



## INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation held in Bangkok, Thailand, in a hybrid format on Thursday, 24th August 2023, starting at 10h00 ICT (03h00 UTC).

#### 1. President's Welcome and Opening Address

The President, Ms Petra SÖRLING, welcomed the Minister of Tourism and Sport of Thailand, Mr Phipat RATCHAKITPRAKAM, the President of Thailand Table Tennis Association, Mr Nattavuth RUENGVES, the Delegates, and the guests attending physically and remotely the AGM.

The President mentioned that sport can set an example of peace and unity in times of division in the world's society, adding that, indeed, unity has been one of her priorities since her election in November 2021.

The President reflected on the fact that, despite the challenges, the ITTF has emerged stronger, highlighting the tangible progress on the four pillars committed to in 2021.

Speaking about the year 2022, the President highlighted that the ITTF delivered three fantastic World Championships, ensured a stronger representation of the athletes' voice, with the two co-chairs of the Athletes Commission becoming EB members, signed the United Nations Sport for Climate Action Framework, adopted the Gender Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Plan 2025, and the Sustainability Planet Action Plan 2025, created an Entourage Group, strengthening the voice of the athletes, further developed eSports, by participating in the Esports Olympic Week in Singapore with VR Table Tennis, and hosted the first ever ITTF Summit in Amman, Jordan.

Speaking about 2023, the President highlighted the special significance of the ITTF the WTTC Finals Durban 2023, which took the World Championships back to Africa after 84 years, achieving an accumulated reach of over 1 billion people, across 176 territories with a total audience 42% higher than the last World Championships in 2021.

The President reflected on the importance of the implementation of the Strategic Plan, which has been updated following widespread consultation with the Members. The new Strategic Plan includes Sustainability, Society and Health as key priorities added to the Growth and Governance existing ones to reflect that ITTF's commitment goes beyond the running and delivery of our sport.

The President suggested focusing on tangible actions across the ITTF Strategic Priorities, while ensuring that safeguarding the athletes remains at the heart of ITTF activities.

To conclude, the President stated that being the most diverse sport in the World, with 227 Member Associations, is ITTF's greatest strength, and being united in diversity, the ITTF should be looking ahead, working together as one family.

2. Host Welcome and Opening Address

The Minister of Tourism and Sport, Mr Phipat RATCHAKITPRAKAM, addressed the AGM, highlighting the fact that Bangkok, Thailand, being entrusted to host the second ITTF Summit, confirms the strategic placement of the country as a tourism and sporting destination. Mr RATCHAKITPRAKAM thanked everyone who travelled to Thailand for this gathering, wishing everyone a memorable experience.

The ITTF President presented an appreciation plaque to the Minister of Tourism and Sport.

3. Roll Call of Associations Present (Confirmation of registered Associations)

The Secretary General, Mr Raul CALIN, proceeded with the Roll Call of [registered associations](#), confirming that a total of 132 Member Associations were registered before the start of the Meeting.

4. Appointment of a Chair

Ms Petra SÖRLING, ITTF President, was nominated by the EB as the AGM Chair.

**2023-08-24-AGM-01 (simple majority required)**

The AGM accepted the nomination of Ms Petra SÖRLING as the 2024 ITTF AGM Chair.

82 valid votes. 80 votes in favour. 2 votes against. 97.56 % in favour (1 abstention).

5. Confirmation of the Agenda

The Agenda was confirmed by acclamation.

6. Appointment of Scrutineers

The AGM noted that due to the hybrid nature of the meeting, LUMI ® company would be conducting the voting, with Mr Mark JACKSON and Mr LIM Yu Cong as operators of the technological solution. With most of the Member Associations physically present in Bangkok having only one delegate, it was agreed to propose as scrutineers:

Asia	Mr BAQIR Sajad Mohamed	OMA
Europe	Ms Heike AHLERT	GER

**2023-08-24-AGM-02 (simple majority required)**

The AGM appointed the scrutineers nominated by the Continental Federations by acclamation.

86 valid votes. 84 votes in favour. 2 votes against. 97.67 % in favour (1 abstention).

7. Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM was held on 6 December 2022 in Amman, JOR.

Mr Emad HUSSAIN, the delegate of Iraq, asked concerning the question he raised at the 2022 AGM about the behaviour of Mr Thomas WEIKERT, ITTF Honorary President. Mr HUSSAIN appreciated the honesty in the written report of the Secretary-General and questioned why, after eight months, there had not been any progress on the matter pertaining to Mr WEIKERT's actions in 2021, wondering how the ITTF could be honouring a person who created such a situation in 2021.

The Secretary General thanked Mr HUSSAIN for his words indicating that in relation to the 2021 AGM situation, the 2021 [AGM Minutes were adjusted to clarify the situation \(footnote #2 on page 5\)](#). In relation to any Integrity Unit ongoing investigations, the Secretary General suggested that any evidence arising should be put in the hands of the Integrity Unit.

The President highlighted that any Member Association can file a case in the Integrity Unit.

**2023-08-24-AGM-03 (simple majority required)**

The AGM adopted the [2022 AGM Minutes](#) as a true record.

79 valid votes. 78 votes in favour. 1 vote against. 98.73 % in favour (4 abstentions).

8. Membership

The President indicated that the ITTF Executive Board has decided to create a task force group (TFG) with the name 227 to work on the activation of the Members that are not active. Dr Alaa MESHREF, ITTF Executive Vice-President, and Mr Steve DAINTON, ITTF CEO, are, together with the President, part of this TFG 227.

9. Recognitions

9.1 The President asked for a minute of silence in memoriam of the Table Tennis colleagues deceased since the last AGM. A commemorative video was presented.

9.2 Chinese Table Tennis Association (CTTA), for the World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals, Chengdu 2022 (WTTTC Finals).

The ITTF President, Ms Petra SÖRLING, presented a plaque in appreciation for hosting the WTTTC Finals, Chengdu 2022 to Mr LIU Guoliang, President of CTTA,

9.3 Royal Spanish Table Tennis Federation (RFETM), for the World Para Table Tennis Championships Granada 2022 (WPTTC).

The ITTF Executive Vice-President, Dr Almor AZEVEDO, presented a plaque in appreciation for hosting the WPTTC, to Ms Galia DVORAK, Vice-President of the RFETM; highlighting the fact that the event got the first ever "green flag" for its sustainable organisation.

9.4 Tunisian Table Tennis Federation (TTTF) for the World Youth Table Tennis Championships Tunis 2022 (WYTTC) (no delegate was present on the room).

9.5 Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) for the first ever Grand Smash, Singapore 2022. Mr LIU Guoliang, WTT Chair and ITTF Deputy President presented a plaque in appreciation for hosting the Singapore Smash 2022 to Mr LOY Soo Han, representative of STTA.

- 9.6 Shuijingfang, ITTF sponsor, for their contribution in 2022.
- 9.7 Ganten, ITTF sponsor, for their contribution in 2022.
- 9.8 Double Happiness, ITTF sponsor, for their contribution in 2022.
- 9.9 Agricultural Bank of China, ITTF sponsor, for their contribution in 2022.
- 9.10 Double Fish, ITTF sponsor, for their contribution in 2022.
- 9.11 China Gold, ITTF sponsor, for their contribution in 2022.
- 9.12 Tata Wooden Door, ITTF sponsor, for their contribution in 2022.
- 9.13 Li -Ning, ITTF sponsor, for their contribution in 2022.
- 9.14 Personal Honorary Member (PHM) recommendation of Mr Zdenko KRIZ.

The AGM noted the recommendation made by the ITTF Council for Mr Zdenko KRIZ, former President of the Slovak Table Tennis Association (SSTZ) for a period of 38 years, currently SSTZ Honorary President, and member of the ITTF Board of Directors for 18 years to become ITTF Personal Honorary Member.

**2023-08-24-AGM-04 (simple majority required)**

The AGM appointed Mr Zdenko KRIZ as a Personal Honorary Member for his lifetime.

81 valid votes. 77 votes in favour. 4 votes against. 95.06 % in favour (2 abstentions).

Dr Alaa MESHREF presented a plaque for Mr Zdenko KRIZ to Mr Anton HAMRAN, President of the Slovak Table Tennis Association.

- 9.15 Personal Honorary Member (PHM) recommendation of Mr Cherif HAJEM.

The AGM noted the recommendation made by the ITTF Council for Mr Cherif HAJEM, 36 years ITTF Council Member, 14 years African Table Tennis Federation President, and ITTF Executive Vice-President for eight years to become ITTF Personal Honorary Member.

**2023-08-24-AGM-05 (simple majority required)**

The AGM appointed Mr Cherif HAJEM as a Personal Honorary Member for his lifetime.

