



# Minutes

30<sup>th</sup> WT General Assembly  
Grand Suite room at Vermillion | Manchester, UK  
09h00-18h00 | 14 May 2019

## AGENDA

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## **1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order**

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At 10h00, Secretary General Hoss Rafaty announces that delegate from 101 Member National Associations (“MNA” – including 57 voting MNAs), 25 Council Members and 2 auditors are present, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 7.8 of the Statutes.

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

The Chair welcomes all participants for joining the General Assembly which takes place at the year marking 25<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of the decision on inclusion of Taekwondo in the Olympic Program.

The Chair recognizes attendance of the high ranking sport officials in the Manchester 2019 World Taekwondo Championships such as the IOC President Thomas Bach, IOC Executive Board Member Ser Miang Ng and International Judo Federation President Marius Vizer.

The Chair gives special thanks to Sarah Stevenson, President of British Taekwondo and awards MNA certificate. The Chair also recognizes contribution of Julia Newton, Chair of GB Taekwondo by awarding appreciation plaque. The Chair also awards gifts to the representatives of the volunteers Connor Walsh and Amanda Light. Then, the Chair recognizes the contribution of Tong Wan Shin who brought Taekwondo to UK in 1972.

The Chair congratulated 25 newly elected Presidents of MNAs: Najibullah Sekandar (Afghanistan), Benallaoua Yazid (Algeria), Dossa Victorien Kougblenou (Benin), Vinay Naicker (Botswana), Ling Ping Wu (Chinese Taipei), Nimesh Narayan (Fiji), Adama Samba (Gambia), Sarah Stevenson MBE (Great Britain), Mamadou Diallo (Guinea), Haukur Skulason (Iceland), Nemani Tebana (Kiribati), Gani Krasniqi (Kosovo), Siphandone Athsaphangthong (Laos), Christian Richard Ramanantsoa (Madagascar), Azizul Annuar Bin Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Haji Adenan Satem (Malaysia), Alioune Badara Traore (Mali), Miroslav Ivanisevic (Montenegro), Armenio Matsolo (Mozambique), Trond Berg (Norway), Jianmin Guan (People’s Republic of China), Elvin Ramos (Puerto Rico), Placide Bagago (Rwanda), Balla Dieye (Senegal), Tong Chor Deran (South Sudan) and Ahmadjon Rahimov (Uzbekistan).

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## **2. President Report**

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The Chair welcomes again the delegates from MNAs, Council Members and all other Taekwondo families.

The Chair remarks that several WT promoted championships were held with great success since the last General Assembly. The Chair points out that the Hammamet 2018 World Junior Championships marked the biggest event in terms of the number of participating countries despite continued security concerns.

The Chair addresses the success of 2<sup>nd</sup> World Beach Taekwondo Championships and expresses the hope that the freestyle poomsae will be considered as an Olympic event as it is a youth-oriented sport.

The Chair recalls the successful Grand Prix Roma and gives a special thanks to Angelo Cito who is a WT Council member and President of Italian Taekwondo Federation for his outstanding contributions to the organization such as a demonstration event at the Vatican while His Holiness Pope Francesco was attending.

Then, he mentions the successful organization of the newly formatted World Cup Team Championships in Wuxi, China and that the continued development of this event will make it possible to put mixed team

event at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

While he mentions the success of Grand Prix Manchester, he also introduces the story of Maisie Catt who lost both of her legs at just 10 months but learned Taekwondo and changed her life.

He continues sharing the information on successful debut of Taekwondo at the Gymnasiade and thanks Driss El Hilali for his contributions and encourages Assembly to actively participate in the next edition to be held in Jinjiang, China in 2020.

The Chair reports the progress of humanitarian activities of WT and THF including his presentation at the ASOIF General Assembly for urging other International Federations to join Taekwondo for empowering young refugees through sport. He continues sharing the latest update on signing agreement with Wrestling, Table Tennis and Badminton while Judo and Hockey are coming up.

