

## **Minutes**

# of the World Taekwondo Extraordinary Council Meeting

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## 1. Establish quorum & Opening of the Meeting (at 11:30 am)

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty announces that 21 Council Members and 2 Auditors are present, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WT Statutes.

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

The Chair of the meeting calls for a moment of silence for World Taekwondo Founding Dr. Un Yong Kim, who passed away on the 3rd of October.

The Chair notes that the following members are absent with prior notice:

- 1. Mr. Kamaladdin Heydarov, Vice President
- 2. Mr. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President
- 3. Mr. Kyu Seok Lee, Vice President
- 4. Mr. Anatoly K. Terekhov
- 5. Mr. An-Chin Hsu, Council Member
- 6. Mr. Kook Hyun Jung, Council Member
- 7. Mr. Tae Kyung KIM, Council Member
- 8. Ms. Nadin Dawani, Council Member (Athlete)

The Chair delivers the opening speech.

## 2. President's Opening Speech

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for joining this extraordinary Council meeting here in London, where the 7th World Para Taekwondo Championships took place on 19th of October with the attendance of 263 para-athletes and 184 officials from a record 59 countries. The 2017 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 3 is now under way for a three-day run.

Once again it is my pleasure to preside over this extraordinary Council meeting here in London, the first after the Muju General Assembly and elections.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to give letters of appointment to newly appointed Council members.

- -Mr. Ivan Dibos, appointed as a vice president
- -Mrs. Aicha Garad Ali, appointed as a member
- -Mr. Hoss Rafaty, appointed as the Secretary General
- -Mr. Pimol Srivikorn, appointed as the Treasurer
- -H.H Sheikha Jameela bint Mohammed Al Qasimi, appointed as a member. She also serves as the chairperson of the WT Para-Taekwondo Governing board
- -Mr. Anthony Ferguson, appointed as a member
- -Mr. Angelo Cito, appointed as a member
- -Ms. Maria Lourdes de Veer, appointed as a member

I wish to introduce the newly elected Council members attending this Council meeting.

- -Mr. In-seon Kim (elected)
- -Mr. Pascal Gentil (elected, Athlete Committee)

I am also pleased to introduce and give letters of appointment to new WT Committee chairpersons attending this Council meeting.

- -Mr. Anthony Ferguson, chairperson of Development Committee
- -Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, chairperson of Women in Taekwondo Committee
- -Mr. Milan Kwee, chairperson of Marketing Committee
- -Mr. Chakir Chelbat, chairperson of Para Taekwondo Technical & Referee Committee
- -Mr. Usman Dildar, chairperson of Para Taekwondo Games Committee

Following the Opening Speech the Chair moves on to the President's Report.

## 3. President's Report

Dear Council members.

As you know our last Council meeting was held in Muju, Korea on 22 June 2017. Since the Muju Council meeting, we have successfully accomplished several missions.

On 24-30 June, the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships were held in Muju with great success. The Championships were the best-ever championships in WT history.

- A record 183 countries registered to participate.
- Korean President Moon Jae-in attended the opening ceremony the first head of state to ever attend a WT World Championships.
- A total of 10 IOC members, including IOC President Thomas Bach, came to Muju for the championships.
- The ITF demonstration team jointly performed with the WT demonstration team at the opening and closing ceremonies.

On 4-6 August, the World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 1 took place in Moscow, Russia with great success.

On 11-13 August, the 1st World Taekwondo President's Cup – Asian Region Taekwondo Championships were held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The G-2 event drew a total of 620 athletes and 140 officials from 26 countries.

A day earlier on 10 August, I awarded Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev an honorary 9th dan black belt in a ceremony in his office. Earlier in the day, I was honored to become an honorary citizen of Tashkent and to receive an honorary doctorate from the National University of Uzbekistan.

On 24-27 August, the 3rd World Taekwondo Cadet Championships were successfully held at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt with the attendance of 420 young athletes from 46 countries.

On 4 September, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Governing Board made an announcement that it will award taekwondo six medals and a total quota of 72 athletes at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games, in which taekwondo makes its debut.

At the IOC Session in Lima, Peru from 13-15 September, the IOC made several important decisions, which will be shared with you later. In particular, the IOC spent one full day to explain about the progress of the IOC's Agenda 2020. The IOC demonstrates strong will of enforcing good governance across all sports. This issue will be discussed later today's meeting.

