



**INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
ITTF TRIBUNAL**

ITTF 2021-1 – Thomas Weikert v. ITTF Executive Committee members

TERMINATION ORDER

Issued by the
ITTF Tribunal

Sitting in the following composition:

President: Mr Jorge **Ibarrola**, ITTF Tribunal Chair, Attorney-at-law,
Switzerland
Panel Members: Mrs Morenike **Obi-Farinde**, Attorney-at-law, Nigeria
Ms Anna **Smirnova**, Attorney-at-law, Russian Federation

In the following matter:

Thomas **Weikert**, Germany, President of the ITTF,
Represented by Prof. Dr Anne Jakob, Attorney-at-Law, Karben, Germany

The Claimant

v.

Ms Petra **Soerling**, Sweden
Mr Masahiro **Maehara**, Japan
Mr Alaa **Meshref**, Egypt
Mr James **Morris**, New Zealand
Mr Zhihao **Shi**, China
Mr Bruce **Burton**, Canada
Mr Nestor **Tenca**, Argentina
Mr Seung-Min **Ryu**, Korea Republic

And

Mr Khalil **Al-Mohannadi**, Qatar
Represented by Solesbury Gay Limited, London, United Kingdom

The Respondents

I. THE PARTIES

1. Mr Thomas Weikert (the "**Claimant**") is the President of the International Table Tennis Federation ("**ITTF**").
2. Ms Soerling and Messrs Maehara, Meshref, Morris, Shi, Burton, Al-Mohannadi, Tenca and Ryu (the "**Respondents**") are some members of the ITTF Executive Committee ("**ITTF ExCo**").
3. The Claimant and the Respondents are hereinafter jointly referred to as the "**Parties**".


II. SUMMARY OF FACTS

4. On 26 April 2021, the Panel issued an order on the requests for interim reliefs submitted by the Claimant and by the Respondents Sorling, Maehara, Meshref, Morris, Burton and Tenca. Reference is made to such order regarding the facts and claims of the parties.
5. On the same day, the President of the Panel granted the Claimant a 2-week deadline, until 10 May 2021, to file his claim on the merits, failing which the ITTF Tribunal would issue a termination order of the present proceedings.
6. The Claimant did not file any submission within the prescribed deadline.
7. Accordingly, the Claimant's request for proceedings shall be deemed withdrawn.

III. ON THESE GROUNDS**The International Table Tennis Federation Tribunal rules that:**

1. The proceedings initiated further to the request filed on 22 March 2021 by Mr Thomas Weikert, are terminated and removed from the roll of the International Table Tennis Federation Tribunal.
2. This order is rendered without costs, without prejudice of the costs decided upon in the Order on the Interim Reliefs of 26 April 2021, the amount of which will be notified to the parties per separate communication.

Lausanne, on 19 May 2021



Jorge Ibarrola
President of the Panel



Morenike Obi-Farinde



Ms Anna Smirnova