

Minutes

86th World Taekwondo (Extraordinary) Council Meeting

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Muju, Korea & Virtual

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1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

1. The meeting was called to order by the **CHAIR** of the meeting. The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Jeongkang Seo**, Secretary General, to announce the quorum.
2. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** announced the attendance of thirty-one (31) Council members including the President, Secretary General and the Auditor. Among them, eleven (11) participated on-site and twenty (20) participated online. With this attendance, the meeting fulfills the requirement for a quorum, as stipulated in Article 6.10 of the WT Statutes.

3 members absent with prior notice:

Mr. Pimol Srivikorn

Ms. Jamie Lee Carpenter

H.H Sheikha Jameela bint Mohammed Al Qasimi

1 member absent without prior notice:

Mr. Athanasios Pragalos

3. He also announced that no Council members have reported an undisclosed conflict of interest related to the agenda, and none were found.
4. *Before moving on to the President Report, Muju Country Governor, In-Hong Hwang gave a short speech about their efforts to promote Taekwondo in Muju.*

2. President Report

5. The **CHAIR** mentioned that today marks 88 days till the first Taekwondo competitions in Paris on August 7. One day earlier on August 6, WT will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of Taekwondo's acceptance as an Olympic sport.
6. He congratulated the success of the Paralympic Games referees training camp held in Santorini three weeks ago, and stressed that referees must be ready to show the fairness and integrity of Taekwondo. He thanked the organizers, especially the Paralympic Games Committee led by **Mr. Usman Dildar**, Greek referee **Mr. Kostas Kaloudis**, and all the dedication of European Taekwondo Union (ETU). He was also grateful to **Mr. Sakis Pragalos**, President of ETU for the meeting with the Greek Sport Minister.
7. At the board meeting of the Olympic Refugee Foundation in Doha, he learned that the global population of refugees and displaced persons will reach an estimated 130 million people within this year. He emphasized that it is a sad reminder that WT has to do more collectively for peace and harmony, and this is the reason WT is focused more than ever on the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation and Taekwondo Cares projects.
8. He asked the WT operator to play the video of the Azraq and Za'atari refugee camps where he was in Jordan for the 2nd Hope and Dreams Sports Festival.

**Video played*

9. He expressed his gratitude to **Mr. Maher Magableh** and his team for the meaningful festival. He learned that there were more than 1,300 people who were involved in running the 3-day events, which is the spirit of someone who truly cares. He wished to expand this event even larger by inviting more sports, and to have 7-8 sports next year and at least 10 sports in the year of 2026 which marks the 10th founding anniversary of the THF.
10. He emphasized that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced the Refugee Olympic Team for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games on May 2. He informed that five Taekwondo athletes were selected to the team, including **Yahya Al Ghotany**, the first refugee from the Azraq refugee camp where he learned Taekwondo for the first time.
11. He stressed that Taekwondo has the third largest number of athletes with 5, after athletics with 8 and judo with 6. He hoped that Taekwondo athletes do well and get a medal.
12. He congratulated to the 133 qualified athletes including five Individual Neutral Athletes and five refugees in the IOC Refugee Olympic Team, and four from the Tripartite Commission places. In total, WT will have 59 National Olympic Committees participating in Paris 2024, excluding the AIN and refugee team. He however noted that the IOC has not decided on the participation of the AIN athletes at the moment, indicating final numbers haven't been confirmed yet.
13. He stated that it is a significant achievement that WT has eight NOCs from all five continental unions participating in Olympic Taekwondo for the first time. He congratulated to the Gambia in Africa, Palestine in Asia, Czech Republic and Bulgaria in Europe, Fiji in Oceania, and Uruguay in Pan America. He added that potentially WT could have one more country in Asia due to a quota reallocation, and four more from the Tripartite Commission.
14. On another note, he congratulated former refugee athlete **Kimia Alizadeh Zenozi** on getting a citizenship of Bulgaria. She has been a role model for refugees and displaced persons since Rio 2016, and it is great for her to finally have a country to represent. He mentioned that the process to change nationality and communication with WT should have been managed better by Bulgaria.
15. He continued that Palestine's qualification and first ever participation through **Omar Yaser Ismail** is significant with the geopolitical situation in the region. He also congratulated Saudi Arabia for having a female athlete qualified for the Games; in fact, **Donia Abu Taleb** is the first ever woman from Saudi Arabia to qualify for any sport at the Olympic Games. From his trip in Jordan, he learned that out of their six qualified athletes from three sports, Taekwondo is the largest with four athletes.
16. He addressed that in the Paralympic Games, there are so far 108 out of 120 athletes who have qualified. He congratulated the 44 National Paralympic Committees, as well as one athlete in the refugee team and two Individual Neutral Athletes. Taekwondo is truly a sport for all without any discrimination. He wished all athletes the very best in Paris and look forward to exciting and fair competitions.
17. He mentioned that he organized an ad-hoc committee meeting on the review of the competition rules for the LA 28 Olympic Games yesterday. The objectives are to simplify the rules for general understanding and to make Taekwondo a more marketable sport.