86 valid votes. 83 votes in favour. 3 votes against. 96.51 % in favour (0 abstentions).

Mr MAEHARA Masahiro presented a plaque for Mr Cherif HAJEM to Mr Khaled EL-SALHY, President of the African Table Tennis Federation.

10. Annual General Report & Strategic Plan (SP)

10.1 ITTF Group CEO

The ITTF Group CEO (**CEO**), Steve DANTON, started his report by highlighting the ITTF WTTTC Finals – Busan 2022, an event he described as one of the most amazing in recent times due to the special conditions in which it was operated; with charter flights organised to facilitate the travels of the delegations, a closed loop system, but, despite all difficulties,

being overall a memorable experience. The CEO also praised the organisation of the World Para TT Championships, held in Granada, Spain, and the World Youth TT Championships, held in Tunis, Tunisia, both showing exceptional talent and sportsmanship, and thanked the Chinese, Spanish, and Tunisian Table Tennis Associations for their hard work and dedication to organise these events.

The CEO also referred to 2022 as the year when WTT truly started coming to life, with the first-ever Grand Smash, held in Singapore, being a resounding success, adding that 40% of the WTT Series could be accomplished, an important step forward compared to 2021.

The CEO highlighted that the WTT revenues began demonstrating the underlying reasons for our belief in this new structure, adding being pleased that Mr LIU Guoliang assumed the role of Chair of the WTT Board and proudly welcomed World Sports as WTT's first investor.

Speaking about the ITTF Foundation and ITTF Development in 2022, the CEO highlighted that their activities regained momentum, with over 7000 individuals from 160 Member Associations participating in 130 development activities and projects conducted at national, regional, and continental level. The CEO made a special mention about the World Table Tennis Day, which featured 314 gatherings held across 107 territories, adding that this event not only celebrated the sport, but also paid homage to the 50th anniversary of Ping Pong Diplomacy.

Speaking about the institutional activities, the CEO highlighted the first ever ITTF Summit held in Amman, Jordan, an opportunity for the ITTF family to meet and discuss the future of our sport a few years of pandemic.

As the CEO moved to 2023, he mentioned the continuous growth of the ITTF, which counts almost 100 staff, and the opening of the new office in Singapore; however, with the COVID-19 pandemic having significantly impacted the global economy, the inflation, the war in Europe, are making the recovery path more challenging than expected post-pandemic for all International Federations.

The CEO added that the ITTF remains determined and optimistic about the future, highlighting the growth of WTT and the return of the World Cups.

The CEO considered that 2023 and 2024 will be years of restructure and adjustment, and thanked the whole ITTF, namely the ITTF President, Petra SÖRLING, the whole Executive Board, the WTT Board and its chair Mr LIU Guoliang, the ITTF Foundation Board, the Members, the pillar of the ITTF, and last but not least, the group of professional staff that work hard for the best interest of our sport.

In relation to the Strategic Plan (SP), the CEO highlighted that since its inception in 2018, the creation of the ITTF Foundation and World Table Tennis, and the effect the COVID-19 pandemic had on the World, made adequate a review. Following consultation with the Membership, the ITTF present this update that include three core pillars: Governance and Sustainability, Business Growth, and Society and Health, and being presented in a digital version on ITTF.com, in line with the adoption of Sustainable practices within the ITTF.

Following the interventions of IRQ, MTN, GEO, JOR, and YEM delegates, the SP update was put forward for approval.

**2023-08-24-AGM-06 (simple majority required)**

The AGM approved the revised Strategic Plan and the Annual Report 2022.

74 valid votes. 67 votes in favour. 7 votes against. 90.54 % in favour (5 abstentions).

10.2 WTT

The AGM noted the update on WTT activities in 2022 made by the CEO, who highlighted the appointment of Mr LIU Guoliang as Chair of the Board in WTT, the record-breaking revenue in ITTF's history, close to 29 million USD in 2022, the fact that for the first time, every event tier of WTT events was delivered, the incorporation of the first investor into WTT, World Sports, the expanded list of partners, the statistics on events held and number of participants, the impressive social media footprint, particularly in terms of followers, improved TV production and the fact that there was coverage in almost 190 countries.

The CEO also provided an update on the current situation, mentioning the economic realities and the adjustments being made to continue developing the brand by reinvesting and developing a strategy for sustainable events, announcing the imminent publication of the 2024 calendar.

Delegates of BAN, and IND, intervened, providing feedback.

10.3 ITTF Foundation

The AGM noted the update on ITTF Foundation activities in 2022 made by the Managing Director, Leandro OLVECH. Mr OLVECH referred to the use of the UNSDG as the compass of the ITTF Foundation activities, highlighting the key programmes: TT Dream Building, TT 4All, TT 4Health, Ping Pong Diplomacy and TT Legacy. The AGM noted the update of the ITTF Foundation Strategic Plan (SP) update for 2022-2025, with the next revision to be made in 2026, one year after the ITTF has updated its own SP, to ensure alignment.

The AGM noted the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) achieved in 2022, the regions of the world where ITTF Foundation activities have had a positive impact, and some examples of projects being carried on the field in different countries.

Mr OLVECH explained to the AGM delegates the upcoming opportunities to apply for funding from the ITTF Foundation to use table tennis for human development in the fourth quarter of the year and spoke about the collaboration with GIZ, the German International Cooperation Agency, and the joint projects being carried.

The release of the "Table Tennis for Development toolkit", available now in four languages, was announced.

Mr OLVECH presented a historic review of the World Table Tennis Day (WTTD), initiated in 2015. The AGM noted that a total of 440 WTTD projects were held in 2023, including specific projects made jointly with each of the five continental federations and Mr OLVECH highlighted particularly the activity held in Macao, China, in partnership with WTT, inviting all MAs to participate in the WTTD 2024 actively.

Mr OLVECH also referred to the TT United impact report and the support provided in 2022 to those affected by the conflict in Ukraine, to the upcoming World Table Tennis for Health Festival, scheduled to be held in Crete, Greece, at the beginning of November, and to the Corporate Cup held in Amman, Jordan, in December 2022, thanking thanked HRH

Princess Zeina RASHED for her support on the fundraising, and mentioned about the different awards received by the ITTF Foundation.

To conclude, Mr OLVECH thanked the ITTF Foundation partners and supporters, the ITTF Executive Board and Senior Staff of the ITTF Group, and the main donors to the ITTF Foundation for their support.

The delegate of OMA intervened and provided feedback.

#### 10.4 Paris 2024

The AGM noted the presentation of Paris 2024 made online (pre-recorded video) by Aurelie MERLE, Executive Director of Sports, and Gilles DE LA BOURDONNAYE, Table Tennis and Para Table Tennis Sport Manager for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The AGM noted the departure of Mr Jean-Philippe GATIEN, former Executive Director of Sports, from Paris 2024 LOC, and received an update on ticket sales progress, the look of the Games concept, an update on operational readiness of the Olympic and Paralympic Village, workforce and volunteers.

Speaking specifically about table tennis, details on the test event held on 12-14 August were presented, and the equipment to be used at both the Olympic and the Paralympic Games (**OPV**), as well as the overall venue plan, including details on the Olympic and Paralympic Field of Play, warm-up areas and practice areas.

An update on the transport plan from the OPV to the Table Tennis venue was also noted, as well as the circulation flows within the South Paris Arena Pavilion 4, the competition venue for the TT events.

The AGM noted that Volleyball, Handball, Weightlifting and Goalball will be other sports played in this cluster during Games' time.

To conclude, the AGM noted the OG and PG session by session general schedule, which includes 36 sessions over 15 days for the Olympic Games, including 5 sessions with finals, and 20 sessions over 10 days for the Paralympic Games, including 13 sessions with finals.

### 11. Finance

The President excused the presence of Mr Roland NATRAN, ITTF Executive Vice President of Finance, who could not travel to Bangkok, being hospitalised in Hungary due to a virus affection, and invited Mr Michael BROWN, ITTF CFO, to present this section of the Agenda.

#### 11.1 Report of the Finance and Audit Committee

The Finance and Audit Committee report, included in the AGM Working Documents package, was noted.

#### 11.2 Financial Report

Mr Michael BROWN, ITTF CFO (CFO) presented the Financial Report, referring to the Finance Forum<sup>1</sup> held via videoconference on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> You can see the ITTF Finance Forum 2023 wrap-up article and video recording [here](#).

