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**EXTRAORDINARY WTF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 28, 2011**  
**Diamond Hall (3F) / Hotel Hyundai**  
**Vladivostok, Russia**

List of Attending WTF Council members & Auditors:

Dr. Chungwon Choue, President

Mr. Phillip Walter Coles, Vice President

Gen. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President

Mr. Dai Soon Lee, Vice President

Mr. Sun Jae Park, Vice President

Mr. Jin Suk Jang, Secretary General

Mr. Tae Eun Lee, Treasurer

Mr. Mohamed Ahmad K. Al Sulaiti, Member

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Member

Mr. Jesus Castellanos Pueblas, Member

Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member

Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Member

Mr. Issaka Ide, Member

Mr. Tae Kyung Kim, Member

Mr. Zhao Lei, Member

Mr. Michel Madar, Member

Mr. Mario Mandel Vaisman, Member

Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member

Mr. Fuzuli Musayev, Member

Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member

Syed Mohammad Pouladgar, Member

Mr. Metin Sahin, Member

Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov, Member

Mr. Dae-Sung Moon, Member

Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Member

## **2. President's welcome speech**

Dr. Chungwon Choue, WTF President and Chairman of the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting started the meeting with a welcome speech, as follows:

*Colleagues and Friends,*

*I would like to welcome you all to this Extraordinary Council Meeting here in Vladivostok,*



*Russia on the occasion of the 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.*

*I truly appreciate all of you giving up your precious time to be here today. We have convened to make some incredibly important decisions for the future and welfare of our sport. Changes and amendments need to be made to our statutes and procedures. Additionally, we must decide upon the host city for the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships. We must act swiftly, but also carefully and wisely.*

*Today we will hear presentations on the bid for the 2013 World Championships from the delegations of Croatia and Mexico. After these presentations we will begin discussion on the situation with the PSS systems and hear reports on our efforts to remain on the Olympic Program for 2020 and reports on other multi-sport games.*

*I would however like to make a short statement right now pertaining to the use of PSS in the Olympic Games.*

*It was regrettable that we were unable to use the PSS system in Baku for the WTF World Qualification Tournament for the London Olympic Games. As many of you know, because of the legal actions taken by LaJust, an injunction was granted that prohibited the use of the Daedo system. However, thanks to the solidarity of our taekwondo family, the tournament was a success and some of the best taekwondo in WTF history was displayed by the athletes.*

*Even though Baku was a great success, it is not an option to take steps backward. We have made painstaking efforts for the past 3 years to implement the PSS system and it will be used in London. We must push forward and make the adjustments necessary to ensure a very clean, transparent, and successful Olympic Games in London. Anything less is just unacceptable.*

*Today, I ask you to be very proactive in your participation. Now is not the time to sit on the sidelines. All opinions and options must be on the table. Though we must proceed with the utmost level of respect for each other, I ask you to be constructive in your comments, and critical in your thinking.*

*It is true that we are facing some challenges. But we have proven, even recently, how we can come together as a family and meet adversity with enduring and success.*

*Thank you.*

### **3. Approval of the minutes of the WTF Council Meeting held in Gyeongju, Korea on April 28, 2011**

The Chairman moved that the Minutes of the WTF Council meeting held in Gyeongju, Korea on April 28, 2011 on the occasion of the 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships be approved by the Council.



The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that the Minutes of the WTF Council meeting in Gyeongju, Korea had been approved.

#### **4. Proposal for amendment to the WTF Statutes**

The Chairman explained that the proposed amendments to the WTF Statutes were meant to enhance the WTF activities for Member National Associations by establishing, WTF World Taekwondo Peace Corps, WTF Taekwondo Demonstration Teams and WTF Pro-Taekwondo Foundation. In addition, to further promote para-taekwondo regulations for Continental Para-Taekwondo Unions will be put into the Statutes.

Mr. Corbin Min, WTF Legal Counsel, was introduced to further explain the amendments.

Mr. Min explained the proposed amendments to the WTF Statutes.