18. He concluded his report and proceeded to the next agenda item.

3. Approval

a. *Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting via Video Conference on January 10, 2024*

19. **The CHAIR** requested the Council member's motion to approve the minutes, noting that the minutes had been distributed for review and there were no requests for amendments.

20. The motion was seconded by the **Council members**, indicating the official approval of the minutes.

- ***Decision: Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting via Video Conference on January 10, 2024 are approved by the Council members.***

b. *MNA Status*

21. The **CHAIR** invited **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to deliver his report concerning the MNAs.

22. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** reported about the Portugal MNA situation.

23. He addressed that in the last Council Meeting, the Council granted the conditional membership to Federacao Portugal Taekwondo (FPT) under the condition that it incorporates the previous MNA called PORTKD and that ETU oversees the progress. ETU and NOC of Portugal reported that FPT is in good standing and they have no objection for restoration of full membership of FPT.

24. The **CHAIR** asked the Council members to approve the restoration of full membership of FPT.

25. The **Council members** approved.

- ***Decision: Restoration of full membership of Federacao Portugal Taekwondo is approved by the Council members.***

26. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** continued to report about the Luxembourg MNA situation.

27. He presented that Luxembourg Taekwondo has been for many years part of the organization 'Federation Luxembourgeoise des Arts Martiaux' (called FLAM) which oversees martial arts disciplines in Luxembourg. On Jan 26, 2024, the Taekwondo section of the FLAM has separated into an autonomous organization called Luxembourg Taekwondo Federation (LTF) managing Taekwondo in Luxembourg with the full support of the Ministry of Sports and the Luxembourg NOC. Since WT has no such a process to administer this kind of change, WT asked WT Juridical and Integrity Committee to recommend relevant steps to be taken for recognition, and LTF has fulfilled those five requirements from WT Juridical and Integrity Committee. He concluded his report related to MNAs.

28. The **CHAIR** asked the Council members to approve the recognition of LTF as a new MNA of Luxembourg.

29. The **Council members** approved.

- ***Decision: Recognition of Luxembourg Taekwondo Federation as a new MNA of***

Luxembourg is approved the Council members.

c. Appointment of WT Integrity Officer

30. The **CHAIR** emphasized that in the past few years, WT is committed to upholding the highest standards for integrity, ethics, and fair play. As part of this, WT is creating the WT Global Integrity Unit. The Unit will work closely with Continental Unions, MNAs, Technical Officials, Event Organizers, and other key stakeholders. The Head of the Unit will also serve as WT's Integrity Officer.
31. He then mentioned that **Mr. Corbin Min**, Head of WT Legal Affairs, has extensive expertise in managing legal and integrity matters, and has been leading the unit's planning and implementation process.
32. He asked the Council members to approve the appointment of **Mr. Corbin Min** as an WT's Integrity Officer and Head of the Global Integrity Unit.
33. The **Council members** approved.
 - ***Decision: Appointment of Mr. Corbin Min as an WT's Integrity Officer and Head of the Global Integrity Unit is approved by the Council members.***

d. Voluntary donations to the THF

34. The **CHAIR** mentioned that this is a follow up to the proposal from **Mr. Jean-Marie** at the previous Council meeting in January. Since then, WT has been collecting feedback from stakeholders, which are mostly positive. He proposed that when athletes and officials renew or register in the GMS, they will have the option to choose whether to donate and how much.
35. He asked the Council members to approve the proposal.
36. The **Council members** approved.
 - ***Decision: Voluntary donations to the THF during GMS registration process is approved by the Council members.***

4. Rule Changes

37. The **CHAIR** gave the floor to **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to present the amendment to MNA Ranking Bylaw.
 - a. *Amendment to MNA Ranking Bylaw*
38. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** reported that the MNA ranking, first announced in 2021, aims to enhance the capacity of MNAs. WT has conducted three surveys to practice this system, and at the last General Assembly in Baku, WT informed each MNA of their standing and provided customized reports for governance improvement. The ranking's objective is to enhance the capacities of MNAs in Governance, Participation, Performance, Sustainability, and Event not merely to list them in order. MNAs will be ranked in 10 categories, with an additional category for inactive MNAs. The first ranking will be announced on September 30th in Chuncheon during the General Assembly and will be updated annually. Points awarded will be valid for one year, and top-scoring MNAs will be recognized, while low-scoring ones may face certain limitation or

consequences determined by WT.