He also adds that the message from Taekwondo has been disseminated at the Olympic Refugee Foundation Board Meeting and the 'United through Sports Closing Conference'. He concludes that 6 boys and 2 girls from Humanitarian Taekwondo Center in Azraq Camp are now Taekwondo black belt holders. One of them is already confirmed as an IOC scholarship holder as candidate for Olympic Refugee Team for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

The Chair updates the Assembly with the progress of the cooperation with International Taekwondo Federation ("ITF") including the visit of WT delegation and demonstration team to Pyongyang in October 2018 and joint demonstration in Vienna, Lausanne and Geneva in April 2019. He adds that the high ranking officials such as IOC President Thomas Bach, UNOG Director General Michael Moller and former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder attended this event. He stresses the importance of the continuation of this cooperation under the spirit of "One World, One Taekwondo" as the root of Taekwondo is one. Then, he concludes with expressing his hope that WT will be able to have a member national association in Democratic People's Republic of Korea which is one of only 5 countries that have not yet joined the WT.

The Chair brings attention to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. He stresses that the promotion of Taekwondo in Chiba region, where Taekwondo competition will take place, will be critical for success of Taekwondo at the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. He updates the Assembly with his latest visit to Chiba region for meetings with local governmental officials for cooperation to further increase awareness of Taekwondo in that region in the lead up to the Games time.

The Chair concludes his report by emphasizing the importance of Good Governance and asks for cooperation of Assembly to achieve reaching to the highest level of governance.

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### **3. Approval of the Minutes**

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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 General Assembly if there are any comments on the minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly held on April 5, 2018 in Hammamet, Tunisia, which appears as Appendix 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 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly are approved by the General Assembly.***

The Chair then moves on to the next item on the agenda, Secretary General Report of 2018-2019.

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#### **4. WT 2018-2019 Secretary General Report**

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##### 4.a. Operation Report

The Chair invites Secretary General Hoss Rafaty to present his reports on Operations.

Secretary General thanks the Chair, and reports to the Assembly on major decisions taken at the last Council meeting and General Assembly held in Hammamet, Tunisia in April 4 and 5, 2018 respectively including amendment to Competition Rules and Medical Code, adoption of 2018-2019 WT Development Program, selection of the host cities of WT promoted events and declaration of Safest World for Athletes and Taekwondo Kids.

He continues reporting on major decisions taken at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held in Fujairah, UAE on November 21, 2018 including revision of Competition and governance rules, reinstatement of Kuwait Taekwondo Federation, new competition uniform for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, Development Program for 2019-2021, Finance Rules for trial basis and selection of the host city for 2021 WT World Taekwondo Championships and WT World Para Taekwondo Championships.

He reports some highlights of WT competitions in 2018. A total of 83 international competitions were held, and over 42,500 athletes participated while 15,000 officials attended. Women athlete participation reached to 17,700 constituting about 42%. He says that Europe held 40% of the events while Asia took 30%.

Then he reports that WT is one of the first International Federations that achieved full compliance of review program in 2018 in Anti-doping.

He continues reporting that WT organized for the first time the WT Educator Certification Course on March 9-11, 2019 in Muju.

He also reports the progress of the relationship with Kukkiwon. The agreement between WT and Kukkiwon was signed on March 2019 in which Kukkiwon agreed to delegate WT MNAs as the sole governing body to administer Dan Application Process.

He updates information on restructuring of the WT administration from 12 departments to 3 departments with 2 offices.

The Chair thanks Secretary General for his Operations Report and asks General Assembly for any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair then invites Treasurer Pimol Srivikorn for his Finance Report.

##### 4.b. Financial Report

Treasurer Srivikorn thanks the Chair and reports that WT had revenue of about 10.3 million USD and had expenses just a little under. He remarks that the report was done in accordance with the Korean International Financial Reporting Standard. He reports that the budget of 2019 will be increased to 11.5 million USD. He concludes that WT is in good financial standing.

The Chair thanks the Treasurer and asks General Assembly for any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair invites Auditor Ali Sagirkaya for audit report.

