update**

The Chair invites THF Director Roger Piarulli to deliver his report on THF and Taekwondo Cares activities.

Director Piarulli delivers his report, noting that World Taekwondo is a pioneer International Federation in support not only of refugees and also orphanages and children in disaster areas.

The Chair asks if there are any questions or comments from the General Assembly members. There are none. The Chair thanks Director Piarulli for his report.

## **8 Other Matters**

### **8(a) Marketing Committee**

The Chair invites Marketing Committee Chairman Mr. Milan Kwee to deliver his report on Marketing Committee activities.

Chairman Kwee announces that WT has received a \$40,000 vix sponsorship in support of the competitions in Tunisia, which will be used for spectator engagement. He reports that, effective from June 19, 2018, MNAs will be authorized to seek local and regional sponsors for uniforms, and will retain 100% of all sponsorship funding they receive. He also reports on work progressing for new uniforms for the 2020 Olympic Games, including the exploration of new materials.

The Chair asks if there are any questions or comments from the General Assembly members. There are none. The Chair thanks Chairman Kwee for his report.

### **8(b) Hammamet Declaration**

The Chair invites Secretary General Rafaty to present World Taekwondo's Hammamet Declaration.

The Secretary General reads the declaration:

#### **Safe Sport for Athletes**

• World Taekwondo will strive to keep our athletes clean, safe and healthy. We will take all relevant measures to prevent injury and to protect athletes from all types of abuse, including physical, sexual and psychological abuse. World Taekwondo will be in full compliance with the IOC Toolkit for safeguarding athletes from harassment and abuse in sport, and will continue to enhance our policies and regulations for safety and health of athletes.

#### **Taekwondo Cares World**

• World Taekwondo will ensure taekwondo serves as a tool to give hopes to everyone in every corner of the world. It will continue expanding its 'World Cares Program' to fulfill our missions of sport development as well as sport for development so that more people will get benefits from World Cares Program.

The Chair thanks the Secretary General and then asks that the General Assembly approve the Hammamet Declaration. The motion is seconded and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** The Hammamet Declaration is approved by the General Assembly.

## 9. MNA Development Session

The Chair of the Meeting informs the delegates that, as part of WT's efforts to ensure MNAs continue to improve and develop, the WT has established an MNA development session for the General Assembly. He says that WT hopes to expand this to a full-day session next year in Manchester, making the General Assembly a two-day meeting.

The Chair then passes control over the Secretary General Rafaty to run the MNA development session.

### 9(a) Athletes

The Secretary General thanks the Chair, and then moves on to the first item of the session on Safe Sport. The Chair invites Senior Director Corbin Min (Head of Member Relations and Development)

Director Min thanks the Secretary General and asks the delegates to remember the Hammamet Declaration, passed by the General Assembly earlier that day, and which emphasize the importance of safeguarding athletes and the priority WT places in keeping athletes clean, safe and healthy.

#### 9(a)(i) Safe Sport

Director Min delivers a presentation on the IOC's Toolkit for Safeguarding Athletes from Harassment and Abuse in Sport, including an overview of the toolkit and a list of online resources available. Director Min points out that the toolkit, which was released in November 2017, is a result of a process that can be traced back to an IOC consensus statement in 2007, and which was codified as far back as 2008 in the IOC's Basic and Universal Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic Movement, and also in the IOC medical code in 2016, and is emphasized in the IOC's Vision 2020 strategy.

Director Min emphasizes that, because of media scrutiny triggered by recent incident, a problem in this area could easily impact a sports entire ecosystem. Therefore, WT was approaching this subject as a priority.

Director Min then discusses the structure and elements of the toolkit and the online resources available. He says that the purpose of the toolkit is to create a normative framework and provide standards and instructions, including educational material, for the adoption of appropriate rules, procedures and resources by International Federations.

Director Min informs the delegates that WT, using the guidance provided in the Toolkit, is in the process of developing rules and mechanism for WT members.

The Secretary General thanks Director Min, and then calls for a 15 minute break.

[BREAK]

The Secretary General calls the meeting back to order and then introduces Medical Committee Chairman Dae Hyoun Jeong to deliver a presentation on athlete health and safety.

#### 9(a)(ii) Health and Safety

Dr. Dr. Dae Hyoun Jeong delivers a presentation on athlete health and safety in Taekwondo.

Dr. Jeong introduces the new Medical Committee, which includes a TUE subcommittee and research subcommittee, as well as the Continental Unions Medical Commission Chairs.