The Chairman further clarified the reason for establishing WTF World Taekwondo Peace Corps and WTF Taekwondo Demonstration Teams, being that all MNAs should be able to dispatch teams to further promote taekwondo.

Mr. Mohammad Pouladgar, WTF Council Member, expressed his support for the Chairman's idea for further development of Taekwondo Peace Corps and WTF Taekwondo Demonstration Teams.

Further the Chairman explained that Continental Para-Taekwondo Unions must be established in order for WTF to further apply to become a sport in the Paralympics.

Mr. Min went on explaining the last amendment proposal concerning the NOC recognition letter.

Mr. Ji Ho Choi, WTF Council Member, asked if an organization recognized by the WTF and not by the NOC can participate in all events except the Olympic Games.

Mr. Min confirmed and added that without recognition from both NOC and WTF participation in the Olympic Games is impossible.

Mr. Phillip Walter Coles, WTF Vice President, explained the case of Australia where it was decided in court that the IF has the right to choose its members.

The Chairman moved that the Council approve of the proposed amendments to the WTF Statutes.

The motion was seconded and carried by the Council and the Chairman declared that the proposed amendments to the WTF Statutes would be presented to the General Assembly in the form of an e-vote in accordance with Article 7 of the WTF Statutes.

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*The e-vote on the amendments to the WTF Statutes was carried out August 4, 2011 to August 18, 2011 and the amendments were passed with 104 votes for and 1 against and 10 invalid votes.*

## **5. Proposal for amendment to WTF Competition Rules**

For a better understanding on the proposed amendments, the Chairman introduced Mr. Philippe Bouedo, Games Committee Chairman, and Mr. Chakir Chelbat, Referee Committee Chairman for a more detailed explanation.

Mr. Chelbat informed that the proposed amendments are to further clarify the Rules.

Mr. Ji Ho Choi asked for a further explanation on valid punches.

Mr. Chelbat clarified that points will be given for correct techniques.

Mr. Choi asked for a clearer explanation to be put in the Competition Rules regarding a valid punch.

Secretary General Yang requested that a clearer explanation of a valid punch be given in the Competition Rules.

Mr. Ji Ho Choi motioned to approve the proposed amendments.

The motion was seconded and carried by the Council and the Chairman announced that the amendments to the Competition Rules be put forth to the General Assembly in the form of an e-vote.

## **6. Proposal for amendment to the WTF Poomsae Competition Rules**

The Chairman explained that the proposed amendments to the Poomsae Competition Rules will allow more flexibility of the environment of the venue.

For a further explanation the Chairman introduced Mr. Sung Chon Hong, WTF Council Member and Poomsae Committee Chairman.

Mr. Hong explained the proposed amendments.

Mr. Dai Won Moon, WTF Council Member, expressed his belief that the elimination tournament system should be removed from the proposed Poomsae Competition Rules amendments. The cut off system is to be preferred.

Mr. Hong clarified that the elimination system is an optional system for poomsae competition.

Secretary General Yang inquired to Mr. Corbin Min what the wording optional in the Rules



implies.

Mr. Min replied that optional is depending on the Organizing Committee, promoter of championships etc.

The Chairman called for a short break.

After the break the Chairman asked Mr. Corbin Min to clarify what had been discussed regarding the amendments to the Poomsae Competition Rules.

Mr. Min explained that the discussed proposed amendment is to add to article 7 of the Poomsae Rules a fourth combination competition system. Three systems are already authorized for Poomsae Competition in the Rules, single elimination, round robin and cut off.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Min for the explanations and moved that the Council approve of the proposed amendments to the WTF Poomsae Competition Rules.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council and the Chairman declared that the Council had approved the amendments to the WTF Poomsae Competition Rules and that the amendments would be put forth to the General Assembly in the form of an e-vote.

## **7. Proposal for amendment to the Regulations on Administration of International Poomsae Referees**

The Chairman explained that the amendment proposal was meant to make the administration process of International Poomsae Referees more efficient and effective. For a further explanation on the amendments the Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Poomsae Committee Chairman.