Auditor Sagirkaya reports that he audited the financial statements for 2018 and budget for 2019. He confirms that the WT's operations for the year that ended in 2018 are in conformity with General Accounting Principles and adoption of Korean International Financial Reporting Standards. Then he recommends acceptance of the WT Financial Statements for 2018 and budget for 2019.

The Chair thanks Auditor and asks General Assembly for any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of WT's 2018 Financial Report and 2019 Budget. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

***DECISION: Financial Statements of 2018 and Budget for 2019 are approved by General Assembly.***

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## **5. Amendment**

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### 5.a. WT Statutes

The Chair invites Legal Counsel Corbin Min to present amendment proposal for WT Statutes.

Legal Counsel Min says that many of amendment proposals are prepared for alignment of terminology while there are a few key changes.

- Recognize Kukkiwon as one of the cooperative organizations specifically for the standardization of martial arts education and Dan & Poom certifications;
- Expand the number of eligible competitions for MNAs to be able to maintain a full level 1 recognition;
- Add two certification courses (for educators and coaches) to the operations of WT; and
- Restructure the committees: Games, Referees, Coaches, Athletes, Medical and Para Committee are under Technical Commission while Development, Education and Taekwondo for All Committee are under Member Relations & Development ("MRD") Commission. Sustainability, Finance, Juridical and Ethics & Integrity Committee will serve as Oversight committee. WT administration will create a terms of reference. The committee will be expected to provide a quarterly report. Those reports will be all published on WT website. Chairs of Technical Commission and MRD Commission will attend Council Meetings and General Assembly to update on their activities.

The Chair asks General Assembly for any questions or comments. There are none.

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

***DECISION: Amendment to WT Statutes is approved by General Assembly.***

### 5.b. WT Articles of Association

The Chair explains that WT Articles of Association are the regulation to govern WT in compliance with the law of the Rep. of Korea where the WT is located. He invites Legal Counsel Min to make presentation.

Legal Counsel Min explains that this regulation is needed to abide by the local registration as there is no such special regulation for international federations in Korea. He remarks that the key article of changes is to recognize General Assembly of WT as the key decision maker. He adds that the General Assembly should approve appointment of WT Secretary General as an Ex-officio Director of World Taekwondo Inc.

The Chair asks General Assembly for any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendment to WT Articles of Association. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chair calls for approval of appointing WT Secretary General as an Ex-officio Director of World Taekwondo Inc. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

**DECISION:**

- 1. Amendment to WT Articles of Association is approved by General Assembly.**
- 2. Appointment of WT Secretary General as an Ex-officio Director of World Taekwondo Inc. is approved by General Assembly.**

5.c. WT Competition Rules and Interpretation

The Chair invites Senior Director Jaewook Lee to make presentation on amendment proposal for WT Competition Rules and Interpretation.

Senior Director Lee explains the major changes as follows.

- Remove “WT Dan/Poomsae Holders from the qualification of athletes;
- Change terminologies; boundary line to outer line, mouthpiece to mouth guard; and
- Remove English term ‘deduction penalty’ to avoid confusion

The Chair asks General Assembly for any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendment to WT Competition Rules and Interpretation. It is seconded and unanimously approved.

**DECISION: Amendment to WT Competition Rules & Interpretation is approved by General Assembly.**

5.d. WT Event Operations Rules

The Chair invites Senior Director Jaewook Lee to make presentation on amendment proposal for WT Event Operations Rules.

Senior Director Lee explains that WT will be now in charge of operations of the multi-sport games in which the NOCs are involved such as appointment of technical officials and international referees. He adds that the name of ‘World Taekwondo Team Championships’ will be changed to ‘WT World Cup Team Championships’.

The Chair asks General Assembly for any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendment to WT Event Operations Rules. It is seconded and unanimously approved.

***DECISION: Amendment to WT Event Operations Rules is approved by General Assembly.***

#### 5.e. WT Poomsae Competition Rules & Interpretation

The Chair invites Senior Director Jaewook Lee to make presentation on amendment proposal for WT Poomsae Competition Rules & Interpretation.