Dr. Jeong discusses findings in neck trauma and concussions and spine injury. He notes that WT is updating its guidelines to match the current consensus and discusses the monitoring process of recommended protocols that WT uses at venues, including c-collars and knockout rules, both before the competition starts and then till the end. He lists redflages to look for regarding concussions, including headache, nausea, vomiting, confusion and wobbly gait. He emphasis that education to athletes on concussions and coaching staff is very important, as is a CT scan if there are signs of injury. He points out that this is important not only for short-term injury, but long term prevention, and then goes over related protocols for head injury.

Dr. Jeong] then discusses weight loss and nutrition related to athletes, including a change in weigh-in rules, making it a multi-evaluation process, with a range of acceptable results, instead of a one-time evaluation process, in order to discourage unhealthy habits by athletes. He notes that Judo and wresting are using a two-step process. He recommends weight loss and concussion education to be provided to coaches and athletes, as is anti-doping education.

Dr. Jeong discusses the project WT is working on with the IOC Research Center and Younsei University related to blood screening tests and injury surveillance in order to develop a fuller set of data to work with, as well as the use of new technology, like portable ultrasound, to support competitions.

Dr. Jeong informs the GA that the Medical Committee is working to publish a handbook of Taekwondo medicine, seeking to work with international experts in concussions, point of care ultrasound, nutrition, weight loss, orthopedic trauma, emergency procedures, and return to play protocols. And the separate needs of Para Taekwondo.

The Secretary General Thanks Dr. Jeong for his presentation, and then moves on to the next topic: Anti-Doping.

#### 9(a)(iii) Anti-doping

The Secretary General notes that, out of the IOC's 35 International Federations, WT was one of only six that have completed a compliance process conducted by the World Anti-Doping Agency. The Secretary General notes that anti-doping is a global problem in sports not only because of cheating but also because of the impact on athlete health. He introduces WT Integrity Ambassador and former Olympian Mr. Pascal Gentile to deliver a presentation on anti-doping.

Mr. Gentile thanks the Secretary General and delivers his presentation.

Mr. Gentile discuss the work of himself and fellow Integrity Ambassador Ms. Nadin Dawani since their appointment during the 2017 World Championships in Muju in 2017. He discusses the close interaction between WT's anti-doping department and WADA to ensure WT's compliance with the WADA Code. He discusses the procedure that takes place after an Adverse Analytical Finding is reported to WT, from preliminary investigation to giving notice to the athletes all the way thought to the right of CAS appeal. He discusses the partnership WT has already formed with ASOIF's Doping Free Sport Unit (DFSU), and that this arrangement is expected to smoothly transition into the anticipated International Testing Authority. He notes the increase in WT's anti-doping budget from only \$60,000 in 2016 to over \$400,000, thanks to the creation of the doping support fund which is financed

by event registrations. He notes that the Medical Committee has established a new Anti-Doping Hearing Panel, which works closely with WT's Anti-Doping and Legal Departments to ensure fast and high-quality decisions on anti-doping matters. He discusses the expansion of WT's testing pool, including more out of competition testing and the introduction of athlete biological passports. He reminds delegates of the various online tools that can be found on WT and WADA's websites for education of athletes, coaches and entourage members.

The Secretary General thanks Mr. Gentile and moves on to the next part of the session: National Level Operations.

#### 9(b) National-Level Operations

##### 9(b)(i) Working with Limited Resources

The Secretary General says that this part of the session is intended as an opportunity for MNAs to exchange information and experience with their peers. The first presentation will be on working with limited resources. The Secretary General Rafaty introduces Nepal Taekwondo Association Secretary General Mr. Deep Raj Gurung to deliver a presentation on this topic.

Mr. Gurung thanks Secretary General Rafaty. He tells the delegates that he has attended WT General Assemblies since 1983 in Copenhagen, Denmark, and has seen many of our sports ups and downs. He has that now he feels WT is working with different regions and has developed a sense of responsibility not only for the sports profession but also to society as well. He hopes the delegates appreciate how Taekwondo is working to touch people's hearts, even in a small country like Nepal. He then asks for a video to be played on the support his federation has received from WT and also the Asia Taekwondo Union, especially following the devastating earthquake in 2015.

[VIDEO PLAYS]

Mr. Gurung again thanks the General Assembly for the opportunity to share Nepal's experiences.

The Secretary General Thanks Mr. Gurung for his presentation, and then moves on to the next item on the agenda: Working with Local Partners.