Another important decision taken by the IOC is the creation of the Olympic Refuge Foundation. I was honored to be nominated for the position of a founding board member of this new body by IOC President Thomas Bach, who will chair this foundation. The decision indicates that our dedications to the THF and Taekwondo Cares program have been recognized at the highest levels of global sport. I hope all the taekwondo family deserves celebrating this occasion with great pride.

On 22-24 September, the 2017 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 2 took place in Rabat, Morocco, the first ever WT Grand Prix held in Africa.

On 25 September, the Organizing Committee for the Lima 2019 Pan American Games announced its decision on the inclusion of poomsae as a medal event of the 2019 event, together with kyorugi, for the first time in the history of the Pan American Games. Prior to that, poomsae will be also staged as an official event at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta.

On 5-8 October, the 2017 World Taekwondo President's Cup – Pan American Region Taekwondo Championships took place in Las Vegas, USA with the attendance of athletes from a record 51 countries.

On 6 October, WT leaders attending the 2nd Pan American President's Cup visited the site of the deadly Las Vegas shooting and laid a wreath for the victims with a moment of silence. Earlier in the day, a separate minute's silence was observed during the President's Cup tournament in memory of Dr. Un Yong Kim.

On the other hand, we were deeply disappointed by the decision of the EOC and the Belarusian organizing committee for the exclusion of taekwondo from the 2019 European Games. WT and WT Europe have made joint efforts to change the decision, but it was not successful. Although half of summer Olympic sports are not participating in this edition, it is still our hope that taekwondo is present at all multi-sport games in the future including the Commonwealth Games. We should specifically focus on this objective next year with a clear goal, responsibility and timeline.

## Dear Council members.

I strongly believe that all these achievements were made possible with your full support and continued dedication. I wish to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to each of you.

Taekwondo's future is even brighter than its past. We will not rest on our laurels. We will accelerate our efforts to innovate and evolve.

Let me talk about our new Committees as we have just completed the composition of most of our new standing Committees through a transparent process with the great help of the ad-hoc Nomination Committee, which comprised Presidents of five continental unions. I delegated this committee to work with the Committee chairs to recruit the candidates from all five continents and monitor the qualifications before putting forward to me as recommendations.

Like other successful IFs, the active engagement of committees is critical for success of management of many important projects. Committees will now have administrative support from the WT office in achieving their respective objectives and will be accountable for their works. It is my intention that the Chair of each committee will present its activity report at the annual General Assembly.

Let me turn to governance. If we are to achieve our goal of being a respected IF, we absolutely must have optimal governance. Financial transparency is a critical component of this. Our first WT Annual Report will be produced by the end of March next year, in time for our next General Assembly in Hammamet, Tunisia in April. The report, which will include full financial statements, will be fully open to public overview on our website.

Another aspect of good governance is to stick to transparent principles, rules and guidelines. We must not cut corners. There will be no exceptions to this. These efforts should not stay within WT only, but cross all continents and national federations.

As part of this effort and in accordance with the Olympic Agenda 2020, I kindly ask our Continental Unions to include as many women in your respective committees and organizations as possible to achieve the value of gender equality.

## 4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

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

The Chair asks the council if there are any comments or questions on the minutes to the Council Meeting held on June 22, 2017 in Muju, Korea, which appears as Appendix I of the Meeting Book.

There are no comments or questions.

The Chair calls for approval of the Minutes. This is seconded by Council Member Maria Borello, and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Minutes of the June 22, 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting in Muju are approved by the Council.

#### 5. New Membership

#### a. Guinea-Bissau

The Chair informs the Council that Taekwondo Federation of Guinea-Bissau (FTGB) has applied for membership of World Taekwondo. He explains that the application is complete except for the submission of one document, which the federation has committed to send by the end of the November, 2017. The proposal is to accept FTGB as a Provisional Member, subject to the submission of the missing document by the end of November.

The Chair asks the council if there are any comments, questions or concerns on this proposal for the Provisional Membership of the Taekwondo Federation of Guinea-Bissau.

There are no comments, questions or concerns raised.

The Chair calls for approval of the conditional Provisional Membership of the Taekwondo Federation of Guinea-Bissau. This is seconded by Vice President Ji-Ho Choi, and unanimously approved.

Decision: Conditional Provisional Membership of Taekwondo Federation of Guinea Bissau is approved by the

Council and, if the application is finalized within the specified deadline, is to be put before the General Assembly for final approval.

## 6. Amendment Proposals

#### a. World Taekwondo Statutes

The Chair introduces Mr. Corbin Min, Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Affairs.