### 11.3 2022 Audited Financial Statements (AFS)

The AGM noted the 2022 AFS, as presented by the CFO, which showed the growth of the consolidated balance sheet by approximately 20% from 2021. The CFO referred to the challenges ahead in relation to cash elements, however, highlighting the long-term resilience of the ITTF, with the objective to stabilise the situation in the coming months and years. The CFO referred to a significant adjustment made by the Auditors from the technical accounting point of view (not in terms of figures) related to the reclassification among the different lines of the assets and liabilities within the consolidated Balance Sheet<sup>2</sup>, and its impact on the Unrestricted Funds and Non-Controlling Interest. The AGM noted that these adjustments were included in the AFS distributed to the MAs the day before the AGM.

Mr BROWN explained the 2022 Financial Position, Income, Expenses, and Net Balance, mentioning the significant improvement in comparison to 2021.

The AGM noted comparison tables of the ITTF income, expenditure, and net balance history evolution since 2017.

Mr Michael ACKERMANN, Executive in Charge of MAZARS SA (the ITTF Auditing Firm for the year 2022), indicated<sup>3</sup> that the AFS were elaborated according to Swiss Auditing Standards. Mr ACKERMANN declared that the consolidated financial statements for 2022 comply with Swiss Law and confirmed that an internal control system exists, recommending to the AGM to approve the AFS as presented.

Mr George KOPALY, delegate of LBN, and Mr Emad HUSSAIN, delegate of IRQ, indicated that having received the AFS only the night before the AGM gives the delegates too short time to review it, asking for the reason of the late reception.

The CFO indicated that the signed version of the AFS was only received on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023, following the final clearance received from the Auditors in charge, due to the complexity of the first-time investment happening in WTT.

The President, listening to the concerns of the delegates, recommended postponing the approval of the AFS to the next AGM to be held in Busan, in February 2024, in agreement with the Auditor, Mr ACKERMANN, who also apologised to the Membership for the late approval of the AFS due to the complexity of the evaluation on the first ever external investment in one of ITTF's entities (WTT).

### 11.4 2023 Budget/forecast

The CFO presented the updated 2023 forecast in comparison with the budget approved at the 2022 AGM in Amman.

### 11.5 2021-2024 Quadrennial Forecast

The CFO presented the updated 2021-2024 Quadrennial Forecast on the assumption of no further investments in WTT and provided an update on ongoing investment discussions.

**2023-08-24-AGM-07 (simple majority required)**

The AGM accepted the updated 2021-2024 updated Quadrennial Forecast.

77 valid votes. 62 votes in favour. 15 votes against. 80.52 % in favour (4 abstentions).

<sup>2</sup> Reclassification of Rights to Training Services from Intangible Assets to Other Receivables.

<sup>3</sup> Mr Michael Ackerman participated remotely via Zoom ® from Lausanne, Switzerland.



## 11.6 Appointment of Auditors for 2024.

The AGM noted the report of the CFO on the decision at the 2022 AGM to appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) as auditors for 2023, and the recommendation to retain the same auditing firm for 2024.

**2023-08-24-AGM-09 (simple majority required)**

The AGM agreed to retain PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) as Auditor for 2024.

81 valid votes. 72 votes in favour. 9 votes against. 88.89 % in favour (1 abstention).

The President thanked the Audit and Finance Committee, Mr Michael ACKERMANN, and Mr Michael BROWN for their work.

## 12. Annual Reports from the Executive Committee

The AGM noted the absence of Mr Sharath Kamal ACHANTA due to problems with his passport retention at a Korean Consulate in India which didn't allow him to travel to the AGM, and adopted the following reports<sup>4</sup> which were complemented by individual videos<sup>5</sup> of the EB members:

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| 12.1  | President: Petra SÖRLING                                  | (document A1)  |
| 12.2  | Deputy President: LIU Guoliang                            | (document A2)  |
| 12.3  | Senior Executive Vice President: Khalil AL-MOHANNADI      | (document A3)  |
| 12.4  | Executive Vice-President: Roland NATRAN                   | (document A4)  |
| 12.5  | Executive Vice-President: Alaor AZEVEDO                   | (document A5)  |
| 12.6  | Executive Vice-President: MAEHARA Masahiro                | (document A6)  |
| 12.7  | Executive Vice-President: Alaa MESHREF                    | (document A7)  |
| 12.8  | Executive Vice-President: Wahid Enitan OSHODI             | (document A8)  |
| 12.9  | Executive Vice-President: Graham SYMONS                   | (document A9)  |
| 12.10 | Athletes Comm. Co-Chairs: LIU Shiwen and S. Kamal ACHANTA | (document A10) |
| 12.11 | IOC Member: Ryu Seungmin                                  | (document A11) |

## 13. Annual Reports from the Continental Federations

The AGM adopted the following reports, which were also complemented by individual videos:

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| 13.1 | Africa   | (document B1) |
| 13.2 | Americas | (document B2) |
| 13.3 | Asia     | (document B3) |
| 13.4 | Europe   | (document B4) |
| 13.5 | Oceania  | (document B5) |

Mr Robert JJAGWE, delegate of UGA, suggested ensuring that the Continental Federation's reports include more details on their respective financial situations in the future, particularly with the investment being made by the ITTF on them.

<sup>4</sup> All reports can be found on the [2023 AGM Working Documents](#).

<sup>5</sup> With the exception of Mr NATRAN due to his illness.

#### 14. Annual Reports from the Group CEO, Secretary General, Continental Council, Integrity Unit and Tribunal

The AGM adopted the following reports:

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| 14.1 ITTF Group CEO           | (document C1) |
| 14.2 ITTF Secretary General   | (document C2) |
| 14.3 ITTF Continental Council | (document C3) |
| 14.4 ITTF Integrity Board     | (document C4) |

Mr Enric RIPOLL, Chair of the Integrity Board (IB), explained that document C4, although comprehensive, cannot display details of each case due to confidentiality and integrity reasons.

Mr Emad HUSSAIN, delegate of IRQ, asked whether the current human resources in the Integrity Unit are enough to handle all the cases. Mr Kevin CARPENTER, ITTF Head of Integrity, clarified that the IB members are not employees but volunteers who act in a supervisory capacity.

Mr HUSSAIN asked whether the lateness in dealing with the cases is due to budget, nature of the cases, or lack of human resources. Mr CARPENTER indicated that some cases, particularly in the area of safe sport, are taking longer due to the ongoing process of investigations and proceedings in the ITTF Tribunal, but certainly, more financial resources and human resources would speed up the processes.

Mr HUSSAIN asked whether high-ranked officials committing offences could be temporarily suspended when cases against them are ongoing. Mr CARPENTER explained that in cases that started before ITTF AGM 2022, the Integrity Unit could not provisionally suspend someone without charging them; explaining that this was the reason for the proposed amendments to the Integrity regulations passed in 2022.

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| 14.5 ITTF Tribunal | (document C5) |
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#### 15. Annual Reports from Committees

The AGM adopted the following reports:

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| 15.1 Equipment Committee | (document D1) |
| 15.2 Media Committee     | (document D2) |

The President thanked the Media Committee members and Mr Arne MADSEN, for their work during many years as this is the last report of the Media Committee.

Mr Arne MADSEN thanked the ITTF for the opportunity to lead this committee during the last few years, reflecting on the fact that nowadays, more than 50% of the ITTF Member Associations have persons responsible for media, promotion, and marketing. Mr MADSEN suggested strengthening the cooperation between the ITTF, the Continental Federations, and the Member Associations, suggesting establishing a network providing education in this area for the MAs, sharing best practices, and working to ensure that more MAs have responsible persons for these areas.

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| 15.3 Nominations Committee | (document D3) |
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Mr Mohamed ELHACEN, delegate of MTN, suggested increasing the representation of African members in the Committees, as this will assist their Associations in developing the sport.

Mr Abdulla AL-MULLA, Chair of the Nominations Committee (NC), thanked Mr ELHACEN's intervention, indicating that the NC can only work within the framework of the nominations received and the size of the Committees as approved by the ITTF Council, indicating the parameters with which the NC works, making selections based on experience, gender, and continental diversity.

Mr Rudi SPORRER, Rules Committee (RC) Chair, appreciated the difficult work made by the NC, recommending that in the future, the Committee Chairs (or former Committee Chairs) are consulted in the nomination of candidates for their respective committees, highlighting the importance of ensuring, on the particular case of the RC having members with different backgrounds.

Mr AL-MULLA thanked Mr SPORRER for his feedback, indicating that his intention in the future is to listen to the Committee Chairs and seek their feedback to ensure the best persons are selected, adding that the NC members considered this year the background of each of the nominees.

- 15.4 Para Table Tennis Committee (document D4)
- 15.5 Rules Committee (document D5)
- 15.6 Sports Science and Medical Committee (document D6)

Prof. Miran KONDRIC, Sport Science and Medical Committee (SSMC) Chair, highlighted that in 2021 and 2023 it was not possible to organise the Sport Science Congress due to the pandemic restrictions, hoping that it is possible to host it in 2025 in Doha.