##### 9(b)(ii) Working with Local Partners

The Secretary General notes that MNAs cannot fully develop Taekwondo and carry out various activities without support and help from NOC and local government authorities. He invites Mr. Soren Knudsen, President of the Danish Taekwondo Federation, to deliver a presentation.

Mr. Knudsen thanks the Secretary General and addresses the General Assembly. He says the situation in Denmark is completely different to that of Nepal, but still there are many challenges. He notes also that Denmark is only one country, and his situation is also different from other countries in Europe. He says that in preparing his presentation he worked together with the Danish NOC.

Mr. Knudsen says that the Danish Taekwondo Federation has been a member of World Taekwondo since 1975 and now has about 8,000 members, who pay about 25 euro per year, and about 11 clubs. They are not a big federation, but have hosted many events including the European Championships and the World Taekwondo Championships, and in 2020 will host the Poomsae World Championships in the city of Vejle.

Mr Knudsen says that a special asset of the Danish Taekwondo Federation is its close cooperation with the Korean embassy in Copenhagen. He says that the Korean embassy often gives support and wants to cooperate with the Taekwondo federation on any matters.

Mr. Knudsen says that the Danish NOC and the Sports Confederation of Denmark is one organization, with the same president, and is the largest sports organization in Denmark. He says that there are 62 national federations with 9,000 local club associations, and with 250 volunteers supporting 1.9 million active members. He said that the 62 federations work together with the NOC to create something called vision 25-50-75: the target is that by 2025 we want 50% of the Danish population to be active members and 75% of the population to be taking part in sports in general. To make this happen it is important for all the federations to have trust in one another to engage in joint development of sport.

Mr. Knudsen says that, his federation, he wants his members to be proud of being part of the organization and encourages development and volunteer work to make the sport better. He also emphasizes the contribution they can make to national branding and local business development.

The Secretary General thanks Mr. Knudsen for sharing his experiences and then moves on to the next item on the agenda: Developing a Para Taekwondo Program.

#### 9(b)(iii) Developing a Para Taekwondo Program

The Secretary General invites Mr. Martine Koonce to deliver his presentation on the experience of the Rwanda Taekwondo Federation in Para Taekwondo Development.

Mr. Koonce thanks the Secretary General and addresses the general assembly.

Mr. Koonce notes that during (WT President) Dr. Choue's presidency, Para Taekwondo has grown to include almost 70 countries with 350 registered athletes in Kyorogi and 70 in Poomsae. He also notes that WT's goal is for every MNA to have a Para Taekwondo program. He notes the many developments to the Para Taekwondo competition rules to make the competitions more suited to para practitioners. He notes these changes have allowed the expansion of classes available to practitioners, including P20 (for mental impairment such as Down Syndrome) and P30 (for physical impairment such as cerebral palsy).

Mr. Koonce says that the story of Taekwondo in Rwanda is actual a very short one, beginning in 2016 when he was approached by the head of WT's Para Taekwondo program, Mr. Olof Hanson, to host the 2017 Africa continental championships. At the time Rwanda had not Para Taekwondo program or practitioners. Nevertheless, they accepted the challenge and schedule a competition for April 2017. They began working with the GMS on systems changes and started education for coaches and instructors, and began to identify people who were candidates to become Para Taekwondo athletes. By the end of February they were able to bring together 8 classified players. Then, during the 2017 African Para Taekwondo Championships they were able to win six medals and were awarded the Continental Cup, a first for any sport in Rwanda. Then, at the end of year at the London World Para Taekwondo Championships they were able to win a gold medal and a bronze medal. He said this performance was a shock to Rwanda's National Paralympic Committee, and helped them establish a relationship of deep trust with the NPC.

Mr. Koonce said that his main message to national federations is that if you're not developing Para Taekwondo you are missing a huge development opportunity and you're missing its impact. This impact is both at the national and continental level. And especially it's on the individual level.



Mr. Koonce said that Para Taekwondo's greatest benefit in Rwanda was for people who, because of their physical disabilities or mental impairments, are very disenfranchised and vulnerable. The opportunity of Taekwondo helps them to decrease their vulnerability and to become part of the Taekwondo Family and the support of the Dojang community. In particular, in Rwanda each athlete was attached to a different Dojang, both to maximize the support available to each athlete, but also so the Dojang's could take pride in the athletes. He said that those athletes are now Rwandan heroes and superstars in the eyes of the media and the Rwandan people because they were the first athletes to bring home a continental trophy to the country.