Mr. Min gives a presentation on showing the details of each proposed Statute amendment, which appears on page 7 of the Meeting Book. This includes the addition of Sustainability Bylaws to Article 3.4 (Best Practices); the expansion of official languages of World Taekwondo to include French, Korean and Spanish in Article 4.1 (Official Languages); the removal of geographic restriction for appointed council members in Article 6.6 (Officials); the addition of restrictions on Continental Union suspension of Member National Associations in Article 18.2; the clarification of the definition of "one year" for the purposes of Article 27.2 (Committees: General Guidelines); the correction of a typo in Article 33.1 (Interpretation of Statutes); and specification that the preceding changes to Article 4.1 (Official Languages) would not take effect until June 2016 in Article 33.1 (Enforcement).

The Chair asks the council if there are any comments on proposed amendments to the Statutes, which had been circulated previously and which also appear in the meeting book.

There are no comments. The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments to the Statutes. This is seconded by Vice President Sakis Pragalos, and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed amendments to the Statutes are approved by the Council and are to be put before the General Assembly for final approval.

## b. Poomsae Competition Rules

The Chair introduces Mr. Jinbang Yang, World Taekwondo Director General. Mr. Yang gives a presentation on the proposed changes to the Poomsae Competition Rules, which appears on Page 10 of the Meeting Book.

The Chair thanks Mr. Yang and then asks the Council Members if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments to the Poomsae Competition Rules. This is seconded by Secretary General Hoss Rafaty and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed amendments to the Poomsae Competition Rules are approved by the Council and are to be put before the General Assembly for final approval.

The Chair then asks the Council to move on to the next item in the Meeting Book, items for approval.

## c. World Taekwondo Ranking Bylaws

The Chair introduces Mr. Chakir Chelbat, World Taekwondo Chairperson of Para Taekwondo Technical & Referee Committee. Mr. Chelbat presented the proposed amendments to the World Ranking Bylaw, which appears on Page 12 of the Meeting Book.

The Chair thanks Mr. Chelbat and then asks the Council Members if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments to the Ranking Bylaws. This is seconded by Council Member Maria Borello and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed amendments to the Ranking Bylaw are approved by the Council.

## 7. For Approval

## a. <u>Standing Procedures for Para Taekwondo at the Paralympic Games</u>

The Chair calls Mr. Chakir Chelbat, World Taekwondo Chairperson of Para Taekwondo Technical & Referee Committee, to deliver a presentation on the Standing Procedures for Para Taekwondo at the Paralympic Games.

Mr. Chelbat gives a presentation on the Standing Procedures for Para Taekwondo at the Paralympic Games.

The Chair thanks Mr. Chelbat and then asks the Council Members if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed Standing Procedures for Para Taekwondo at the Paralympic Games. This is seconded by Council Member Maria Borello and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed Standing Procedures for Para Taekwondo at the Paralympic Games are approved by the Council.

## b. <u>Standing Procedures for World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series</u>

The Chair calls Mr. Jinbang Yang, World Taekwondo Director General, to the floor to deliver a presentation on the World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series, which appears in page 41 of the Meeting Book.

Mr. Yang delivers a presentation.

The Chair thanks Mr. Yang and then asks the Council Members if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed Standing Procedures for World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series. This is seconded by Council Member Ide Issaka and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed Standing Procedures for World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series are approved by the Council.

c. Council Guidelines

The Chair introduces Mr. Hoss Rafaty, World Taekwondo Secretary General to the floor to deliver a presentation

on the Council Guidelines, which appears on page 47 of the Meeting Book.

The Chair explains that as discussed many times, improving governance is priority for all IFs, and transparency in financial matters is critical. Therefore these guidelines will appear in a new set of Financial Bylaws, which will

be published on World Taekwondo website.

Secretary General Rafaty delivers a presentation on the Council Guidelines.

The Chair thanks Secretary General Rafaty and then asks the Council Members if there are any questions or

comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed Council Guidelines. This is seconded by Vice President Ji-Hoi Choi

and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed Council Guidelines are approved by the Council.

The Chair then calls for a break before moving on to the next item.

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The Chair reconvenes the meeting and calls the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book.

d. Sustainability Committee Outcomes

The Chair explains that sustainability is another key area of good governance within the Olympic Movement. One goal of the IOC is to help advance the United Nations' sustainability goal, and one of World Taewkondo's goals is

to support the IOC and the UN in this area.