- 15.7 Umpires' and Referees' Committee (document D7)

Mr Kamlesh METHA, delegate of IND, suggested that in view of the fewer opportunities available for evaluations for Blue Badge (BB) umpires, the BB status of the umpires should be extended until they have the chance to be evaluated. Mr Werner THURY, Chair of the Umpires' and Referees' Committee (URC), indicated the URC is already working on finding a solution.

- 15.8 Veterans' Committee (document D8)

16. Ratification of the Work Done by the ITTF Council (IC) and the Executive Board (EB)

**2023-08-24-AGM-10 (simple majority required)**

The AGM ratified the work done by the ITTF Council and the Executive Board since the last Annual General Meeting.

76 valid votes. 70 votes in favour. 6 votes against. 92.11 % in favour (2 abstentions).

The President thanked the Delegates for the ratification and moved to the next point on the agenda.

17. Governance Review Report

The AGM noted the update provided by the Secretary General on the governance reforms that started with the 2018 AGM and the subsequent progress made, which led the ITTF to improve its Governance scoring in the ASOIF evaluation from the 97 points obtained in the first exercise in 2017 to the 160 points obtained in the fourth exercise made in 2022<sup>6</sup>, moving from the group B to the level A2.

<sup>6</sup> On a scale of 200 point, meaning a progress from 48.5% to 80% in scoring.

The Secretary General highlighted the importance of dedicating more attention to the area of Integrity, where the ITTF need to improve.

The AGM also noted the highlights from the discussions related to Governance over the three days Summit, particularly the aims from ITTF Americas to become self-sustainable and the request from the delegate of UGA for the Continental Federations to provide the same level of transparency in their finances as the ITTF does.

To conclude, the SG indicated that the fifth ASOIF self-governance review will start in October, with new elements being incorporated to scrutinise the IFs on how its members and affiliated organisations can also adopt similar good governance initiatives as those made at the IF level, suggesting that the ITTF will develop a plan over the next two years to address this matter.

Mr. KOPALY, delegate of LBN, suggested that in the future, the reports will speak not only about achievements, but also about challenges.

## 18. Propositions and Resolutions

The AGM considered the following propositions<sup>7</sup>, which required a **2/3 majority** of the votes cast:

### **2023-08-24-AGM-11 (2/3 majority required)**

**Proposition A-01.** Presented by the ITTF Executive Board and the ITTF Rules Committee ([click here for details](#))

73 valid votes. 49 votes in favour. 24 votes against. 67.12 % in favour (3 abstentions).

The proposition was **PASSED**.

### **2023-08-24-AGM-12 (2/3 majority required)**

**Proposition A-02.** Presented by the ITTF Equipment Committee ([click here for details](#))

88 valid votes. 84 votes in favour. 4 votes against. 95.45 % in favour (3 abstentions).

The proposition was **PASSED**.

### **2023-08-24-AGM-13 (2/3 majority required)**

**Proposition A-03.** Presented by the ITTF Executive Board ([click here for details](#))

91 valid votes. 78 votes in favour. 13 votes against. 85.71 % in favour (2 abstentions).

The proposition was **PASSED**.

### **(2/3 majority required)**

**Proposition A-04.** Presented by the Member Association of UGA ([click here for details](#))

The proposition was **WITHDRAWN**.

<sup>7</sup> Propositions and Resolutions listed in [Appendix 2](#).

**2023-08-24-AGM-14 (2/3 majority required)**

**Proposition A-05.** Presented by the Member Associations of ALG, ANT, AUT, BAN, BHU, BRN, COM, CYP, DJI, EGY, IND, IRI, IRQ, JOR, JPN, KAZ, KEN, KGZ, KSA, KUW, LBN, LCA, MDV, MTN, NEP, OMA, PLE, QAT, SOM, SRI, SUD, SYR, UAE & YEM ([click here for details](#))

90 valid votes. 77 votes in favour. 13 votes against. 85.56 % in favour (7 abstentions).

The proposition was **PASSED**.

**(2/3 majority required)**

**Proposition A-06.** Presented by the Member Association of TUN ([click here for details](#))

The proposition was **WITHDRAWN**.

The AGM considered the following proposition, which required a **3/4 majority** of the votes cast:

**2023-08-24-AGM-15 (3/4 majority required)**

**Proposition A-07.** Presented by the ITTF Equipment Committee and the ITTF Rules Committee ([click here for details](#))

91 valid votes. 68 votes in favour. 23 votes against. 74.73 % in favour (4 abstentions).

The proposition was **DEFEATED**.

19. Appointment of ITTF Permanent Committee Members

The AGM noted the report of Mr AL-MULLA, who thanked all those who contributed to the work made to get the nominations ready.

The Secretary General thanked Mr AL-MULLA, all other members of the Nominations Committee, and Mr Dylan MAH, Head of Legal Affairs, for the work done in scrutinising the over 100 CVs and the nominations and declarations forms received, and the AGM noted the nominees as presented on the screen.

**2023-08-24-AGM-16 (Simple majority required)**

The AGM appointed the Members of the Permanent Committees for the period 2023-2025 as presented by the ITTF Nominations Committee ([click here for details](#))

94 valid votes. 86 votes in favour. 8 votes against. 91.49 % in favour (2 abstentions).

20. Appointment of ITTF Tribunal Members

The AGM noted the nominations proposed to compose the ITTF Tribunal for the period 2023-2027.

**2023-08-24-AGM-17 (Simple majority required)**

The AGM appointed the Members of the ITTF Tribunal for the period 2023-2027 as presented by the ITTF Nominations Committee ([click here for details](#))

91 valid votes. 85 votes in favour. 6 votes against. 93.41 % in favour (2 abstentions).

21. Election of the World Table Tennis Championships Finals 2026 host

The AGM noted the CEO's report about the virtual inspections conducted by the Selection Committee for the two bids received from Table Tennis England (ENG) and Thailand Table Tennis Association (THA) for hosting the 2026 World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals in the cities of London and Bangkok respectively.

The AGM also noted the presentations made on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 by both Associations during the Summit.

The CEO considered both bids to be excellent, and Mr AL-MOHANNADI, Senior Executive Vice-President in charge of the Selection Committee, indicated his hope for contracts signed with future WTTC organisers to ensure VISAS are granted to all members, imposing important penalties to those organisers that fail to secure visas for the participants.

Without further remarks, the voting commenced.

The result of the vote was as follows:

ENG – LONDON	67 votes (63.81 %)
THA – BANGKOK	38 votes (36.19 %)

**2023-08-24-AGM-18 (Simple majority required)**

The AGM allocated the 2026 World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals to Table Tennis England, to be held in the city of London.

22. Future World Championships

22.1 Deadline for 2027 World Championships Finals Bids

The AGM noted that the deadline for bids to host the 2027 World Table Tennis Championships Finals will be announced at the 2024 ITTF AGM in Busan.

23. Next General Meeting

The AGM noted that the 2024 ITTF AGM will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in Busan, Korea Republic.

24. Any Other Business:

24.1 Mr Teddy MATTHEWS, Delegate of LCA, asked if the decision on the approval of the Audited Financial Statements of 2022 could be taken in one or two months, so, in Busan, the ITTF would only have to look at the AFS 2023.

The AGM noted that there were no motions from the floor to take this decision before the next AGM. Therefore, as indicated earlier in the day, the AFS of 2022 will be put forward for consideration at the 2024 ITTF AGM.

- 24.2 The AGM noted a proposition to the AGM from the ITTF Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023: to allocate the World Youth Table Tennis Championships (**WYTTC**) 2026 to the Bahrain Table Tennis Association (**BTTA**), to be held in the city of Manama.

The reason for this proposition was that following the presentations at the ITTF Council Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 of two very good bids received to host the WYTTC 2025, from Bahrain Table Tennis Association, for the event to be held in Manama, and from Romanian Table Tennis Federation (RTTF), for the event to be held in Cluj, BTTA decided to withdraw their bid on favour of RTTF, and following this decision, the RTTF asked the ITTF Council to support BTTA to be awarded as the host of the 2026 edition.

Not having yet opened the bid process for the WYTTC 2026 is why the ITTF Council decided to elevate this proposition to the ITTF AGM.

**2023-08-24-AGM-19 (Simple majority required)**

The AGM agreed with the proposition from the ITTF Council to allocate the World Youth Table Tennis Championships 2026 to the Bahrain Table Tennis Association to be held in the city of Manama.

63 valid votes. 62 votes in favour. 1 vote against. 98.41 % in favour (1 abstention).