Mr. Koonce said that, from Rwanda's experience, they were able to come up with several lessons for the development of Para Taekwondo:

First was partnership, including MOUs with the NPC as well as local and international NGOs specializing in helping people with disabilities; from this you can receive funding. From funding you have the resources to create education; education for your federation and, especially, for your coaches who are they key asset in identifying and training new athlete.

Second was athlete identification and preparation. One challenge in preparation was to modify training techniques to match the abilities of the athletes.

Third was to understand the classification system and process as well as the qualification slots available at events, noting how these will be evolving up to the Tokyo 2020 games.

Lastly, it's understanding the new ranking points system.

The Secretary General Thanks Mr. Koonce and moves on to the next part of the section on Events.

Ms. Benet informs the General Assembly that their goal is to deliver an exceptional World Championships experience for everyone, creating an event that inspires, innovates, educates, entertains, engages and is commercially sustainable.

## **9(c) Events**

### **9(c)(i) Organizing and Host Events**

The Secretary General introduces Mr. Wonajae Lee, Director of WT's Events Department.

Director Lee thanks the Secretary General and delivers his presentation.

Director Lee informs the delegates that WT's event management system looks at events as a life cycle, broken down into stages, with each stage having nine functional areas. He refers to the brochure distributed to delegates that include a diagram of this.

Director Lee notes that between 2021 and 2023 WT will have 12 events, including the World Championships, World Poomsae Championships, and Grand Prix events. Director Lee then gives talks about the impact of WT events, with the example of Muju, where the total media value was nearly \$12.6 million while the revenues generated was almost \$9.5 million, based on an impact study by Nielson Sports.

Director Lee then refers to the registration documents and procedure, noting that interested MNAs have until June 15 to record their interest. The submitted documents would then be evaluated by an expert panel and the selection is expected to take place in November during the WT Council Meeting in Fujairah.

The Secretary General thanks Director Lee and moves on to the next item in the agenda: Manchester 2019.

## 9(c)(ii) Manchester 2019

The Secretary General introduce Mr. Mike McKenzie and Ms. Claire Bennett of GB Taekwondo to deliver their presentation.

Mr. McKenzie addresses the delegates, telling them of the impact of London 2012, which inspired a generation in the UK. And he hopes that the next Grand Prix and World Championships will help to continue this growth. He then introduces Ms. Claire Bennett to provide more information. She notes the event will be held in Manchester Arena, which has hosted many high-profile events.

Ms. Bennett says the competition will compact five-day competition into match format, which should improve the experience for athletes as they can complete competition on one day, and also give cost savings for MNAs for items such as hotels. It shall also allow for high-intensity semifinals and finals each evening, which will be more appealing to spectators and broadcasters.

Also for broadcasters will be more focus on production, taking it to the next level with the use of LED perimeter boards across seven competition areas, with superior sound and lighting and big screens, and working with a professional presentation company. Then in the evening the arena will be changed into a more intimate one-ring format, which will be more exciting for both spectators and the athletes.

Ms. Bennett notes that the training center is already set up and is only 10 minutes from Manchester City football grounds at Etihad Stadium. She notes that designated hotels are very close by so athletes will be able to walk to the arena, eliminating transportation concerns.

Moving on to visas, Ms. Bennett notes that a lot of lessons were learned during last year's Para Championships in London, and that they are working together with the UK Border Agency. However, they cannot do miracles and need the teams to provide their entry information as soon as possible.

She notes that they have already set up and we have confirmed a number of our locations for the meetings next May that will take place before the competition. To showcase Manchester many iconic venues will be used such as the football museum, Manchester Metropolitan University, and Manchester City Football Club. As already mentioned, the competition schedule has been compact down to five days and we are working together with World Taekwondo to ensure it runs efficiently allowing team to plan for their preparation properly.

Ms. Bennett then invites Mr. McKenzie to discuss the legacy impact of the event.

Noting the time, Mr. McKenzie says he will be as succinct as possible. He says that they are working to increase participation in schools by training school teachers on how to introduce Taekwondo and to have this education take place before the championships.

WT President Dr. Chungwon Choue thanks Mr. McKenzie and Ms. Bennett for their presentation and resumes as chair of the meeting.

## 10. Next GA Meeting

The Chair announces that the next General Assembly would be held in Manchester, UK, in May 2019.,

## **11. Closing of the Meeting**

The Chair thanks the Organizing Committee and the government of Hammamet for their support, and declares the 29th General Assembly to be adjourned.

In a post-meeting housekeeping announcement, the Secretary General reminds delegates to pick up their participation certificates, which will be needed to receive GA delegate financial aid.