Senior Director Lee explains that most of changes are clarification of technical terminologies or correction of mistakes and that this rule is quite identical to the rule amended in 2014 and it will be temporarily applied until 2020 World Poomsae Championships. He continues saying that there will be now regulation on the minimum number of countries for the tournaments to be officially recognized.

The Chair asks General Assembly for any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendment to WT Poomsae Competition Rules & Interpretation. It is seconded and unanimously approved.

***DECISION: Amendment to WT Poomsae Competition Rules & Interpretation is approved by General Assembly.***

The Chair notes that he has to move the Report on THF and Taekwondo Cares from afternoon session to the morning, since the presenter should leave for another important commitment. He asks for approval of the General Assembly and it is unanimously approved.

The Chair invites Mr. Marco Ienna, Director of Lausanne Office for presentation of the Report on THF and the Cares.

Director Ienna addresses that the role of THF is to ensure THF functions and operates under the jurisdiction of Swiss Law, in line with the World Taekwondo mandate and in line with UN Directives.

He reports that THF and WT signed cooperative MOUs with other International Federations such as UWW, ITTF and BWF while IJF will join signing in Manchester, and that the objective of this partnership is to increase cooperation between IFs in humanitarian activities and ultimately to create an Olympic sport peace corp.

He continues reporting the progress of the Azraq Camp which is the best-structured program of the THF that the Humanitarian Taekwondo Center is now open to other sports to join for activities. He introduces that the projects will be expanded to Djibouti and Rwanda.

He concludes his report by briefing the activities of Taekwondo Cares which is more focused on sport for social development such as Hope School projects in Rwanda and Women Empowerment projects in Nepal.

The Chair thanks Director Ienna for his report and asks General Assembly for any questions or comments. There are none.

At 12h00, The Chair calls for a lunch break, with the General Assembly to resume at 13h00.

[Break for Lunch]

At 13h10, The Chair calls the General Assembly meeting back to order.

Before moving onto the agenda item, the Chair remarks that the treasurer Pimol Srivikorn committed an



US\$10,000 donation to THF. He asks General Assembly for a round of applause. He also remarks that an Italian Council Member Angelo Cito committed to organizing an awarding ceremony of Grand Prix Roma at the Coliseum for the first time in the history of any kind of sports. He asks for a round of applause to Mr. Cito.

#### 5.f. WT Athlete Classification Rules

The Chair resumes the meeting and invites Para Taekwondo Committee Technical and Referee Chair Chakir Chelbat and Para Taekwondo Department Manager Olof Hansson for presentation of the amendment proposal for Athlete Classification Rules.

Chakir Chelbat reports that the amendment proposal was approved by the Council in November 2018 and the most critical points are as follows.

- Correction of article 6.3, for the rules to be in conformity with IPC Classification Code
- Classification and updates to be eligible for Para Taekwondo
- Correction of the K41 class description
- Further clarification of the K42 class
- Correction of the K44 class

The Chair asks General Assembly for any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendment to WT Athlete Classification Rules. It is seconded and unanimously approved.

***DECISION: Amendment to WT Athlete Classification Rules is approved by General Assembly.***

#### 5.g. WT Para Taekwondo Competition Rules

The Chair invites Para Taekwondo Committee Technical and Referee Chair Chakir Chelbat and Para Taekwondo Department Manager Olof Hansson for presentation of the amendment proposal for Para Taekwondo Competition Rules.

Chakir Chelbat reports that the following changes are proposed.

- Uniform specification for athletes
- Amendment to random weigh-in to allow more flexibility
- Measure to be responsive to intentional misrepresentation

The Chair asks General Assembly for any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendment to WT Para Taekwondo Competition Rules. It is seconded and unanimously approved.

***DECISION: Amendment to WT Para Taekwondo Competition Rules is approved by General Assembly.***

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## 6. Announcement

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## 6.a. Host City Selection

The Chair announces the following host cities selected by the Council at its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

- 2020 Grand Prix Final: Cancun, Mexico
- 2021 Grand Prix Series: Manchester, UK
- 2023 Grand Prix Final: Manchester, UK

The Chair congratulates the selected host cities.