Mr. Hong explained the amendment proposals.

The Chairman moved that the proposed amendments to the Regulations on Administration of International Poomsae Referees be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

## **8. Proposal for amendment to the Byelaw of the WTF World Ranking**

The Chairman introduced Mr. Jeong Kang Seo, WTF Sport Director, to explain the amendment proposal to the Byelaw of the WTF World Ranking.

Mr. Seo explained that no major amendments to the World Ranking Byelaw has been proposed, it is mostly smaller corrections for differences in weight divisions between Olympic and regular weight divisions. In addition, a greater seeding benefit will be given to the hosting



nation's athletes. If passed by the Council this Bylaw will be in effect immediately and be used for the Continental Olympic Qualification Tournaments and the Olympic Games.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Seo for his concise explanation and moved that the Council approve of the proposed amendments to the WTF World Ranking Bylaw.

The motion was approved by the Council.

## **9. Enactment of the Bylaws of Dispute Resolution & Disciplinary Actions**

The Chairman stated that the proposal is to enact the Bylaws to Articles 29 and 30 of the WTF Statutes and gave the floor to Mr. Corbin Min, Juridical Committee Chairman, for a further explanation.

Mr. Min explained that the purpose of this bylaw is to provide clear guiding principles for dispute resolution and sanctioned hearings held by the WTF. The proposed Bylaw will provide CAS recognition for arbitration for any decisions made under the WTF dispute resolution procedures or sanctioning procedures.

The Chairman moved that the Bylaws of Dispute Resolution and Disciplinary Actions be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and carried by the Council.

Mr. Phillip Walter Coles, Vice President, suggested that official letters be sent to CAS and the IOC informing them of the WTF's decision to include recognition of CAS in its Bylaws of Dispute Resolution and Disciplinary Actions.

The Chairman tasked the Juridical Committee with sending out such a letter to CAS.

## **10. Selection of the host site and dates for the 21<sup>st</sup> WTF Men's World Taekwondo Championships & the 14<sup>th</sup> WTF Women's World Taekwondo Championships**

The Chairman informed that Croatia and Mexico had applied to host the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships. Croatia had shown good intent in trying to make it to Vladivostok, Russia to present their bid to the WTF Council. However, due to visa problems the Croatian delegation did not make it. The Mexico delegation had arrived in Vladivostok to



deliver their presentation to the Council.

A motion to of postpone the decision, so that all bids could be presented, of which city would earn the right to host the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships was discussed.

The Chairman called for a closed ballot vote to determine if the decision of the host site of the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships should be postponed to a later date.

The ballot vote was conducted with the following results:

Postpone:	For	: 12
	Against	: 10
	Abstain	: 3

The Chairman declared that the Council decided that the decision of the host site of the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships had been postponed until the next WTF Council meeting to be held on the occasion of the 2012 WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships in Egypt.

## **11. Selection of the host site and dates for the 7<sup>th</sup> WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships**

The Chairman informed that the applications to host the 7<sup>th</sup> WTF World Poomsae Taekwondo Championships to be held in 2012, will be re-opened since there are no member national associations that have applied to host the championships.

Secretary General Yang stated that the bidding information would be sent out to all Member National Associations again.

## **12. Status on Protector and Scoring System**

The Chairman explained that Swiss Timing, the company in charge of selecting PSS for the London Olympic Games, made the decision to use Daedo PSS. Following this decision the WTF decided to use Daedo PSS at all qualification tournaments for the sake of the athletes. However, LaJust filed an injunction with the Korean Court against the use of non-LaJust PSS in the World Qualification Tournament in Baku, and the Court accepted. Accordingly, non-electronic body protectors were used during the World Qualification in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The Chairman gave the floor to Secretary General Yang.

Secretary General Yang expressed his appreciation of the unanimous support of the Head of Team meeting when they were informed that PSS would not be used in the WTF World Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games in Baku, Azerbaijan. Secretary General Yang gave the floor to Mr. Jeong Kang Seo, WTF Sport Director, for a summary on the situation of LaJust, before hearing from Mr. Corbin Min on the legal issues



of this case.