The Chair calls Secretary General Rafaty to deliver a presentation on behalf of Mr. Giovanni di Cola, the new

Chairperson of the newly established World Taekwondo Sustainability Committee.

Secretary General Rafaty a gives the presentation, appearing on page 49 of the Meeting Book, on the

Sustainability Committee Outcomes.

The Chair thanks Mr. Rafaty and then asks the Council Members if there are any questions or comments. There

are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed Sustainability Committee Outcomes. This is seconded by Council

Member Anthony Ferguson and unanimously approved.

**Decision:** Proposed Sustainability Committee Outcomes are approved by the Council.

The Chair then moves on to the next section in the agenda, Reports.

#### 8. Reports

## a. <u>Progress Report of 2018 World Taekwondo Junior Championships in Tunisia</u>

The Chair introduces Mr. Ahmed Gaaloul, President of the Tunisian Taekwondo Federation, to deliver a progress report of the upcoming 2018 World Taekwondo Junior Championships in Tunisia.

Mr. Gaaloul delivers a presentation on the progress report of the 2018 World Taekwondo Junior Championships in Tunisia, focusing on the overview of the venue and hotels.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair thanks Mr. Gaaloul for his report.

The Chair then calls the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book.

## b. IOC Lima Session Debrief

The Chair introduces Mr. Jeongkang Seo, Director of World Taekwondo Event Department to deliver a presentation on the IOC Session in Lima, Peru.

Mr. Seo gives a briefing of the IOC session, particularly on the important decisions of the IOC on the program and timeline of the upcoming Olympic Games.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair thanks Mr. Seo for his report.

The Chair then calls the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book.

#### c. IPC Abu Dhabi Session Debrief

The Chair calls Mr. Hansson to deliver a presentation on the IPC Session in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Mr. Hansson gives a briefing of the IPC session.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair thanks Mr. Hansson for his report.

The Chair then calls the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book.

#### d. Good Governance Action Plan

The Chair explains the Council that the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations, the umbrella organization for all IFs in the Olympic Games, including World Taekwondo, has decided to conduct regular surveys of International Federation governance practices. Their goal is to ultimately publish a list ranking each IF based on their compliance with key governance indicators.

The Chair calls Mr. Corbin Min, Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Affairs, to deliver a presentation on the Good Governance Action Plan.

Mr. Min gives a presentation on the Good Governance Action Plan, which is derived from WT's results from the International Federation Self-Assessment Questionnaire created by the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) Governance Task Force. The Action Plan includes a list of recommendation on specific steps to take in order to improve WT's results on the questionnaire.

The Chair thanks Mr. Min for his report.

The Chair informs Council Members that, as leaders of their own organizations, he hopes they do their utmost to apply these measurements to their own organizations.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair then calls the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book.

## e. 2020 Roadmap & Grand Slam Champions Series

The Chair calls Director General Yang to deliver a presentation on the 2020 Roadmap and Grand Slam Champions Series.

Mr. Yang gives a presentation on the 2020 Roadmap and Grand Slam Champions Series.

The Chair emphasizes to the Council that the Grand Slam will offer athletes greater financial rewards than ever. It will also generate greater media exposure than ever. He explains that ultimately, WT hopes it will turn our athletes into stars and lure corporate sponsors to our great sport.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair thanks Mr. Yang for his report.

The Chair then calls the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book.

#### f. Development Program: 2017 First Half Review

The Chair calls Mr. Anthony Ferguson, Chairperson of the World Taekwondo Development Committee and Mr. Corbin Min, Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Affairs, to deliver a presentation on the First Half Review of the 2017 Development Program.

Mr. Min gives a presentation on the First Half Review of the 2017 Development Program and then gives the floor to Mr. Ferguson to give few remarks on how the new Development Committee will work to enhance the Development Program.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair thanks Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Min for their report.

The Chair then calls the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book.

## g. Brand Guidelines

The Chair invites Mr. Corbin Min to remain on the floor deliver a presentation to update the Council on the development of WT's new Brand Guidelines.

The Chair explains that the new World Taekwondo logo was launched in Muju this year to great reviews. World Taekwondo is now in the process of solidifying its global brand under this new logo

Mr. Min gives a presentation on the Brand Guidelines.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair thanks Mr. Min for his report.

The Chair then calls the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book.

## h. GMS Update

The Chair calls Mr. Kabir Kar, Manager of the World Taekwondo Global Membership System Team, to deliver a presentation on the GMS Updates..