25. Adjournment:

The President thanked the delegates for their commitment and active participation during the meeting.

Not having any further business, the meeting was adjourned at 16:50 ICT (Bangkok time).

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Petra SÖRLING  
ITTF President

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Date:

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Raul CALIN  
ITTF Secretary General

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Date:

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Code	Association	Name	Attendance
ALB	ALBANIA	BINOSHAJ Tonin	Physical
ALG	ALGERIA	AILAM Toufik	Physical
ANT	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	BELLOT Charles	Remote
ARG	ARGENTINA	JOFFRE Fernando	Remote
ARG	ARGENTINA	YAMAMOTO Julio	Remote
AUS	AUSTRALIA	TUCKFIELD Aaron	Remote
AUS	AUSTRALIA	SYMONS Graham	Physical
AUT	AUSTRIA	NEUWIRTH Mathias	Physical
AUT	AUSTRIA	FEGERL Stefan	Physical
BAN	BANGLADESH	MUNIR Khondkar Hassan	Physical
BAR	BARBADOS	FELIX Marguerita	Remote
BAR	BARBADOS	HACKETT Philip	Remote
BDI	BURUNDI	BUKUMBANYA Henri	Physical
BEL	BELGIUM	MUREAU Jean-Michel	Physical
BHU	BHUTAN	TSHERING Karma	Physical
BIH	BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	PAJEVIC Mirsad	Remote
BLR	BELARUS	PRAKAPOVICH Aliaksei	Remote
BLR	BELARUS	DZMITRY Piaskou	Remote
BOT	BOTSWANA	MOTSWAGOLE Kudzanani	Physical
BRA	BRAZIL	SCHINDLER Vilmar	Remote
BRN	BAHRAIN	MAHFOODH Sayed Jaafar	Physical
BRN	BAHRAIN	AL-KHALIFA Sheika Hayat	Physical
BRU	BRUNEI	YAP MENG TECK Steven	Remote
BRU	BRUNEI	TAJUDDIN PG HJ Muhammad Noor	Remote
CAM	CAMBODIA	SOTHEARITH Sun	Remote
CAM	CAMBODIA	CHANTHY Leang	Remote
CAM	CAMBODIA	SUN Sothearith	Remote
CAM	CAMBODIA	LEANG Chanthy	Remote
CHI	CHILE	ARAYA Wladimir	Remote
CHN	CHINA	HE Xiao	Physical
CHN	CHINA	QIN Zhijian	Remote
CIV	COTE D'IVOIRE	KAROU Tago Germain	Physical
CMR	CAMEROON	BAGUEKA ASSOBO Alfred	Physical
CMR	CAMEROON	DJIHE LAMADJEHA Yves Didier	Remote
COK	COOK ISLANDS	IORANGI Tearoa	Remote
COL	COLOMBIA	FIGUEROA Carlos Andres	Remote
COM	COMOROS	ZAHARIAT Said Ahmed	Physical
CRC	COSTA RICA	CASTRO Ricardo	Remote
CRO	CROATIA	PRIMORAC Zoran	Physical
CUB	CUBA	OLIVA Barbaro	Remote
CYP	CYPRUS	GEORGIUO Andreas	Physical
CYP	CYPRUS	PAPADOPOULOS Marios	Physical



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CZE	CZECH REPUBLIC	ENDAL Nikolas	Physical
DEN	DENMARK	VENDELBO Henrik	Remote
DEN	DENMARK	HVISTENDAL Puk Kirkeskov	Remote
DJI	DJIBOUTI	OMIR Mahamoud Oumar	Physical
DOM	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	HERNANDEZ Gary	Remote
DOM	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	LANDRON Daniel	Remote
ECU	ECUADOR	CALLE Paul	Physical
ECU	ECUADOR	GAVILANES German	Remote
EGY	EGYPT	ASHOUR Moataz	Physical
ENG	ENGLAND	DEATON Sandra	Physical
ENG	ENGLAND	CHRISTY Adrian	Physical
ERI	ERITREA	MOHAMMEDHAGOS HUSIEN Ahmedin	Remote
ESA	EL SALVADOR	ALFONSO Samuel	Remote
ESA	EL SALVADOR	WANG DE ARTIGA Dehsuan	Remote
ESP	SPAIN	MACHADO SOBRADOS Miguel Angel	Remote
ESP	SPAIN	CORRAL PINO David	Remote
EST	ESTONIA	VUHKA Aleksandr	Remote
EST	ESTONIA	PETROV Sergei	Remote
ESW	ESWATINI	ZULU Percy	Physical
ESW	ESWATINI	DLAMINI Gcebile	Remote
ETH	ETHIOPIA	MARU Tesfaye Bizane	Remote
ETH	ETHIOPIA	TASSISSA Sisay Yohannes	Remote
FIJ	FIJI	REILLY Stephen	Physical
FIN	FINLAND	HEIKKINEN Esko	Physical
FLK	FALKLAND ISLANDS	ALEXANDER Cecil	Remote
FRA	FRANCE	GADAL Michel	Remote
FRA	FRANCE	ERB Gilles	Remote
GAB	GABON	MOULOUNGUI Pépin	Remote
GAB	GABON	KASSAVI Armel	Remote
GEO	GEORGIA	BERUKASHVILI Zurabi	Physical
GER	GERMANY	VATHEUER Matthias	Physical
GER	GERMANY	HERWEG Claudia	Remote
GGY	GUERNSEY	FOOTE Ben	Remote
GHA	GHANA	AFADZINU Mawuko	Physical
GRN	GRENADA	ROBERTS Raymond	Remote
GRN	GRENADA	JOHN Amanda	Remote
GUM	GUAM	JI James Jr	Remote
GUY	GUYANA	MUNROE Godfrey	Remote
GUY	GUYANA	JOHNSON Linden	Remote
HKG	HONG KONG	LAU Po Wing	Physical
HKG	HONG KONG	WONG Choi Ki	Physical
HUN	HUNGARY	STOCKER Miklos	Remote

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INA	INDONESIA	OEGROSENO	Physical
INA	INDONESIA	RUSMONO Chrysanti	Physical
IND	INDIA	MEHTA Kamlesh Navinchandra	Physical
IND	INDIA	PATEL Nagendra Reddy	Physical
IRI	IRAN	ALIGHARDASHI Mehrdad	Physical
IRI	IRAN	TABRIZIFAR Faeze	Remote
IRL	IRELAND	MORGAN Arnold	Remote
IRQ	IRAQ	HUSSAIN Emad	Physical
IRQ	IRAQ	BARAM Harda	Remote
ISL	ICELAND	AÐALBJARNARDÓTTIR Audur	Remote
ISL	ICELAND	INGIMARSSON Ingimar	Remote
ISR	ISRAEL	CARMEL Liron	Physical
ISR	ISRAEL	ITSHAK Meir	Physical
ITA	ITALY	MARINO Giuseppe	Remote
ITA	ITALY	DI NAPOLI Renato	Remote
JAM	JAMAICA	LUE Andrew	Remote
JEY	JERSEY	SILCOCK Paul	Remote
JOR	JORDAN	AL ZOUBI Tarik	Physical
JOR	JORDAN	AL REFAEI Ahmed	Physical
JPN	JAPAN	HOSHINO Ichiro	Physical
JPN	JAPAN	YOKOTA Sachiko	Physical
KAZ	KAZAKHSTAN	ABULGAZIN Daniyar	Physical
KAZ	KAZAKHSTAN	ABULGAZIN Arslan	Physical
KEN	KENYA	MUDIBO Andrew	Physical
KEN	KENYA	GITURWA John	Physical
KOR	KOREA REPUBLIC	KIM Taeksoo	Physical
KOR	KOREA REPUBLIC	OH Wonsik	Physical
KOS	KOSOVO	BEQIRI Jeton	Physical
KOS	KOSOVO	LUTA Fadil	Remote
KSA	SAUDI ARABIA	ALBAR Abdullah	Physical
KUW	KUWAIT	ALOTAIBI Falhan Naser	Physical
LAO	LAOS	LACHANTHABOUNE Sengdeuane	Physical
LAO	LAOS	VONGSA Somchay	Physical
LAT	LATVIA	JOZEPSONE Ina	Physical
LBN	LEBANON	KOPALY Georges	Physical
LBN	LEBANON	HANI Pierre	Remote
LBR	LIBERIA	GOLEE Gibreel Gbassay	Physical
LBR	LIBERIA	KLIMEH Wennie Marbu	Remote
LCA	ST. LUCIA	MATTHEWS Teddy	Physical
LCA	ST. LUCIA	MATTHEWS Bryan	Remote
LES	LESOTHO	MOHATLANE Chabeli Ishmael	Physical
LES	LESOTHO	PHOTHANE Malatola	Remote

