



**INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
ITTF TRIBUNAL**

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

ORDER ON COSTS

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. In such order, the ITTF Tribunal Panel ruled as follows:

IX. ON THESE GROUNDS

The International Table Tennis Tribunal rules that:

1. The Claimants' and Respondents' requests for interim reliefs and other requests are dismissed, if admissible.
 2. The costs of the proceedings shall be borne by the parties in the following proportion:
 - Mr Thomas Weikert shall bear 64% of the costs
 - Ms Petra **Soerling** shall bear 4% of the costs
 - Mr Masahiro **Maehara** shall bear 4% of the costs
 - Mr Alaa **Meshref** shall bear 4% of the costs
 - Mr James **Morris** shall bear 4% of the costs
 - Mr Zhihao **Shi** shall bear 4% of the costs
 - Mr Bruce **Burton** shall bear 4% of the costs
 - Mr Nestor **Tenca** shall bear 4% of the costs
 - Mr Seung-Min **Ryu** shall bear 4% of the costs
 - Mr Khalil **Al-Mohannadi** shall bear 4% of the costs
 3. Each party shall bear its own legal and other costs.
6. On 25 March 2021, pursuant to article 25.2 of the ITTF Regulations, the Claimant paid a non-refundable fee of EUR 850, corresponding to USD 1,000

(the “administrative fee”). Such non-refundable fee shall be retained by the ITTF.

7. On 19 May 2021, the ITTF Tribunal Panel issued the following termination order:

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.
8. With the approval of the ITTF Secretary General, the costs of this arbitration are fixed at USD 6,875.
 9. The parties shall thus make the corresponding payments to the ITTF bank account within a deadline of 1 November 2021.

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

1. The non-refundable fee of EUR 850 paid by Mr Thomas Weikert is retained by the ITTF.
2. The costs of these proceedings shall be paid by the parties in the following amounts:
 - Mr Thomas Weikert shall pay USD 4,400
 - Ms Petra Soerling shall pay USD 275
 - Mr Masahiro Maehara pay USD 275
 - Mr Alaa Meshref shall pay USD 275
 - Mr James Morris shall pay USD 275
 - Mr Zhihao Shi shall pay USD 275
 - Mr Bruce Burton shall pay USD 275
 - Mr Nestor Tenca shall pay USD 275
 - Mr Seung-Min Ryu shall pay USD 275
 - Mr Khalil Al-Mohannadi shall pay USD 275
3. The above-mentioned mentioned amount shall be settled, net of any banking or other costs, on the following bank account, no later than **15 December 2021**:

Account Name:	International Table Tennis Federation
Bank Name:	UBS
Branch:	Place St François 1, 1002 Lausanne
IBAN:	CH52 0024 3243 4676 2260 N
Swift Code:	UBSWCHZH80A

4. This order is rendered without costs, without prejudice of the above-mentioned.

Lausanne, on 7 December 2021



Jorge Ibarrola
President of the Panel



Morenike Obi-Farinde



Ms Anna Smirnova