The Chair also announces that a Chinese city Wuxi was selected as the host city of the 2021 WT World Taekwondo Championships and World Para Taekwondo Championships at the Council meeting on November 21, 2018 in Fujairah, UAE. He invites Chinese Taekwondo Association President Mr. Guan Jemin for progress report.

After a short introductory video, Chinese Taekwondo Association President Guan commits, on behalf of the Chinese Taekwondo Association and Wuxi Municipal People's Government that a first class venue will be created and all services will be professional. He concludes his report with warm invitation extended to all delegates of WT MNAs.

The Chair thanks President Guan. He remarks that the Mayor and Vice Mayor of Wuxi Municipal People's Government is fully supporting this event and that they even committed for breaking the record of the number of the participating countries which was set by Muju in 2017 with 183 countries.

## 6.b. Code and Bylaws

The Chair invites WT Legal Counsel Corbin Min for presentation of the overview of the changes of the Coe and Bylaws.

Legal Counsel Min touches upon the newly enacted WT Regulation on the Administration of WT Educators and WT Regulation on the Administration of WT International Coaches which are created to expand WT's education to coaches. He also reports that the WT Hall of Fame Bylaw was enacted to recognize the people who have contributed to sport of Taekwondo.

He continues that Para Taekwondo Bylaw was repealed since Para Taekwondo education will now be part of the able-body regular education courses. He reports that the following Code and Bylaws were amended at the WT Council Meeting.

- WT Code of Ethics
- WT Disciplinary Actions and Appeals Code
- WT Ranking Bylaw
- WT Rules on Administration of International Classifiers
- WT Regulation on the Administration of International Kyorugi Referees
- WT Regulation on the Administration of International Poomsae Referees
- WT Finance Rules
- WT Medical Code

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## 7. Reports

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### 7.a. Strategic Planning for a sustainable WT

The Chair remarks that significant works have been done by the Sustainability Committee Chair Giovanni de Cola in establishing a set of strategies in coordination with WT Strategic Planning Office. He invites Strategic Planning Office Director Jerry Ling for presentation.

Director Ling touches upon 17 recommendations adopted by WT Council. He remarks that the WT has been applying these already across WT's sustainability strategy based on the IOC's sustainable strategy set back in 2017.

He addresses the importance of transparent governance framework, compliance and gender balance.

### 7.b. Governance

The Chair stresses the importance of improving level of governance to survive in the fast-moving sport environment. He invites Director Ling again for presentation of Governance.

#### 7.b.i) ASOIF Indicators

Director Ling first introduces the ASOIF, acronym of Association of Summer Olympic International Federations; gathering of all the Summer Olympic Federations that are now 33 for Tokyo 2020. He remarks that the objective of WT is to achieve more sustainable and better governance and reach A ranking of ASOIF Governance Evaluation.

He presents a chart showing position of WT among other IFs in governance. He reports that WT is currently in B but very close to A. He adds that this ranking reflects the level of governance of each IF and might impact on the future evaluation of the IOC which serves as the basis for Olympic revenue distribution.

He concludes his report by saying that WT can certainly improve the score and be ranked at the position WT deserves.

#### 7.b.ii) Safeguarding

The Chair invites two special guest speakers from the IOC; Kirsty Burrows and Susan Greinig for presentation of Safeguarding.

Kirsty Burrows stresses the importance of the topic and remarks that this topic was previously pushed to the sidelines but now came to the center of our vocabulary. She admits that there is harassment and abuse unfortunately occurs across all sporting disciplines, not because sport is bad but sport is a reflection of society.

Susan Greinig touches upon several different forms of harassment and abuse including psychological abuse and physical abuse. She reports that a lot of research has been undertaken for the last 15 years and now there is documentation, education materials including videos and tools that are user-friendly to promote the key messages. She explains the activities of the IOC Safeguarding Officers on site during the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games. According to the survey regarding

harassment and abuse occur in their sport, 60% of the respondents aged 15-18 said it is very likely or it does occur in their sport. She says that this is shocking but motivates us all to continue helping minimize these risks in sport.