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LTU	LITHUANIA	MAZEIKIENE Juste	Remote
LTU	LITHUANIA	VESCIUNIENE Indra	Remote
LUX	LUXEMBOURG	HARTMANN Andre	Remote
LUX	LUXEMBOURG	GONDERINGER Camille	Remote
MAS	MALAYSIA	Yeoh Lip Khoon	Physical
MDA	MOLDOVA	SARANDI Ion	Physical
MDA	MOLDOVA	SARIC Oleg	Physical
MDV	MALDIVES	RASHEED Ali	Physical
MHL	MARSHALL ISLANDS	TARKWON Dimitrius	Remote
MHL	MARSHALL ISLANDS	BOKADRIK Ricky	Remote
MKD	NORTH MACEDONIA	TILOVSKI Goran	Remote
MKD	NORTH MACEDONIA	RIKALOSKI Zlatko	Remote
MTN	MAURITANIA	AHMED SALEM Mohamed El Hacen	Physical
NAM	NAMIBIA	SAUNDERSON Rudiger	Physical
NCL	NEW CALEDONIA	GILLMANN Patrick	Remote
NED	NETHERLANDS	SIALINO Achim	Remote
NED	NETHERLANDS	SIMONS Jan	Remote
NEP	NEPAL	CHATURANANDARAJ Vaidya	Physical
NGR	NIGERIA	ISHAKU Tikon	Physical
NGR	NIGERIA	ABULUDE Oladayo	Physical
NOR	NORWAY	IBENFELDT Christian	Remote
OMA	OMAN	BAMAKHALIF Abdullah Mohamed	Physical
OMA	OMAN	BAQIR Sajad Mohamed	Physical
PAK	PAKISTAN	MALLICK Ahmer	Remote
PAN	PANAMA	WONG Emilio	Remote
PAR	PARAGUAY	REAL SOHLBERG Benjamin	Remote
PHI	PHILIPPINES	LEDESMA Ting	Physical
PLE	PALESTINE	ALSHARIF Radwan	Physical
POL	POLAND	FREJ Marcin	Physical
POR	PORTUGAL	SANTOS Eduardo	Physical
PRK	KOREA DPR (PRK)	KIM Chol Ung	Remote
QAT	QATAR	AL MUFTAH Ali Sultan	Physical
QAT	QATAR	AL MULLA Abdulla	Physical
ROU	ROMANIA	ROMANESCU Cristinel	Physical
ROU	ROMANIA	ZAMFIR Adriana	Physical
RSA	SOUTH AFRICA	THSEISO Thabang	Remote
RSA	SOUTH AFRICA	MACDONALD Audrina Claudette	Remote
RUS	RUSSIA	MARKOV Roman	Physical
RWA	RWANDA	BAHATI Innocent	Remote
RWA	RWANDA	BIRUNGI John Bosco	Remote
SCO	SCOTLAND	McCALLUM Philip	Physical
SGP	SINGAPORE	WONG Hui Leng	Physical

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SGP	SINGAPORE	LOY Soo Han	Physical
SKN	SAINT KITTS & NEVIS	MILLS Troy K Bif	Remote
SKN	SAINT KITTS & NEVIS	LIBURD Mechelle	Remote
SLO	SLOVENIA	KRALJ Tomaz	Physical
SLO	SLOVENIA	MIKLIC Borut	Physical
SOM	SOMALIA	GUMALE MOHAMED Ali	Remote
SRB	SERBIA	MATKOVIC Aleksandar	Remote
SUD	SUDAN	ALHASSAN Ayman Abo	Remote
SUI	SWITZERLAND	MIDALI Monica	Remote
SUI	SWITZERLAND	RUGGIO WILLIAMS Barbara	Remote
SVK	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	HAMRAN Anton	Physical
SWE	SWEDEN	BUZA Thomas	Physical
SWE	SWEDEN	LINDAHL Dennis	Physical
SYR	SYRIA	BASSAM Kamil Khalil	Physical
SYR	SYRIA	KABBANI Mohanad Imad Eddin	Physical
THA	THAILAND	RUENGVES Nattavuth	Physical
THA	THAILAND	ARIYACHOTIMA Sakul	Physical
TKM	TURKMENISTAN	ALLANAZAROV Agamyrat	Physical
TTO	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	WILSON Shellyanne	Remote
TUN	TUNISIA	GUERFEL Lotfi	Physical
TUN	TUNISIA	ZAYATI Jalel	Physical
TUR	TURKEY	AK Emre	Remote
TUR	TURKEY	GÜLER Sueda	Remote
UAE	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	ALZAROONI Hassan	Physical
UGA	UGANDA	JJAGWE Robert	Remote
UGA	UGANDA	ANDIRA Ronald	Remote
UKR	UKRAINE	PELENKIN Oleksandr	Physical
UKR	UKRAINE	ZATS Oleksandr	Remote
USA	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	SUNG Virginia	Physical
USA	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	CHAR Richard	Physical
UZB	UZBEKISTAN	KERIMOV Alisher	Remote
UZB	UZBEKISTAN	USANOV Javion	Remote
WAL	WALES	RODGERS Owen	Remote
YEM	YEMEN	AL-SUNAINI Essam Ali	Physical
YEM	YEMEN	ZABARAH Motahar Ahmed	Physical
ZIM	ZIMBABWE	FERENANDO Noah	Remote
ZIM	ZIMBABWE	DURI Tinashe	Remote

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Body	Function	Name	Attendance
EB	President	SÖRLING Petra	Physical
EB	Deputy President	LIU Guoliang	Physical
EB	Senior Exec. Vice-President	AL-MOHANNADI Khalil	Physical
EB	Exec. Vice-President Finance	NATRAN Roland	Apology
EB	Executive Vice-President	AZEVEDO Alaor	Physical
EB	Executive Vice-President	MAEHARA Masahiro	Physical
EB	Executive Vice-President	MESHREF Alaa	Physical
EB	Executive Vice-President	OSHODI Wahid Enitan	Physical
EB	Executive Vice-President	SYMONS Graham	Physical
EB	IOC Member	RYU Seung-Min	Physical
EB	Co-Chair of the Athletes Commission	ACHANTA Sharath Kamal	Apology
EB	Co-Chair of the Athletes Commission	LIU Shiwen	Physical
CC	Continental President - Africa	EL-SALHY Khaled	Physical
CC	Continental President - Americas	VILA Juan	Remote
CC	Continental President - Asia	AL-MOHANNADI Khalil	Physical
CC	(Acting) Cont. President - Europe	MOURA Pedro	Physical
CC	Continental President - Oceania	MOORE Anthony	Physical
IC	Member – Africa	DERKAOUI Cherif	Physical
IC	Member – Africa	ASSOBO Alfred Bagueka	Physical
IC	Member – Africa	AFADZINU Mawuko	Physical
IC	Member – Africa	MUDIBO Andrew	Physical
IC	Member – Africa	ALDAEIKI Mohamed	Remote
IC	Member – Africa	OLADAPO Olabanji	Remote
IC	Member – Africa	CARRIM Yusuf	Physical
IC	Member – Africa	KIGGUNDU Thomas	Remote
IC	Member – Americas	ZAMORA Alexander	Remote
IC	Member – Americas	OLIVA Barbaro	Remote
IC	Member – Americas	CALLE Paul	Physical
IC	Member – Americas	WONG Emilio	Remote
IC	Member – Americas	REAL Benjamin	Remote
IC	Member – Americas	ROOPNARINE Vasdev	Remote
IC	Member – Asia	LIU Yi	Physical
IC	Member – Asia	CHOUDHARY Dhanraj	Physical
IC	Member – Asia	ALIGHARDASHI Mehrdad	Physical
IC	Member – Asia	KOPALY Georges	Physical
IC	Member – Asia	BA MAKHALEF Abduallah	Physical
IC	Member – Asia	AL MULLA Abdulla	Physical
IC	Member – Europe	GREFBERG Sonja	Physical
IC	Member – Europe	BERGERET Claude	Remote
IC	Member – Europe	AHLERT Heike	Physical
IC	Member – Europe	BLASZCZYK Lucjan	Remote
IC	Member – Europe	ROMANESCU Cristinel	Physical