Mr. Seo explained that LaJust was the first PSS company contracted by the WTF in 2006. However, the PSS was not used until 2009. After the Beijing Olympic Games it was announced that PSS would be used in the 2012 London Olympic Games. 2009 WTF World Cup Team Championships held in Baku, Azerbaijan was the first WTF promoted championships where the LaJust PSS was used. The WTF worked closely with LaJust even though the LaJust system had several technical problems to overcome. After each promoted Championships since then a report on the LaJust PSS has been filed in order to keep improving the system. Due to the announcement of the use of PSS in London Olympic Games a letter was sent to the London Organizing Committee, in December 2010, endorsing LaJust PSS for the London Olympics. Swiss Timing is the company in charge of selecting PSS for the London Olympic Games, empowered by LOCOG. After the announcement that Daedo PSS would be used in the London Olympic Games, LaJust contacted Mr. Christoph Dubi of the IOC asking who has the power to choose PSS for the Olympics. Mr. Dubi then replied that the decision lies solely with Swiss Timing. Further, the technical manual for the Olympic Games stipulates that the IF is only responsible for providing a list of recognized equipment to the Organizing Committee but the IF has nothing to do with the decision. Swiss Timing decided to use LaJust for the London Olympic Games in January, 2011 following WTF's recommendation. Rules also state that the company providing equipment used for the Olympic Games have to have a contract with the pertinent IF stretching over the period of the Games. Since LaJust's contract with the WTF expires in May 2012 the WTF were asked by LOCOG to prolong the contract with LaJust or LaJust equipment cannot be used during the Games. WTF then initiated negotiations with LaJust to renew the contract so that LaJust could be used during the Olympic Games. During the negotiations in February and March of 2011, the Korean National team qualifications were held using the LaJust PSS and 40% of all matches experienced technical problems with the LaJust PSS, in which the registered points on the scoreboard and in the system were different.

Before Gyeongju World Championships a meeting was held with representatives from LaJust where the problems with their system was pointed out. LaJust then acknowledged that these problems were serious enough for a termination of the contract. They then signed a letter pledging that all problems would be solved until the championships and that if any problems occurred during the World Championships they would be at the mercy of the WTF. In light of this situation the PSS ad-hoc committee advised that the LaJust recommendation to LOCOG be suspended. This decision was also accepted by LaJust in writing. Swiss Timing then sent representatives to Gyeongju to analyze both PSS systems and based on their own evaluations they chose Daedo PSS for the London Olympic Games in an official letter of May 17, 2011. On May 18, 2011 WTF informed MNAs of Daedo PSS to be used in the qualification tournaments for the Olympic Games with concern for the athlete's preparations for the Qualifications. This led to LaJust putting an injunction on the WTF, not to use any other PSS than LaJust in the Baku world qualifications and they won in Korean court. Accordingly, PSS was not used in Baku. With this Mr. Seo finished his presentation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Seo for the summary and opened the floor for questions and comments from the Council.

Mr. Pouladgar stated that not using PSS in the World Qualification Tournament in Baku,





Azerbaijan has worked against what the President and the WTF has been striving to accomplish over the past years. However, the MNAs has shown their understanding of the situation and supported the WTF's decisions. Further Mr. Pouladgar suggested that the WTF should work for PSS to be used in the continental qualifications.

Mr. Pouladgar moved that WTF Continental Qualification Tournament for Olympic Games be removed from Article 22.1 of the WTF Statutes.

Mr. Piarulli stated that, with the upcoming IOC session in 2013 that will decide the Olympic program for 2020, it is important that the WTF shows unity and stand together as one.

The Chairman explained that in order to keep Taekwondo as an official sport on the Olympic program the success of the London 2012 Olympic, where PSS shall be used for transparency and fairness, is essential.

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Min for a legal explanation on the situation.