Kirsty Burrows remarks that IOC released the Athletes Safeguarding Toolkit written primarily for International Federations and National Olympic Committees but can be used by National Federations. She says that all materials are easily accessible to find out more information.

She concludes by congratulating WT's lead in this area.

The Chair thanks and asks General Assembly for a round of applause for their joining not only General Assembly but also the WT Conference held on 12<sup>th</sup> May at Manchester Metropolitan University.

#### 7.b.iii) Rules of Engagement

#### 7.b.iv) WT-IF

The Chair invites Legal Counsel Corbin Min for presentation of Rules of Engagement.

Legal Counsel Min stressed the importance of alignment between WT, Continental Unions and Member National Associations with the right and best policies moving down to the continental and national level.

He adds that WT will go through all of the governance documents to ensure they are all aligned, more specific with guidance. He also says that model documents for continental unions will be created to ensure there are no variations between the regions. For National Association, the requirements will be established. All will be done either by the end of this year or early next year.

Then, he continues giving updates on WT-IT which is a federal non-profit institute in US that operates GMS. He reports the new formation of the WT-IF board as follows.

- President: Hoss Rafaty
- Vice President: Gen. Ahmed Fouly
- Secretary General: Inseon Kim
- Treasurer: Pimol Srivikorn
- Auditor: Ali Sagirkaya
- Member: Francisco Raymundo Gonzalez

He concludes that the new contract between WT and WT-IF is under way focusing on re-investment of GMS revenue to member development.

At 14h20, the Chair calls for a coffee break with General Assembly to resume at 14h35.

[Break]

At 14h40, the Chair calls the General Assembly meeting back to order.

#### 7.c. Development and Education Program

The Chair invites Member Relations & Development Senior Director Jeongkang Seo for Report on Development and Education Program

Senior Director Seo goes through the vision and missions of WT's Development and Education and identifies four key objectives that are sustainable education program, supporting capacity-building of stakeholders, effective cooperation with external partners, increase of accessibility. He continues briefing the different development programs for CUs and MNAs including equipment aid, participation aid, scholarship, and new certification systems for educators and coaches introduced in 2019. He reports that the development of the standardized teaching materials and online education platform are under way for delivery of consistent, sustainable and practical education courses.

He concludes that the MNAs who are already in Manchester are more than welcomed to contact MRD staff for any questions or assistance for development programs.

#### 7.d. Executive Meeting Report

The Chair invites Secretary General Hoss Rafaty for a brief report on the Executive Meeting.

Secretary General Rafaty reports the Executive Meeting was held in Wuxi on March 30, 2019 in conjunction with WT staff workshop. The meeting focused on the creation of rules of engagement to ensue alignment between WT and CUs. He adds that the Executive Meeting held yesterday morning was to go through the agenda of the Council Meeting.

#### 7.e. Technical Committee Report

The Chair invites Technical Committee Chair Jinbang Yang to present Technical Committee Report.

Technical Committee Chairman Yang began his report by saying that this World Championships have the biggest turnout in the history and it reflects everyone's focus on the championships and Olympic qualification pathway.

He introduces the quotas allocation policy and qualification procedures of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Taekwondo Competitions. Then he briefed the technical innovations introduced to each of past Olympic Games.

He then remarks that the development of Taekwondo Competition uniforms for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games have been progressed and the prototype was distributed to all suppliers for additional design. Test matches with those new designs will be held on May 18. He concludes by saying that athlete gloves will be developed to better protect athletes' hands from strong kicks during the competitions.

The Chair announces the change of presentation due to the delayed arrival of Medical Committee Chair from the Medical Staff Workshop. The General Assembly approves the change.

The Chair Invites Women's Committee Chair Ms. Maria Borello for presentation of the activities made by WT Women's Committee.