39. MNAs will be ranked from A1 (top 10%) to E2 (bottom 10%), with a maximum score of 100 points. Governance, based on survey responses and verified by an Independent Committee, will account for 50 points. Participation, including attendance at major WT events, will account for 25 points. Performance, based on team rankings at major championships, will be worth 10 points, and hosting events will also contribute 10 points. Sustainability awards will account for the remaining points. Gender balance in participation will be required for full points.
40. He concluded his presentation by mentioning that the points for various categories and events have been outlined, with a maximum of 10 points for hosting events, regardless of the number of events hosted.
41. The **CHAIR** asked the Council members to approve the amendment to the MNA Ranking Bylaw.
42. The **Council members** approved.
 - **Decision: Amendment to the MNA Ranking Bylaw is approved by the Council members.**
 - b. Amendment to Global Management System (GMS) Bylaw*
43. The **CHAIR** gave the floor to **Mr. Corbin Min** to present the amendment to GMS Bylaw.
44. **Mr. Corbin Min** mentioned that the GMS has been a success for WT, improving event management and data collection, and aiding team and competition management as well as promotional efforts. However, issues remain, particularly with national federations having the power to confirm athlete and official licenses, which has led to complaints about unfair denials.
45. To address this, WT collaborated with the WT Juridical and Integrity Committees and the Member Relations & Development (MRD) Commission to create a set of baseline rules, as provided in the proposed amendments to Article 5.1 of the GMS Bylaws. These rules require every MNAs to publish their GMS-related rules on their website, including a timeline for license application processing. If a license is denied, there must be a formal procedure to explain the denial, which can then be appealed to WT. WT will review the process to ensure rules were followed. If they were, the decision stands; if not, it is sent back for resolution.
46. **Mr. Issaka Ide**, Vice President, suggested that Continental Unions (CUs) should be involved so that MNAs can contact CUs before WT directly.
47. **Mr. Corbin Min** acknowledged the proposal raised by **Mr. Issaka Ide**. He mentioned that WT needs a clear procedure detailing what the CUs do, what they receive, and what actions they must take before passing it to WT. If all CUs can consistently follow this rule, it would reduce workloads since WT would only need to verify that the CUs have completed everything correctly. This would be very useful. It will be discussed with the MRD Commission, and consider updating it for the next rulemaking.
48. As there were no further questions, the **CHAIR** asked the Council members to approve the amendment to the GMS Bylaw.
49. The **Council members** approved.

- **Decision: Amendment to GMS Bylaw is approved by the Council members.**

c. *Competition Rules & Interpretation*

d. *GMS Bylaw*

e. *WT Ranking Bylaw*

f. *Standing Procedures for Grand Slam Champions Series*

g. *Grand Prix Standing Procedure*

h. *Event Operations Rules*

i. *Standing Procedures for Taekwondo Competition at Olympic Games*

j. *World Team Ranking Bylaw*

k. *World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Standing Procedure*

l. *Regulations on the Administration of WT International Coaches*

m. *Regulations on the Administration of International Poomsae Referees*

n. *Regulations on the Administration of International Kyorugi Referees*

o. *Regulations on the Administration of WT Technical Delegates*

50. The **CHAIR** gave the floor to **Mr. Jay Lee**, Senior Director of Sport & Event Management Department, to present from the amendment C to O. For the sake of efficiency, the **CHAIR** requested that the Council members hold their questions and approve all agendas at the end of his presentation.

51. For efficiency purposes given the 13 amendments, **Mr. Jay Lee** briefly summarized the amendment from C to O and added that the full documents of the amendments were included in the meeting book distributed all Council members in advance of the meeting.

52. The **CHAIR** asked the Council members if they had any questions.

53. **Mr. Mohamed Shaaban**, Council member, complemented that if the athlete is doing a President Cup in Europe, it will be a G3 for all the European participants, and it will also be G3 for African and Asian participants. The only difference is for the European, it will be incremental on the ceiling. For the rest, it will be included in the ceiling.

54. As there were no further questions, the **CHAIR** asked the Council members to approve the amendment from C to O.

55. The **Council members** approved.

- **Decision: Amendments from C to O are approved by the Council members.**

p. *Enactment to Rules and Regulations of Virtual Taekwondo*

56. **The CHAIR** gave the floor to **Mr. Jerry Ling**, Senior Director of Planning & Finance Department,

to present the item.