Mr. Min explained that two lawsuits has been filed against the WTF by LaJust, one concerning breach of contract and the other has to do with deformation charges. Full information from the court on this matter has not yet been received. In addition, the WTF accounts in Korea have been frozen without the WTF been given any chance to make a statement or appeal. The contract between WTF and LaJust stipulated that Korean law would be used to govern the contract. The contract calls for LaJust PSS to be used in WTF promoted championships. The WTF Statutes were amended in October 2010, before then WTF Continental Qualification Tournament for Olympic Games was not a WTF promoted championship. Accordingly, when the contract with LaJust was signed the Continental Qualifications were not included. When LaJust asked for the injunction against the use of Daedo PSS in Baku the WTF were still trying to find a way to keep working with LaJust. Over the course of the contract with LaJust there has been numerous times when LaJust has failed to meet up with the terms of the contract. In case there is a serious technical failure WTF has the right to terminate the contract with LaJust. LaJust also admitted that the technical problems during the Korean National Team selections were cause for termination of contract. The WTF choose to stay and work with LaJust. The injunction filed by LaJust against WTF came just one week before the qualification tournament in Baku and the WTF was only given three days to reply. Swiss Timing's test of LaJust has proven the system insufficient. That fact that the WTF did not directly terminate the contract with LaJust after receiving this information might have created confusion in the Korean court. The WTF is now trying to terminate the contract with LaJust. The Korean lawyers working with the WTF on this case were uncertain of how changes to the Statutes etc. would affect the case since it can be seen as a move to get around the contract.

Mr. Pouladgar asked for a clarification on the necessary steps to take in this situation.

Mr. Min clarified that once the contract with LaJust is terminated no changes needs to be made to the WTF Statutes.

Mr. Hong asked if the contract with LaJust can be terminated due to technical problems with the LaJust PSS.



Mr. Min replied that there is a clause in the contract stating that serious failure of the PSS equipment are grounds for the WTF to terminate the contract with LaJust.

Mr. Sahin asked if PSS would be used in the 2012 London Olympic Games or not.

The Chairman confirmed that PSS would be used in 2012 London Olympic Games.

Mr. Pouladgar motioned that WTF Continental Qualification Tournament for Olympic Games be removed from Article 22.1 of the WTF Statutes.

The motion was seconded and carried by the Council and the Chairman announced that an amendment to the concerned article of the WTF Statutes would be drafted for ratification of the General Assembly by e-vote.

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## **13. Reports**

### **a. 2020 Olympic Games**

The Chairman introduced Mr. Phillip Walter Coles, WTF Vice President, for a report on the upcoming 2013 IOC Session to be held in Argentina, where the program for 2020 Olympics will be decided.

Mr. Coles informed that the development of the World Taekwondo Federation has been noticed by the IOC President Rogge and the WTF is moving in the right direction as to number of MNAs and active MNAs. However, at the upcoming IOC Session 2013 in Buenos Aires, Argentina one of the core sports on the Olympic Program will be dropped. At the moment it is impossible to say which sport it will be. In order to assure that it will not be taekwondo, Mr. Coles suggested that a committee be appointed, as soon as possible, to set up and implement a strategy to keep taekwondo in the Olympics for 2020 and beyond.

Mr. Coles went on to explain that it is important that press and TV coverage of WTF be improved as well as informing IOC members and other IFs of taekwondo's achievements such as reaching a membership of 200 MNAs and WTFs 40 year anniversary.

Mr. Coles finished by expressing his hope that taekwondo would remain on the Olympic program for 2020 and beyond.

The Chairman opened up the floor for questions and comments from the Council.

Mr. Sahin suggested that World Championships be held every year instead of biannually to increase the popularity of taekwondo worldwide. Further, Mr. Sahin suggested that each MNA try to market their local competitions so that taekwondo will be mentioned more in



media on all levels.

Mr. Coles agreed with Mr. Sahin but pointed out that WTF needs to get a lot better at dealing with media. As an example Mr. Coles mentioned the recent World Championships in Korea that was a great arrangement with great MNA participation and medal spread. However, the international coverage of the event was insufficient.