#### 7.g. Women's Committee Report

Women's Committee Chairwoman Borello shows the video highlighting the project in Guatemala targeting women and girls. Then, she stresses that the value of Taekwondo can surely guide children to better future. She recognizes efforts of other members who are Caroline Maher, Barbara Marian and Maria Lourdes for their contributions in developing important projects in their countries.

#### 7.h. GMS Update

The Chair invites GMS Director Justin Tenbeth for presentation of GMS Updates.

Director Tenbeth reports that this event marks the largest tournament with over 2,500 registrants from 150 countries including 966 athletes, 818 officials, 325 technical officials, 427 VIPs, 100 International Referees, 83 media, 188 organizing committee staff and 224 volunteers. He continues reporting that 860 visa letters were issued through the GMS system and over thousand accommodation and flight details were collected by the system which makes it easier for the organizing committee to manage the tournament.

He reports that the GMS members are growing and is now reaching over 73,000 active members. He shows breakdown of the numbers by region, countries and gender.

He also reports that GMS is currently working with WT Member Relations Department to build online education system which will launch soon and that the new WT App was launched yesterday. He gives a floor to the CEO of Simplycompetite, Sujay Karve for more explanations.

Sujay Karve reports that in the coming months, competition management system will be ready for the use; public-facing website as well as the national ranking system will be provided.

Then, Director Tenbeth introduces a board member of the Egyptian Taekwondo Federation Mr. Kareem Shyvana for sharing their experiences of the use of GMS.

Mr. Shyvana explains that the Egyptian Taekwondo Federation had to handle all data with paper works and took huge amount of works and resources but failed to find appropriate system to replace, and that implementation of GMS solved a lot of problems and it now handles database more efficiently.

The Chair appreciates the GMS team and the delegate from Egyptian Taekwondo Federation for sharing their practices.

#### 7.f. Medical Committee Report

The Chair invites the Medical Committee Chair Dr. David Jeong for presentation of the Medical and Anti-doping Committee Report.

Dr. Jeong reports that the WT Medical and Anti-doping Committee reports on the update of the following four goals set in 2017

- Reinforcement of the policy and regulations on safety measures and health protection for athletes;
- Development of education and training program for medical staff, referees and coaches;
- Quality improvement and standardization of the medical service at WT's promoted events; and
- Support to research and academic activities in injury and illness surveillance and prevention.

He continues reporting that introduction of a two day random weigh-in turns out to be success preventing athletes from rapid weight loss and doping, and that medical education for referees helps reduction of critical injuries. He adds that the change of concussion suspension rule further secures the safety of athletes. He also reports that commission doctor education was held this year so that they can go to the G1 and G2 tournaments to oversee. He mentions that cooperation with YISSEM (Yonsei University Sports Science and Exercise Medicine) helps a lot for injury surveillance and prevention for which WT recently received a letter of appreciation from Dr. Lars Engebretsen, Head of Scientific Activities of the IOC Medical Commission.

He also introduces new WT Mouth guard, taping and bracing rules which will ensure the injury prevention for athletes by using the appropriate mouth guard, taping and bracing for WT athletes which will not only give proper protection to the athletes but also avoid harming the opponent.

He concludes that introduction of medical certification program is needed.

The Chair asks the General Assembly for any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair thanks Dr. Jeong.

#### 7.j. Progress Report

##### 7.j.i) 2020 Tokyo Olympic & Paralympic Games

The Chair invites Mr. Hiroaki Onohara, Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Taekwondo Competition Manager for presentation of the progress report on 2020 Tokyo Olympic & Paralympic Games.

Mr. Onohara introduces the construction site of athletes' village and locations of the venue, training venues and hotels. He remarks that the weather in Tokyo in summer will be very hot but the organizing committee has already set the solutions such as air conditioners and enough water supplies.

He also reports that the test event will be held this year for Olympic Taekwondo and Para Taekwondo, and that the event will be held as operational test without spectators. He adds that technical tests such as radio-wave environment with technical devices will be focused.

He concludes that the Tokyo 2020 team commits to breaking record of ticket sales, successful operation of the first ever Para Taekwondo and increasing awareness and popularity of Taekwondo Team Competitions.