57. **Mr. Jerry Ling** mentioned that WT had the first showcase at the World Championships, to the IOC President in May 2019, followed by a second in Singapore in April 2022. In June of last year, WT debuted Virtual Taekwondo at the Olympic Esports Week, which revealed both positives and negatives. Over the past year, WT has worked on improvements, and in August, WT selected Singapore to host the inaugural Virtual Taekwondo World Championships on November 16-17.
58. In October, the IOC announced the creation of an Esports Commission and Olympic Esports Games, which might take place in late 2025. Virtual Taekwondo could become a qualification pathway for these games. Thus, WT is advancing technology, virtual championships, and related policies.
59. Key rules include the mixed-gender competition format, which was positively received. Categories include Junior Mixed (ages 13-15), Individual Female, Individual Male, and Masters Mixed (ages 36+). The format is best of three rounds, 90 seconds each, with three medalists including a bronze medal match. Initially, there will be 12 slots per MNA, which may be reduced in future championships.
60. Technological details cover the field of play and Wi-Fi requirements. The competition uses a health bar system instead of a point system, with the winner having the higher health points at the end of each round. Scoring is similar to traditional Taekwondo, with kicks to the body and head, and punches only to the body. Punch points can be disabled as needed.
61. **Mr. Jerry Ling** concluded his presentation.
62. The **CHAIR** asked the Council members if they had any questions.
63. **Mr. Jinbang Yang**, Council Member, raised two points. Considering the participant's various backgrounds, the first suggestion is to change the title of the category of "Master Mixed" to different one. The second point is that the Korea Taekwondo Association has already held two Virtual Taekwondo events, and scoring by punches caused many issues. Therefore, their Technical Committee decided to eliminate points for punches as it led to excessive punching, which disrupted the competition. They have decided to remove punch points from the system. Punches can still be used, but they will not contribute to the scoring.
64. **Mr. Jerry Ling** acknowledged the points raised by **Mr. Jinbang Yang**, and he mentioned that he will discuss with the Virtual Taekwondo team to reflect the comments and revised enactment will be presented to the General Assembly e-vote for the final ratification.
65. As there were no further questions, the **CHAIR** asked the Council members to approve the enactment to Rules and Regulations of Virtual Taekwondo
66. The **Council members** approved.
 - **Decision: Enactment to Rules and Regulations of Virtual Taekwondo is approved by the Council members.**

5. Report

- a. Qualification results of the Olympic/Paralympic Games Paris 2024
67. The item was skipped as it had already been addressed during the President Report.
 - b. Preparations for the Olympic/Paralympic Games Paris 2024
68. The **CHAIR** gave the floor to **Mr. Mehdi Bensafi**, Sport Manager for Taekwondo at the Paris 2024 Organizing Committee.
69. **Mr. Mehdi Bensafi** mentioned that they are still working on preparing the venue and most of the venue is ready, with only two or three rooms still to be painting. They have started to installing sun and heat management systems, as well as screens and lighting.
70. The executive board members will be staying at the Niepce Paris Curio Collection by Hilton located in Paris, and there will be transport between the hotel and the Grand Palais (15 minutes). Around the Grand Palais, the city of Paris will be hosting many sports events, creating a festive atmosphere despite the organizational challenges.
71. The Taekwondo competition will run from 7th to the 10th with three daily sessions. There will be also Virtual Taekwondo activities to engage spectators. Meals for officials and executive board members are provided, with breakfast included at the hotel and lunch and dinner at the Olympic Family Lounge.
72. The venue is historic and iconic, with two floors dedicated to various functions, including the field of play, athlete's areas and family lounges. Executive Board members will have access to the Closing Ceremony. It will be necessary to use public transport due to road closures and security perimeters during the Olympic Games. He concluded his presentation.
 - c. Olympic Games LA 2028
73. The **CHAIR** mentioned that he had a meeting with the Senior Sport Director of the LA 28 Organizing Committee, **Niccolo Campriani**, and emphasized to him that it is important to include the team event in the LA 28 sport program at the SportAccord meeting in Birmingham last month.
74. He then passed the floor to **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** for the specifics of the proposal.
75. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** reported that every 4 years of Olympic cycle, the IOC conducts a questionnaire among IFs for proposed changes in events, athletes' quotas and competition format. For LA 28 Games, WT was requested to submit the proposal by March 1, 2024, and the final decision of the IOC is expected to be published in 1st quarter of 2025. WT submitted a proposal on the addition of one more medal event which is mixed team which was already organized 7 times as a World Championships.
76. He mentioned that the position of the IOC is to promote gender balance and more youth-oriented sport keeping the number of athletes and medal events. Therefore, WT's strategy was to ensure that the addition of the mixed team meet the expectations of the IOC while not causing additional costs to the organizing committee.
77. In summary, WT's proposal is to create mixed team events performed by same athletes who have competed in individual event. It will be done in single elimination with full repechage for the bronze medal. It will be a tag team match by best of 3 system with two male and two female

athletes competing between same gender and possibly adding a refugee team. The process to select the teams will be decided later but team ranking and the result of World Cup Team Championships Final will be taken into account.