Mr. Coles also suggested that all ideas on how to work on this important task should be directed to the committee as soon as it had been appointed.

Since there were no further questions or comments the Chairman moved on to the next point on the agenda.

#### **b. Preparations for the WTF's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Chairman informed that 2013 marks the WTF 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and gave the floor to Mr. Dai Soon Lee, WTF Vice President and Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee for the preparations of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for a report on the work of the Committee.

Mr. Lee explained that the Committee is being established and a ceremony is being planned looking back on the 40 years of taekwondo history in order to give future direction and drive for the sport. One of the items selected for the program of the celebration is to hold taekwondo demonstrations in all MNAs to commemorate the anniversary.

#### **c. European Masters Games – Taekwondo**

The Chairman introduced Mr. Sun Jae Park, WTF Vice President, for a presentation on the preparations for the European Masters Games.

Mr. Park delivered his report to the Council and pointed out that the registration deadline has been extended and urged the European Member National Associations to register more athletes for this important event.

Mr. Madar requested that information regarding the extended deadline be sent out to the ETU Members as soon as possible.

### **14. New memberships**

The Chairman informed that the National Federations of the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru and Palau newly applied for membership to the WTF and that all the administrative procedures has been completed for the approval of the Council and General Assembly.

The Chairman moved that the Council approve Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru and



Palau as new members of the World Taekwondo Federation.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

The Chairman announced that Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru and Palau now holds a provisional membership status increasing the number of WTF MNAs to 200. The final decision of the new memberships will be put forward at the next General Assembly to be held in Egypt in 2012.

## **15. Other matters**

The Chairman gave the floor to Secretary General Yang.

### **a. Status on Irish Taekwondo Union**

Secretary General Yang informed that the Irish Taekwondo Union had split into two organizations that both claimed to be the recognized WTF MNA. The WTF had encouraged both parties to come up with a resolution to this internal problem without result. The NOC of Ireland had also been contacted to resolve the situation. With this Secretary General Yang gave the floor to Mr. Min.

Mr. Min explained that the President of the Irish Taekwondo Union stepped down from his position as president in October 2010 and at the following election Mr. Martin Fleming was elected president. Another group of the ITU claimed that the election and General Assembly had been conducted unconstitutionally and therefore held their own election where a Mr. Gerry Joyce was elected president. Both parties and the NOC had been given a deadline until July 28, 2011 to resolve the issue or the matter of suspending the ITU would be put before the Council. On July 25, 2011 a letter was received from the OCI (Olympic Council of Ireland) stating that an Extraordinary General Assembly of the ITU had been held in accordance with its statutes and Mr. Fleming was elected president. The party of Mr. Gerry Joyce had been invited, but declined to attend. Accordingly, the situation has been resolved.

### **b. Status on Ms. Yang Shu-Chun's CAS appeal**

Secretary General Yang requested Mr. Min to present the current standing on the case to the Council.

Mr. Min informed that Ms. Yang was disqualified during the Asian Games for wearing illegal equipment. Ms. Yang then went on to appeal the case to CAS. On July 25, 2011 Mr. Min received a phone call from CAS informing that Ms. Yang had withdrawn her appeal and that the official documentation would be sent to the WTF.

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*On August 5, 2011 the official CAS documentation was received by the WTF.*



**c. Competition format for World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships in Aruba in 2012**

The Chairman informed that the tag-team match team competition format was first introduced at the 2010 WTF World Tour held in Moscow, Russia and has since then contributed to further excitement for taekwondo competition. In order to evolve the WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships into a more exciting and lively competition the Chairman moved that a differentiated 5 weight divisions tag-team match format be used at the next World Cup.

The motion was seconded and passed by the Council.

**d. ETU Cadet Taekwondo Championships**

The Chairman explained that given the success and popularity of the biannual ETU Cadet Taekwondo Championships, with participation of a big number of countries, other Continental Unions should consider establishing cadet events to further attract young athletes' to join international taekwondo events. Upon a successful organization of cadet events by continent, the WTF will establish a World Cadet Taekwondo Championships.