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Body	Function	Name	Attendance
IC	Member – Europe	KARAKASEVIC Alexandar	Remote
IC	Member – Europe	PERSSON Jorgen	Physical
IC	Member – Oceania	HOUSTON Scott	Apology
IC	Member – Oceania	LI Xuan	Remote
IC	Member – Oceania	JI James	Apology
Officials	Gender & Diversity Commissioner	KAJEE Hajera	Physical
Officials	Youth Commissioner	AHLERT Heike	Physical
Officials	Technical Commissioner	IRELAND Graeme	Remote
Officials	Equipment	BSAIBES Rita	Remote
Officials	Media	MADSEN Arne	Remote
Officials	Nominations	AL MULLA Abdulla	Physical
Officials	Para Table Tennis	PINHEIRO Edimilson	Physical
Officials	Rules	SPORRER Rudolf	Physical
Officials	Sports Science & Medical	KONDRIC Miran	Physical
Officials	Umpires and Referees	THURY Werner	Physical
Officials	Veterans	BAZZI Reto	Physical
Officials	Personal Honorary Member	KAHN Jean-François	Remote
Officials	Chair of the Integrity Board	RIPOLL Enric	Physical
Officials	Head of Integrity	CARPENTER Kevin	Physical
Officials	Chief Auditor (Mazars)	ACKERMANN Michael	Remote
Officials	Senior Advisor	BOSI Stefano	Physical
Officials	Senior Advisor	BURTON Bruce	Physical
Staff	ITTF Group CEO	DAINTON Steve	Physical
Staff	ITTF Secretary General	CALIN Raul	Physical
Staff	ITTF Group CFO	BROWN Michael	Physical
Staff	ITTF Foundation Director	OLVECH Leandro	Physical
Staff	ITTF Deputy Secretary General	BESSAH Mounir	Physical
Staff	ITTF Head of Legal	MAH Dylan	Physical
LUMI ®	Voting System Operator	JACKSON Mark	Physical
LUMI ®	Voting System Operator	LIM Yu Cong	Physical

**PROPOSITION A-01 – PASSED**

**Proposition A-01**

**Effective 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

**(2/3 majority required)**

**Proposed by the ITTF Executive Board and the ITTF Rules Committee**

To amend Article 1.18.3:

1.18.3 The **Executive Board AGM** may permit Athletes affiliated with the suspended, expelled, or withdrawn Association to compete in Table Tennis events under the flag of the ITTF or such other neutral identifiers **pursuant to Article 1.62.1.13 and in accordance with Article 3.8.7.**

To amend Article 1.36.2:

1.36.2 **Without limiting Article 1.62.1.13, o**Only teams and Athletes nominated by Associations may participate in World Title Events and continental championship events, but otherwise, such Athlete will, when not contrary to the Statutes or the interests of the ITTF or the Associations, generally be permitted, provided that due application is made.

To add a new Article 1.62.1.13 and renumber the subsequent provisions:

**1.62.1.13 authorise Athletes to compete neutrally and without affiliation to any Association (or any other Associated Organisation, as the case may be);**

To add a new Article 3.8.7 and renumber the subsequent provisions:

**3.8.7 Pursuant to Article 1.62.1.13, the Executive Board may authorise any Athlete to compete under the ITTF name, flag, and/or any other neutral identifier for special reasons, such as refugee status of the Athlete, the suspension of the related Association, etc., subject to such conditions and in such manner as the Executive Board deems fit. To avoid doubt, this provision applies to events organised, authorised, or recognised by the ITTF, WTT and the ITTF Foundation, Olympic and Paralympic Games, and other Multi-Sport Events, as agreed with the respective organisations.**

To add the following Articles:

**4.1.3.5 Any Athlete who is authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the WTTTC Finals, subject to Article 4.1 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes and related documents.**

**4.2.3.7 Any Athlete authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the WYC, subject to Article 4.2 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes and related documents.**

**4.3.6.4 Any Athlete authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the World Cup, subject to Article 4.3 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes and related documents.**

**PROPOSITION A-01 – PASSED**

4.4.6.4 Any Athlete who is authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the World Team Cup, subject to Article 4.4 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes and related documents.

4.7.3.5 Any Athlete who is authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the WPTTC, subject to Article 4.7 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes and related documents.

4.8.3.3 Any Athlete who is authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the WVC, subject to Article 4.8 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes and related documents.

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To add a new Article 4.5.1.5 and renumber the subsequent provision:

4.5.1.5 Any Athlete authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the Olympic Games, subject to Article 4.5 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes, Olympic Charter, and related documents.

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To add a new Article 4.6.1.5 and renumber the subsequent provision:

4.6.1.5 Any Athlete who is authorised by the Executive Board and meets the terms stipulated under Article 3.8.7 shall be deemed eligible to compete in the Paralympic Games, subject to Article 4.6 and any other applicable provisions under the Statutes, Olympic Charter, and related documents.

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*Rationale:*

*To allow the Executive Board to authorise Athletes to compete as neutral athletes in special circumstances and under specified conditions. To ensure consistency across the entire ITTF Statutes, the additions of articles in chapters 3 and 4 are presented to the AGM as per 1.38.1.11.*



**PROPOSITION A-02 – PASSED**

**Proposition A-02**                      **Effective 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**                      **(2/3 majority required)**

**Proposed by the ITTF Equipment Committee**

To amend 1.55.1.7

1.55.1.7              approve **the technical standards and protocols of the Equipment Manuals** ~~any administrative and technical leaflets~~ of the ITTF;

*Rationale:*

*With the change of the ITTF Technical Leaflets into ITTF Manuals, and the development of their content, there are areas such as the Approval and Explore sections of these Manuals, which describe approval procedures, prices, links to products, etc. These sections require regular adjustments throughout the year, and it is therefore recommended that the Equipment Department can work on them directly under the guidance of the Equipment Committee and the Executive Board, while the core content of the old Technical Leaflets, the technical standards of the equipment and the testing procedures, remain under the authority of the ITTF Council.*

**PROPOSITION A-03 – PASSED**

**Proposition A-03**                      **Effective 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**                      **(2/3 majority required)**

**Proposed by the ITTF Executive Board**

To rename the Veterans Competitions and Veterans Committee as Masters Competitions and Masters Committee. Therefore, proposing the amendment of 1.72.1

1.72.1              The Equipment Committee, Nominations Committee, Para Table Tennis Committee, Rules Committee, Sports Science and Medical Committee, Sustainability Committee, Umpires and Referees Committee, and ~~Veterans~~ **Masters** Committee are permanent Committees.

*Rationale:*

*To adapt the terminology of over 40 years old categories to international standards, such as the International Master Games Association (IMGGA), recognised by the IOC, and avoid confusion which may relate the “Veterans” somehow to military forces.*

## PROPOSITION A-04 – WITHDRAWN

### Proposition A-04

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Uganda Table Tennis Association

To add a Marketing Committee as one of the ITTF Permanent Committees. Therefore, proposing the amendment of 1.72.1

1.72.1 The Equipment Committee, Marketing Committee, Nominations Committee, Para Table Tennis Committee, Rules Committee, Sports Science and Medical Committee, Sustainability Committee, Umpires and Referees Committee, and Veterans Masters Committee are permanent Committees.

#### *Rationale:*

*The most important aspect of the faster development of our Sport is Marketing, which brings in more funds and other development resources. Our ITTF AGM needs to be able to make an input as well as review and receive reports on the progress of the Marketing aspects of our Sport. This has been lacking in our AGMs. We only receive financial reports and may be Audited books of the ITTF. Still, we need to pay close attention to the Marketing efforts of our Sport via a Marketing Committee that reports and updates our AGM on its activities.*

*For example, there are entire continents without any dedicated Marketing Teams, and those continents are struggling badly to get more funds and other development resources to grow the Sport. They rely only on Funds sent by the ITTF to run all their major Competitions, which is not good at all.*

*The absence of a permanent ITTF Marketing Committee that presents Marketing Progress Reports to our AGM is one of the reasons why such things are happening and our development resources are still very small. This also explains why the sport is performing very badly in many of our countries.*

*We totally agree that Marketing should be done by professionals but the ITTF AGM via the Constitutionally established Marketing Committee needs to give those professionals the Targets that we need to be achieved. Then at each AGM we need to receive the progress report of this Marketing Committee to see how far they have gone in bringing in more development funds for our Sport.*

*We do not believe that such a very important aspect of our development should continue without the oversight and inputs of our MAs in the AGM. This is because as mentioned above, already we have some serious mistakes like entire continents going without any Marketing Teams for several years and those continents are grossly underdeveloped in the Sport. So, we need this issue to now be properly constitutionalised.*

**PROPOSITION A-05 – PASSED**

**Proposition A-05**

**(2/3 majority required)**

Proposed by the Member Associations of (in alphabetical order of Association Code): ALG, ANT, AUT, BAN, BHU, BHR, COM, CYP, DJI, EGY, IND, IRI, IRQ, JOR, JPN, KAZ, KEN, KGZ, KSA, KUW, LBN, LCA, MDV, MTN, NEP, OMA, PLE, QAT, SOM, SRI, SUD, SYR, UAE & YEM.