78. He concluded his presentation by wishing that this addition will match with the demand of the IOC, and in order to continue pushing this goal, CUs and MNAs are expected to include mixed team event in their events as much as possible. WT will also continue working with the Continental Multi-sport Games organizations to include mixed team in continental multi-sport games.

79. The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Jay Warwick**, Council member, to reach out to the LA 28 Organizing Committee and the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee to support Taekwondo's team event bid.

d. Mid-term Sustainability Report

80. The **CHAIR** mentioned that as the Sustainability Strategy was approved at the Council Meeting and General Assembly in Sofia in August 2022, WT has made progress in some key strategic priorities. He passed the floor to **Mr. Jerry Ling** to explain further.

81. **Mr. Jerry Ling** reported that WT has various initiatives under Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Community (DEI) with 14 objectives and 34 key performance indicators (KPIs) and actions. In Health and Well-being (HNW), there are 6 objectives and 11 KPIs and actions. In Environmental Sustainability (ENV), 6 objectives and 27 KPIs and actions. After approval, WT formed a new Sustainability Committee, led by **Ms. Jamie Lee Carpenter**.

82. He highlighted that WT launched the Sustainability Awards last year, with the first winners being Australia for DEI winner, Belgium for HNW winner, and Costa Rica for ENV winner. WT received 21 applications and reviewed them based on continental union participation. The second Sustainability Awards will be held this year, encouraging more MNA participation. WT is a signatory to the United Nations Sports for Climate Action Framework (UNFCCC) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Sports for Nature Framework, achieving carbon neutrality for 2022 with carbon offsetting efforts in India and Uruguay. WT also signed an MOU with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Korea to support refugees with Taekwondo programs and awareness campaigns.

83. WT achieved gender equality milestones, including equal male and female referees at the Olympic Games and allowing hijabs under headgear. However, WT needs to increase female representation in the Council members and Committees. A survey showed low female participation among coaches (14%), referees (30%), doctors (25%), and physiotherapists (36%), indicating a need for improvement.

84. WT mental health project launched a survey on Mental Health Day, October 10, for elite athletes. The survey revealed significant psychological distress, anxiety, depression, and disordered eating among athletes, emphasizing the need for tailored support mechanisms.

85. Moving forward, the Sustainability Committee will collaborate with the Medical Committee and other organizations to plan support for athletes. WT will also conduct surveys for referees, coaches, and refugee children and youths. All Council Members are encouraged to visit WT website for detailed reports and further information.

e. *Integrity Update*

86. The **CHAIR** gave the floor to **Mr. Corbin Min** to present the item.
87. **Mr. Corbin Min** covered three different areas. The first item is Risk Assessment Status Report. The two-year plan for risk assessment is nearing the end of its first stage. In terms of team formation, there are nine members, including those from Integrity and Juridical Committees, five safeguarding officers from Continental Unions, and volunteers. Objectives and timelines are reporting on risk categories in May, compiling a comprehensive activities list detailing all WT operations in September, detailed breakdown structure of each activity's lifecycle in January, and producing a risk registry in October. To identify preliminary risk, the risk categories will be shared with the Council members, Committees and other stakeholders for comment before the end of May.
88. The second item is Prevention of Competition Manipulation (PMC) certification Rollout. WT has partnered with the IOC to develop an anti-corruption certification course via the GMS. Currently, the Management and over half the Council members have completed the course and one-third of Olympic International Referees have completed it. Next month the course will be opened to all license holders, and targeted stakeholder's groups will be given notice letters. From 2025, WT will begin screening participants at WT Promoted events, and will begin restrictions from 2026.
89. He concluded his report by updating on the Global Integrity Unit (GIU) Working Groups for the Code of Conduct, Intellectual Property (IP) Bylaws and Safeguarding Risk Assessment, noting that invitations will be sent to the Council to participate in these working groups, as well as new working groups planned to be opened later in 2024, including Rulemaking and MNA Requirements.