Mr. Kar gives a presentation on the GMS updates.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair thanks Mr. Kar for his report.

The Chair then calls the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book.

## i. <u>Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation and Taekwondo Cares Update</u>

The Chair calls Mr. Roger Piarulli, World Taekwondo Director General, and Mr. Jeongkang Seo to deliver a presentation on the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation and Taekwondo Cares Update.

Mr. Piarulli gives a presentation on the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation. Then he gives the floor to Mr. Seo who gives a presentation on the Taekwondo Cares Update.

The Chair thanks Mr. Piarulli and Mr. Seo for their report.

The Chair adds that next year, World Taekwondo humanitarian activities will get into full swing. He remarked that we can, must and will do more in this area – notably in Africa.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair then calls the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book.

#### 9. Other Matters

#### a. Kukkiwon Cooperation

The Chair calls Director General Yang, to deliver a presentation on the Kukkiwon Cooperation matter.

Mr. Yang gives a presentation on the Kukkiwon Cooperation matter.

The chair then proposes the Council Members to adopt a resolution on the Kukkiwon matter that was developed during a WT Executive Meeting held earlier that day. The resolution is as follows:

- WT recommends that Kukkiwion transform itself to become an international foundation in terms of both structure and practice;
- WT recommends that WT and Kukkiwon conduct official meetings to redefine their formal relationship.
   This redefinition shall be completed for ratification by the next World Taekwondo General Assembly.
   This redefinition shall be put into legal effect by written agreement and by amendment to their respective constitutions, as needed.
- WT recommends that Kukkiwon should appoint the five WT Continental Union Presidents as board members of Kukkiwon in addition to one WT representative recommended by the WT President.
- WT recommends that Kukkiwon should recognize and respect WT Member National Associations (MNAs) as the sole legitimate partner in each nation and territory for the administration of Dan Promotion and Certificate management as well as official activities of Kukkiwon in the territory or nation.
- In accordance with the resolution of the Council, WT shall recognize only Kukkiwon certificates issued under the approval of the MNA in the application and examination process.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair thanks Mr. Yang for his report.

The Chair then calls the attention of the Council to the next item in the Meeting Book.

## b. Executive Meeting

The Chair calls Secretary General Rafaty to inform the Council the outcomes of the Executive Meeting held shortly before the Council Meeting.

Mr. Rafaty gives a brief on the Executive Meeting outcomes. The Executive Meeting approved the following recommendations:

- That Kukkiwon resolutions (presented by Director General Yang, above) be adopted by the Council.
- That the Council Guidelines (presented as item 7(c), above) be adopted by the Council.
  - That, in accordance with the Good Governance Action Plan (presented as item 8(d), above),
     each Continental Union conduct an internal audit of its own i) Financial rules, policies and

practices, ii) Ethics/integrity rules, policies and practices, and iii) Sanction and Appeals rules, policies and practices; to ensure that they are in line with governance expectations as set forth in the ASOIF governance survey, or to create its own action plan to meet those expectations,

- That each CU adopt MNA management practices in line with the proposed changes to the WT Statutes (presented as item 6(a), above).
- That the President's Cup logo used for PANAM 2017 be used as a model for all President's Cup logos. (Presented to the Council at this time.)
- That the Technical Committee study and give a recommendation on whether each CU should have two G2 events: the senior championships and the President's Cup.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any questions or comments. There are none. The Chair thanks Mr. Rafaty for his report.

## c. Athlete's Committee Presentation

The Chair invites Mr. Pascal Gentil, Athlete Council Member and Co-Chair of the Athletes Committee, to give a presentation on plan of the Athletes Committee over the next two years. Mr. Gentil delivers his presentation, with a particular focus on Integrity and Sustainability.

## d. Recommendation to Change to the Competition Rules Article 9.2

Auditor Ali Sagirkaya proposes that, for weigh-ins for Cadets and Juniors, the option for nude weigh ins be removed, and instead an allowance be made for underwear, perhaps 100 grams. It was proposed that an appropriate rule change to this effect be prepared for consideration of the Council at its next meeting.

#### 10. Next Council Meeting

The Chairman informs the Council that there is planned an Ordinary Council Meeting to take place on 4 April 2018 in Hammamet, Tunisia on the occasion of the World Taekwondo Qualification Tournament for the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games and the 2018 World Taekwondo Junior Championships.

#### 11. Closing of the Meeting

The meeting is adjourned at 5:20pm.