To have an annual ITTF Summit and AGM in conjunction with Table Tennis World Championships starting from the 2025 WTTC. It is proposed that The ITTF Summit and AGM would commence the day after the conclusion of all competition, to allow participants to fully engage themselves in the tournament before transitioning to the Summit and AGM.

*Rationale:*

1. *Aligning the important meetings during the World Table Tennis Championships Finals would optimize participation and convenience for all members, allowing them to attend the World Table Tennis Championships Finals and the ITTF Summit and AGM in a single trip.*
2. *It also provides an incentive for members to attend both events, with reduced cost of travel and commitment of time, leading to increased participation and engagement from the table tennis member association across the globe.*
3. *This will reduce the cost for ITTF since they will only have to purchase one flight ticket for the EB, staff, and committee members.*
4. *With increased participation, the ITTF Summit and AGM would create unique opportunities for networking, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas on a global scale.*
5. *Combining the World Table Tennis Championships with the ITTF Summit and AGM would foster collaboration, encourages networking and knowledge sharing, resulting in a stronger and more unified table tennis community.*
6. *Having the World Table Tennis Championships Finales immediately before the ITTF Summit and AGM would provide members with fresh insights and experiences for proper decision-making during the AGM.*
7. *As a conclusion, organizing the annual ITTF Summit and AGM in conjunction with the World Table Tennis Championships would optimize participation, streamline logistics, enhance contribution, and foster collaboration within the international table tennis community.*

**PROPOSITION A-06 – NOT VOTED AS PROPOSITION A-05 PASSED**

**Proposition A-06**

**(2/3 majority required)**

**Proposed by the Tunisian Table Tennis Federation**

Tunisian Table Tennis Federation (FTTT) think that we should organize the ITTF summit and the annual general meeting along with the Table Tennis World Championships. The ITTF Summit and AGM can take place the day after the Closing ceremony. Doing so, will give the participants all their time to enjoy the World Championships before passing to the ITTF Summit & AGM.

*Rationale:*

- 1. Ensure that most ITTF's members will be able to attend at one time all important ITTF's events such as ITTF Summit, AGM and the World Table Tennis Championships Finals.*
- 2. Lower the travelling cost and shorten the time required to attend all these important events at once.*
- 3. Offering an amazing networking space/time to all TT association's representatives where they will be able to share their experiences and explore collaboration opportunities.*

**PROPOSITION A-07 – DEFEATED**

**Proposition A-07**

**Effective 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

**(3/4 majority required)**

**Proposed by the ITTF Equipment Committee and the ITTF Rules Committee**

**To amend 2.1, to add 3.2.5 and to add 3.2.1.6**

2.1 THE TABLE

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2.1.4 The playing surface shall be uniformly dark coloured and matt, but with a **white** side line, 2 cm wide, along each 2.74 m edge and **a white** an end line, 2 cm wide, along each 1.525 m edge; **these lines shall be of the same bright colour and clearly different from the colour of the playing surface.**

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2.1.6 For doubles, each court shall be divided into 2 equal half-courts by a **white** centre line **of the same colour as the side lines**, 3 mm wide, running parallel with the side lines; the centre line shall be regarded as part of each right half-court.

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3.2 EQUIPMENT AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

3.2.1 Approved and Authorised Equipment

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**3.2.1.5 If the lines on the table surface are not white but of another colour, the ball shall be white only.**

**3.2.1.6 The net tape of the net assembly shall be of the colour of the side lines.**

*Rationale:*

1. *Following the WTT corporate design, the colours of the lines on the table surface and the colours of the net tape should be implemented into the ITTF Handbook. Furthermore, Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee would also like to have coloured lines on the tables and has formally requested them from the ITTF. To ensure consistency across the entire ITTF Statutes, the addition of 3.2.1.5 is presented to the AGM as per 1.38.1.11.*

## APPENDIX 3: PERMANENT COMMITTEES 2023-2025

### EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE COMPOSITION 2023-2025

(As appointed by the ITTF AGM):

Equipment	Proposed Members	Association	Gender
Full Member	YUAN Hua	CHN	M
Full Member	NZI Patrice	CIV	M
Full Member	KUENETH Torsten	GER	M
Full Member	AN Kookhee	KOR	F
Chair *	BSAIBES Rita	LBN	F
Full Member	MCCALLUM Philip	SCO	M

\* Rita BSAIBES was appointed as Chair by the ITTF Council.

### PARA TABLE TENNIS COMMITTEE COMPOSITION 2023-2025

(As appointed by the ITTF AGM):

Para Table Tennis	Proposed Members	Association	Gender
Full Member	MERCADE Santiago	ARG	M
Chair *	PINHEIRO Edimilson	BRA	M
Full Member	TONGE Karen	ENG	F
Full Member	BANKOLE Anderson Abiodun	NGR	M
Full Member	VECKO Gorazd	SLO	M
Full Member	WU Sheng Kuang	TPE	M

\* Edimilson PINHEIRO was appointed as Chair by the ITTF Council.

### RULES COMMITTEE COMPOSITION 2023-2025

(As appointed by the ITTF AGM):

Rules	Proposed Members	Association	Gender
Chair *	SPORRER Rudolf	AUT	M
Full Member	ALMAMOON Nabil	EGY	M
Full Member	CHRISTY Adrian	ENG	M
Full Member	CHAN Cheong Ki	HKG	M
Full Member	HELLER Igor	NED	M
Full Member	REZAIJE JAHDKON Simin	IRI	F
Corresponding Member	BELLAHSENE Mustapha	ALG	M
Corresponding Member	SETA Yukito	JPN	M
Corresponding Member	PIDL Zita	HUN	F
Corresponding Member	BRAND Katja	SUI	F
Corresponding Member	BOGREN Ingrid	SWE	F

\* Rudolf SPORRER was appointed as Chair by the ITTF Council.

**SPORT SCIENCE AND MEDICAL COMMITTEE COMPOSITION 2023-2025**

(As appointed by the ITTF AGM):

<b>Sport Science and Medical</b>	<b>Proposed Members</b>	<b>Association</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Full Member	CHERIFI Nabila	ALG	F
Full Member	BELLI Taisa	BRA	F
Full Member	ZHANG Xiaopeng	CHN	M
Full Member	FABER Irene	NED	F
Chair *	KONDRIC Miran	SLO	M
Full Member	REGAIEG Feithi	TUN	M
Corresponding Member	HEIKKINEN Esko	FIN	M
Corresponding Member	FUCHS Michael	GER	M
Corresponding Member	SAMADI Parisa	IRI	F
Corresponding Member	YOSHIDA Kazuto	JPN	M

\* Miran KONDRIC was appointed as Chair by the ITTF Council.

**UMPIRES AND REFEREES COMMITTEE COMPOSITION 2023-2025**

(As appointed by the ITTF AGM):

<b>Umpires and Referees</b>	<b>Proposed Members</b>	<b>Association</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Full Member	HOPKINS Alan	AUS	M
Chair *	THURY Werner	AUT	M
Full Member	WU Fei	CHN	F
Full Member	ALAMRI Hassan	QAT	M
Full Member	VOLKWYN Rodrique	RSA	M
Full Member	BERGFELDT Rebecca	SWE	F

\* Werner THURY was appointed as Chair by the ITTF Council.

**VETERANS COMMITTEE COMPOSITION 2023-2025**

(As appointed by the ITTF AGM):

<b>Veterans</b>	<b>Proposed Members</b>	<b>Association</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Full Member	EZZ Galal	EGY	M
Full Member	SEOK Eunmi	KOR	F
Chair *	JOZEPSONE Ina	LAT	F
Full Member	TAYO Adesoji Emmanuel	NGR	M
Full Member	AL MUFTAH Ali Sultan	QAT	M
Full Member	GODOY Leonel	HON	M

\* Ina JOZEPSONE was appointed as Chair by the ITTF Council.

**ITTF TRIBUNAL COMPOSITION 2023-2027**

(As appointed by the ITTF AGM):

<b>ITTF TRIBUNAL</b>	<b>Proposed Members</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Chair	IBARROLA Jorge	Switzerland	M
Member	CLARK Sally	United Kingdom	F
Member	DUCREY Olivier	Switzerland	M
Member	HASNAIN Faisal	Pakistan	M
Member	LAU Kok-Keng	Singapore	M
Member	OBI-FARINDE Morenike	Nigeria	F
Member	SMIRNOVA Anna	Russia	F



## APPENDIX 5: USEFUL LINKS

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