6. Progress Report

a. *Chuncheon 2024 World Taekwondo Junior Championships*

90. The **CHAIR** invited **Ms. Jade Gwon**, Manager of the Taekwondo Planning Department in Chuncheon City, to make a report on behalf of the Organizing Committee.
91. **Ms. Jade Gwon** reported that the Organizing Committee is divided into two main bodies: the Competition Operational Headquarter and the Administrative Assistant Headquarter. WT General Assembly and Council Meeting will be held on September 30, followed by the opening ceremony at Songam Sports Town Airdome. Taekwondo competitions will take place from October 1st to October 6th, with a K-pop concert scheduled for October 3, and the competition will conclude with the closing ceremony on October 6.
92. She highlighted that all matches will be held at Songam Sports Airdome and in Chuncheon with a capacity of 2,000 spectators. Team registration will take place from September 26 to 29, followed by team doctor and team leader meetings, including the drawing of lots on September 30th. The competition will start on October 1 until October 6. A gymnasium at Gangwon Physical Education High School, located a five-minute walk from the competition venue, will provide four separated training areas available for 90-minute sessions to facilitate athletes' conditioning.

93. The **CHAIR** expressed gratitude to **Ms. Jade Gwon** for the report.
- b. Singapore 2024 World Taekwondo Virtual Championships*
94. The **CHAIR** invited **Mr. Johnny Lim**, Treasurer of the Singapore Taekwondo Federation and Co-chair of the Organizing Committee to make a report.
95. **Mr. Johnny Lim** presented competition details, competition venue, accommodation and transportation. The event will be held from 16 to 17 November in Singapore at the Singapore Sport Hub OCBC Arena. There are five competition categories from junior to master, including male, female, and mixed. Each MNA including the host country, can register a maximum of 12 athletes for the Championship.
96. The Singapore Sport Hub OCBC Arena is a premier venue for international sporting competitions, concerts, and entertainment. The Virtual Championships will be staged at OCBC Hall 1, which offers tiered seating and is easily accessible by public transport. The proposed accommodation for WT officials is the Park Royal Collection Marina Bay, a five-star hotel located near the competition venue. He concluded his report.
97. **Mr. Driss El Hilali** asked the hotel price.
98. **Mr. Johnny Lim** responded that the hotel prices range between USD 150 to 250 for 2 and 3-star accommodations.
99. The **CHAIR** thanked **Mr. Johnny Lim** for the report.
- c. Hong Kong 2024 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships*
100. The **CHAIR** invited **Mr. Brian Ozorio**, Deputy Secretary General of Hong Kong Taekwondo Association to deliver the report.
101. **Mr. Brian Ozorio** mainly addressed event details, venue layout, facilities, funding, accommodation, transportation, marketing, and training area.
102. The Poomsae Championships will take place from November 30 to December 4, spanning five days of competition in Hong Kong Coliseum. There will be 3 competition courts, and 2 warm up areas. Transportation will be provided from the airport to hotels and the competition venue using buses with varying seating capacities. Volunteers will assist with transportation logistics.
103. A training area for athletes will be available from November 26 to December 2 at Kowloon Park Sports Centre, providing ample space and capacity for athletes to prepare for the competition. Lastly, the application of funding event of “M” Mark by the Hong Kong government was submitted and currently they are awaiting review of the funding report.
104. The **CHAIR** expressed appreciation to **Mr. Brian Ozorio** for the updates.
- d. Wuxi 2025 World Taekwondo Championships*
105. The **CHAIR** invited **Mr. Zhilong Liu**, Manager of External Affairs at the Chinese Taekwondo Association to present on behalf of the Organizing Committee.
106. **Mr. Zhilong Liu** reported that the 2025 World Taekwondo Championships are scheduled to

take place from October 24 to October 30, 2025. The main venue for the Championships is the Wuxi Taihu International Expo Center, equipped with advanced broadcasting systems and a capacity of 3,000 spectator seats. The supporting venue is the World Taekwondo (Wuxi) Center Stadium, designed with advanced lighting and sound systems.

107. The preparation work plan includes tasks such as finalizing the logo and visual identity system, confirming the program for official activities, and launching international promotion by December 2024.
108. The **CHAIR** thanked **Mr. Zhilong Liu** for the updates, and wished the next year's World Championships in Wuxi to be the largest and hopefully, the best in history.