##### 7.j.ii) 2019 Summer Universiade

The Chair invites Prof. Russell Ahn, FISU Taekwondo Technical Chair for presentation of the progress report on Napoli 2019 Summer Universiade.

Prof. Ahn first touches upon the history and overview of FISU and shows highlight video. Then he describes the pathway for Taekwondo to become a compulsory status at the Universiade and recognizes the contribution of Prof. Ken Min.

He reports that Taekwondo is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest sport in terms of participants and the 4<sup>th</sup> biggest in terms of number of medal counts in Universiade and 887 athletes are expected to compete in Napoli. He shows a promotion video of the Napoli Universiade and asks the General Assembly for continuous interest in Taekwondo in university level.

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## **8. Kukkiwon**

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The Chair remarks that Kukkiwon has been in governance reform since departure of the former President and that WT has been constantly requesting Kukkiwon for granting WT MNAs to serve as a sole organization for Dan application. He invites WT Member Relations & Development Senior Director Jeongkang Seo for presentation of the report.

Senior Director Seo begins his report by saying that WT needs continuous collaboration with Kukkiwon as these two organizations share the same history and value of Taekwondo and also assume same

responsibility for development of Taekwondo.

He points out the outstanding issues encountered by WT such as lack of proper communications, lack of understanding on each organization's objectives, lack of establishing formal relations, conflicts caused by Kukkiwon's own global branches and finally no control mechanism over Dan application process.

He describes the efforts WT has made to improve the situation since 2017 and reports that the two organizations have come up with agreement on March 21, 2019, notably the designation of WT MNAs as the sole governing body to administration Dan promotion test under the condition that the MNAs meet the requirements set by Kukkiwon to avoid any confusion created by the MNAs that are not qualified for such procedures. He concludes by asking MNAs to try to embrace all Taekwondo people for true representation of Taekwondo in the respective country and for effective management of the new Dan administration process.

The Chair asks General Assembly for any questions or comments.

The delegate from Costa Rica expressed the frustration experienced with Kukkiwon particularly in that many individual masters carry out Dan promotion test without involvement of the MNA breaking the ecosystem of Taekwondo. Senior Director Seo responds that the reason for this new agreement is to ensure those bad practices do not happen and assures that WT will always be happy to step in to solve any conflict between Kukkiwon and the MNAs.

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## **9. Other Matters**

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### **9.a. WT Hall of Fame**

The Chair addresses that WT is aiming at creating the Hall of Fame to honor and recognize the great contributors. He invites Secretary General Hoss Rafaty for presentation of the project overview.

Secretary General Rafaty explains that a lot of works including research of intellectual property rights for the Hall of Fame, designing of logo, designing of the trophies, development of regulations and creation of the award categories. He says that the first induction ceremony is scheduled in December on the occasion of the Gala Awards in Moscow. He adds that since it is the 1<sup>st</sup> year, plan is to induce about 18 persons to the Hall of Fame. He concludes that the application process may begin in September.

### **9.b. New WT Headquarters**

The Chair informs that the headquarters of the WT will move to another place in Seoul which is 10 minute driving distance from the current location. He explains that the building is owned by Booyoung and is near City Hall of Seoul.

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## **10. Next Meeting**

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The Chair announces that the next General Assembly would be held in Sofia, Bulgaria on October 13, 2020 on the occasion of the 2020 WT World Junior Taekwondo Championships.

Then, the Chair opens floor for any questions or comments.



The delegate from Cape Verde points out the visa issue encountered by numerous African countries this time. He asks for enhancing accessibility of African athletes in international competitions.

The Chair assures that WT requested the organizing committee of UK for securing a guarantee letter issue by the relevant governmental authority to make sure smooth visa issuance for the next events in UK such as 2021 GP Series and 2023 GP Final.

The Chair asks if there are any further questions. There are none.

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## **11. Closing of Meeting**

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The Chair expresses his gratitude to General Assembly for engagement and confidence.

At 17h20, the Chair declares the 30<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to be adjourned.