Mr. Ji Ho Choi asked if WTF would be allowed to use the word "Olympic" in the name of any competition.

Mr. Coles replied that the word "Olympic" cannot be used.

Mr. Sahin pointed out the success of the ETU Cadet Taekwondo Championships and suggested that Cadet Championships be organized on a world level by the WTF in order to keep on developing the sport of taekwondo.

Mr. Pueblas informed of the Under 21 ETU Championships that have been held with success in Europe. These championships help smooth the transition from Junior to Senior division. Mr. Pueblas asked that the Under 21 Championships should also be considered for a world level championships.

Secretary General Yang asked that Mr. Pueblas submit this suggestion to the WTF in writing so that it could be carefully examined.

Mr. Pouladgar informed that in Iran they have a taekwondo league for competitors under 14 years old. The experiences from this league has shown a very high injury rate and therefore he recommended that at that age more focus should be put on poomsae competition.

Mr. Madar explained that the Cadet Taekwondo Championships that have been held in Europe on three occasions have not shown an increased injury rate compared to other competitions. Further, instep protectors were used for the Cadet Championships and this might be something that helped keep the risk of injury down.



The Chairman suggested that more research and thought was necessary before deciding on making Cadet Taekwondo Championships a WTF promoted event.

**e. Considerations of points improved and to be improved**

Secretary General Yang informed of the survey that had been done among the Council members referred the Council members to read the outcome of the survey that had been printed in the Agenda.

## **16. Next WTF Council Meeting**

The Chairman announced that the next WTF Council meeting would be held on the occasion of the 9<sup>th</sup> WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships to be held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

However, a greater frequency in Council meetings is desirable for decisions of important strategies. Accordingly, the Chairman opened up for Member National Associations and WTF Council members to request to host WTF Council meetings, subject to provision of free accommodation for the Council Members, the Chairman informed.

## **17. Closing of the Meeting**

The Chairman delivered his closing speech as follows:

*Dear Friends,*

*Taekwondo has truly reached global proportions. Now with 200 members, we have joined a league of sports greater than could have been imagined upon the WTF's foundation nearly 40 years ago.*

*No greater a time could there be to begin affirming our members and their numbers. The ETU has already decided to make the WTF Global Membership System mandatory for its members. This step is laudable, and one that I hope will continue onto the other continental unions. I would like to encourage all of you follow in the footsteps of the ETU.*

*Also, the re-conceptualization of the WTF Taekwondo Peace Corps and the WTF Demonstration Teams will offer us even greater advantage.*

*Giving way for continental Peace Corps and demonstration teams will allow for these organizations to be more effective in their missions and efficient in their works. Taking taekwondo beyond the borders of Korea has always been the goal of the WTF. With these new adaptations to these vital organs of development and promotions, we can do this on a greater scale, and with a new look.*



*It is also important to think of the future of our athletes in addition to promoting our sport. The aim at doing both can be included in the statement of purpose for the founding of the WTF Pro-Taekwondo Foundation. After successes in Mexico and Moscow, a new and dynamic approach to a professional career in taekwondo is easy to foresee. Every possible effort will be given to complete the Pro-Taekwondo Foundation.*

*All three of these organizations will be subsidiary, and under the watchful eye of the WTF our watchful eye. Your input on these new additions is important as they begin to shape the new image of the WTF. As many of you have pointed out in your questionnaires, we cannot wait any longer for changes to be made. The time is upon us now.*

*In 2013, we will see a pivotal year for the WTF. We will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary for our foundation. And in this same year, the fate of our taekwondo family and our sport will be made. Elections will be held, and a decision by the IOC as to what sports will be on the Olympic program for 2020 and beyond will be handed down.*

*The time is upon us to make changes. We must solidify our position as rightful Olympic Sport.*

*We must ensure that our athletes' dreams and hopes are fulfilled. We must make sure that our organization has a future.*

*It is true that we are facing some challenges. But we have proven, even recently, how we can come together as a family meet adversity with endurance and success.*

*Thank you.*