7. Selection of the Host Cities

a. 2024 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final

109. The **CHAIR** noted that there is only one candidate city which is the city of *Taiyuan, People's Republic of China*. He invited **Mr. Zhilong Liu** to make the presentation.
 110. **Mr. Zhilong Liu** presented that Taiyuan is the capital of Shanxi Province, known for its natural beauty, ancient Chinese culture, and historical significance. Taiyuan has a strong sporting tradition and has successfully organized several high-quality events in recent years, including the World Taekwondo Grand Prix and the China National Youth Games. Successfully Hosted the Memorable 2023 World Taekwondo Grand Prix and 2023 World Para Taekwondo Grand Prix, Established a Closer Relationship with the Worldwide Taekwondo Family.
 111. Two main venue options are proposed: Shanxi Sports Center and Binhe Sport Center, both equipped with advanced facilities and suitable for hosting international competitions. The Chinese Taekwondo Association, Shanxi Provincial Government, and Taiyuan Municipal Government are fully supportive of the event, mobilizing resources to ensure its success. He concluded his presentation.
 112. The **CHAIR** thanked **Mr. Zhilong Liu** for the presentation and opened the floor for comments or questions. There were none.
 113. Since there is only one candidate city, the **CHAIR** asked the Council members to confirm Taiyuan as the host city of the 2024 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final.
 114. The **Council members** seconded the motion.
 115. The **CHAIR** congratulated the city of Taiyuan and gave the floor to **Mr. Zhilong Liu** to share a few words.
 116. **Mr. Zhilong Liu** extended a sincere gratitude for granting this chance to host the event on behalf of the Chinese Taekwondo Association and the President, **Mr. Jianmin Guan**. He noted that they will ensure that all preparations are arranged properly, presenting an exciting, dynamic, and spectacular event to all Taekwondo fans globally, and contributing to the beloved sport of Taekwondo.
- **Decision: The host city of the 2024 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final is awarded to Taiyuan, People's Republic of China.**

b. 2025 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Challenge

117. The **CHAIR** mentioned that there are four cities bidding for the 2025 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Challenge: *Taiyuan, (People's Republic of China), Muju (Republic of Korea), Bangkok (Thailand), and Charlotte (United States of America)* and only three cities will be selected. To proceed the vote, he gave the floor to **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to manage the full process.
118. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** addressed that even though this meeting is conducted in a hybrid format, the voting process will be conducted exclusively through online voting via the Zoom platform. For attendees present on-site, WT has distributed voting tablet PCs for their them who only have a voting right. When voting begins, voters are required to switch to Zoom on the tablet PC to cast the vote. All votes are completely confidential and anonymous.
119. To ensure that only eligible voters cast their votes, online Council members without the voting rights will be asked to leave the meeting room and remain in the waiting room during the voting process, and on-site Council members from any of bidding MNAs may stay in the room but will not be permitted to ask questions. WT operator will facilitate member's movement between the meeting room and the waiting room. Non-voting members are *Mr. Kyu Seok Lee, Mr. Yang Woo Park, Mr. Jin Bang Yang, Ms. Jingyu Wu, Mr. Pimol Srivikorn, Mr. In Seon Kim, Mr. Jay Warwick, Mr. Chun Jae Park, Mr. Ali Sagirkaya and President and myself*.
120. To ensure a fair procedure, the voters should access the meeting with only one device during the vote. Access with more than two devices, such as phone and laptop, will not be accepted and the operator might turn off one of the devices.
121. Four (4) candidates have been shortlisted as they met the requirements. These are *Taiyuan, (People's Republic of China), Muju (Republic of Korea), Bangkok (Thailand), and Charlotte (United States of America)* in alphabetical list of countries. Out of these four candidates, three host cities will be selected.
122. For the first presentation, he invited **Mr. Zhilong Liu**, delegate from Taiyuan, People's Republic of China.
123. Since their presentation for the 2025 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Challenge contains the same content as the one, they presented for the bid for the 2024 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final, **Mr. Zhilong Liu** only left a message stating that they are honored to bid for both the Grand Prix Final and the Grand Prix Challenge. He expressed their full confidence in successfully hosting the 2025 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Challenge as well.
124. As there were no questions, **Mr. Zhilong Liu** had been moved to the waiting room.
125. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** invited **Mr. Jaeyeong Seo**, the Deputy Mayor of Muju County, delegate from Muju, Republic of Korea.
126. **Mr. Jaeyeong Seo** presented plans to host the 2025 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Challenge at Muju Taekwondowon, highlighting their proven track record, world-class facilities, integration with the Muju Firefly Festival, and commitment to the Taekwondo and Olympic spirit. He also emphasized their support for sustainable projects and promised an exciting, spectacular, and safe event for all participants.
127. As there were no questions, **Mr. Jaeyeong Seo** had been moved to the waiting room.

128. **Mr. Jeongkang** Seo invited **Mr. Thanadit Raktabutr**, Secretary General of Taekwondo Association of Thailand, delegate from Bangkok, Thailand.
129. **Mr. Thanadit Raktabutr** presented that the city, with its passion for Taekwondo and commitment to its values, is eager to welcome athletes, officials, and fans from around the world. The venue meets international standards and can accommodate over 6,500 spectators, ensuring a thrilling competition experience. With the dedicated medical team and commitment to safety, they are prepared to host a successful and memorable event.
130. As there were no questions, **Mr. Thanadit Raktabutr** had been moved to the waiting room.
131. **Mr. Jeongkang** Seo invited **Mr. Jared Hartzell**, Director of Business Development of USA Performance Center, delegate from Charlotte, United States of America.
132. **Mr. Jared Hartzell** presented that with strong support from USA Taekwondo, the US State Department, North Carolina, and Charlotte, they aim to create an unparalleled Championship event that elevates Taekwondo in the United States and globally. Charlotte's vibrant cityscape, robust economy, and accessibility make it an ideal host, supported by the state-of-the-art venues and accommodations. The mission is to provide an unforgettable experience for all participants while advancing Taekwondo's popularity and stature. With a commitment to seamless logistics, extensive media coverage, and innovative event streaming, they are ready to make Charlotte the global destination for Taekwondo in 2025.
133. As there were no questions, **Mr. Jared Hartzell** had been moved to the waiting room.
134. Attendees who do not have the right to vote were asked to leave the meeting room and stay at the waiting room during the vote.
135. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** explained that the voting will take place three times in total. In the first round of voting, it is required to select one of the four candidate cities for hosting. In the second round, the selected city from the first round will be excluded, and it needs to choose one from the remaining three candidates. Finally, in the last round, it is required to select one city from the remaining two candidates. In each round of voting, 30 seconds will be given to cast the vote.
136. The voting was conducted.
137. The **CHAIR** announced the first round of the result of the vote.
138. **First round of voting results** (*Total eligible votes: 18 / Total casted votes: 15*)
- Taiyuan, People's Republic of China 0 votes*
- Muju, Republic of Korea 2 votes*
- Bangkok, Thailand 5 votes*
- Charlotte, United States of America 8 votes*
139. **Second round of voting results** (*Total eligible votes: 18 / Total casted votes: 16*)
- Taiyuan, People's Republic of China 1 votes*

Muju, Republic of Korea 6 votes

Bangkok, Thailand 9 votes

140. **Third round of voting results** (*Total eligible votes: 18 / Total casted votes: 16*)

Taiyuan, People's Republic of China 2 votes

Muju, Republic of Korea 14 votes

141. The **CHAIR** invited delegates from three selected host cities and asked to share a few words.
142. **Mr. Jared Hartzell** said that they will work hard to ensure that athletes, officials, and fans alike have an unforgettable experience in Charlotte.
143. **Mr. Thanadit Raktabutr** marked that they are thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase Bangkok as the host city for the 2025 WT Grand Prix Challenge. They are confident that it will be a memorable experience for everyone involved.
144. **Mr. Seo Jaeyeong** mentioned that they will spare no effort in preparing for an outstanding event. He thanked for the commitment and support.
145. The **CHAIR** expressed gratitude and congratulations to the three host cities and anticipated the best events to come in each of the cities.

8. Other Matters

146. The **CHAIR** asked the Council members to raise any matters they wish to discuss.
147. There were none.
148. The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Corbin Min** to present regarding Kombat Taekwondo.
149. **Mr. Corbin Min** reported that WT has received inquiries from members in multiple continents that Mr. Rick Shin, who had been banned for life by WT at the end of 2023, had been reaching out to them and/or their associations to participate in his organization and events. The members were asking for clarification regarding Mr. Shin's status in regards to WT. This is concerning to WT because members who do not know about Mr. Shin's ban may inadvertently engage in conduct in violation of WT's Statutes or Integrity Code.
150. After consulting with the Integrity and Juridical Committees, and MRD Commission, it is recommended for WT to take proactive measures to inform its members and ensure compliance with regulations. A notice letter, which is shown in the screen, to all members warning them to be cautious in their dealings with Mr. Rick Shin is a prudent step to prevent any inadvertent violations of WT rules. The Council's resolution in full support of this action will demonstrate WT's unity and commitment to upholding ethical standards within the Taekwondo community.
151. This action not only protects the integrity of the sport but also reaffirms WT's dedication to maintaining transparency and accountability in its operations.
152. The **CHAIR** asked the Council members if they had any questions, and if not, asked to agree

with this approach.

153. There were no questions, and the **Council members** agreed.

9. Next Council Meeting

154. The **CHAIR** noted that the next Council Meeting will be held in Chuncheon, Korea on September 30 on the occasion of the World Taekwondo Junior Championships. This will be followed by the General Assembly in the afternoon on the same day.

10. Closing of Meeting

155. The **CHAIR** adjourned the Council Meeting by expressing his gratitude to the Council for the productive meeting