



EXECUTIVE BOARD & CONTINENTAL COUNCIL JOINT MEETING

Grand Sheraton Hotel, Doha, Qatar

Wednesday 21st May 2025 – 09:00 to 14:00 AST (Arabia Standard Time)

MINUTES

EB & CC members in attendance:

SÖRLING Petra	President
LIU Guoliang	Deputy President
AL-MOHANNADI Khalil	Senior Executive Vice-President and ATTU President
MESHREF Alaa	Executive Vice-President – Finance
AZEVEDO Alaor	Executive Vice-President
MAEHARA Masahiro	Executive Vice-President
NATLAN Roland	Executive Vice-President
OSHODI Wahid	Executive Vice-President and ATTF President
SYMONS Graham	Executive Vice-President
LIU Shiwen	Athletes Commission (AC) Co-Chair
ACHANTA Sharath Kamal	Athletes Commission (AC) Co-Chair
VILA Juan	ITTF Americas President
MOURA Pedro	ETTU President
MOORE Anthony	ITTF-Oceania President

Staff in attendance:

DAINTON Steve	ITTF Group CEO
CALIN Raul	ITTF Secretary General
BROWN Michael	ITTF Chief Financial Officer
BESSAH Mounir	WTT Events Executive Director

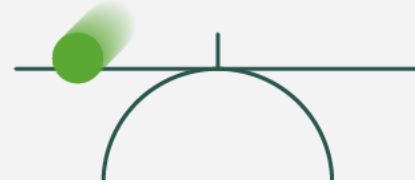
1. Welcome from the ITTF President

1.1. ITTF President's Welcome

Ms SÖRLING welcomed the Executive Board Members, Continental Presidents, and staff, noting that the meeting was combined due to several overlapping points in the agendas of the EB and CC meetings, making it more effective to proceed this way so that attendees could continue attending the ongoing WTTTC Finals in Doha.

Ms SÖRLING thanked the host, the Qatar Table Tennis Association, indicating that already in the Nominations Committee meeting held the day before, she reported and congratulated Mr MAEHARA and the LOC for the very well-conducted Sport Science Congress, which was a big success and was organised for the first time since 2019, asking Mr AL-MOHANNADI to convey her appreciation to ASPETAR.

Ms SÖRLING also referred to the beautiful Opening Ceremony, which counted with the attendance of H.E. Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani, President of the Qatar Olympic Committee and to the excellent setup of the Lusail Sports Arena hall for the event.



To conclude her welcoming remarks, Ms SÖRLING encouraged the EB and CC colleagues to participate on the ITTF Summit sessions actively, thanked the Continental Presidents for their engagement since their respective elections and re-elections in 2024, and their active collaboration since the Strategic Quadrennial Agreements 2025-2028 were signed, and thanked the EB colleagues, particularly those are finishing their mandate in Doha, for the excellent cooperation during the past four years.

1.2. Roll Call

The Roll Call was conducted with all EB & CC members present.

2. **Welcome from the EVP in charge of the Continental Council**

Ms SÖRLING gave the floor to Mr AL-MOHANNADI, as the Senior EVP in charge of the Continental Council, but also in his capacity as the President of QTTA, hosting the WTTC Finals in Doha.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI welcomed all EB & CC members on behalf of the LOC, and requested advancing the points 4.3. and 7. of the agenda, so that he can present them and leave to continue his duties with the LOC. Mr AL-MOHANNADI wanted to add two items to the agenda: one regarding a letter received from the ITTF Integrity Unit about a meeting he had with DHS in Macao. Mr AL-MOHANNADI expressed his disappointment with the timing of the ITTF Integrity Unit's communication and asked for clarification. Mr AL-MOHANNADI indicated he wanted to know who had contacted the ITTF Integrity Unit so that they could write to him.

The second was in relation to the presence of Mr Georg SILBERSCHMIDT at the second venue of the WTTC Finals without accreditation, which led to the police intervening and to Mr DANTON's request that he assist in resolving the matter. Mr AL-MOHANNADI indicated that he has already contacted the Qatar Olympic Committee (QOC) to ensure he can leave the country as soon as possible.

Ms SÖRLING agreed to the proposed agenda order adjustments and, in relation to the two additional points from Mr AL-MOHANNADI, indicated that ITTF Integrity Unit matters do not fall within the scope of either the Executive Board or the Continental Council, as the Integrity Unit operates independently.

Mr SYMONS confirmed the words of Ms SÖRLING, reiterating that the Integrity Unit is independent, and if Mr AL-MOHANNADI wants any clarifications on the matter, he should address the Integrity Unit.

3. **Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted with the proposed adjustments in order of the points requiring Mr AL-MOHANNADI's input, and the addition of an additional item, E-Sports.

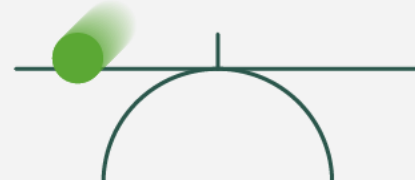
A minute of silence was held in memory of Ms Elaine HANRAHAN, mother of the ITTF CEO, Mr DANTON.

4. **Continental Presidents Updates**

4.1. Africa

Mr Wahid OSHODI, ATTF President, reported on the recent continental activities, starting with the African Cup held in Tunis in February, and thanked Ms SÖRLING and Mr AL-MOHANNADI for their attendance.

Mr OSHODI continued reporting on the Regional Championships, which are the first step in qualifying for the London 2026 World Championships, noting increased participation compared to previous years, the result of very good cooperation with the ITTF Development Department, and thanked Mr Mikael ANDERSSON and his team for their collaborative efforts.



Ms SÖRLING praised the presentation and quality of matches at the African Cup, as well as the media coverage, which may help promote the sport among youngsters.

4.2. Americas

Mr Juan VILA, ITTF Americas President, reported on the continental activities, with the Pan American Cup held in San Francisco, California, having the highest quality standards and first line sponsors.

Mr VILA also reported on the regional events in the age categories and adults, referring to the U11 and U13 held in Cuenca, Ecuador, and the Circle-10 held in Asuncion, Paraguay, an innovative event promoted by the ITTF Development Department. Costa Rica hosted the Central American Championships, qualifying for London 2026, and Rio de Janeiro hosted the South American Masters Championships.

Regarding officials, Mr VILA reported on the International Referee seminar held in Asuncion, where five candidates passed the exams.

Mr VILA concluded, referring to the work in progress for the upcoming events in the second part of the year.

4.3. Asia

Mr Khalil AL-MOHANNADI reported on the ATTU activities, starting with the ATTU Championships held in Astana, Kazakhstan, in October 2024, which were conducted very successful, as well as the Asian Cup held in February 2025 in Shenzhen, China, with 32 men's and women's participating, a record 400,000 USD prize money and the record attendance as well of 18,000 spectators.

4.4. Europe

Mr Pedro MOURA, ETTU President, reported on ETTU's activities, starting with the U13 Euro talents camps held at the end of 2024 and in April 2025.

Mr MOURA referred to activities to develop young and female umpires as well.

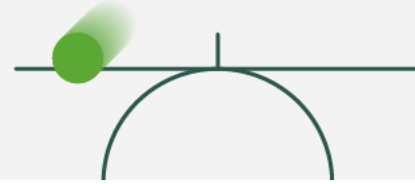
In relation to events, Mr MOURA reported on the European Team Championships Stage 1, held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Top 16 Cup, held in Montreux, Switzerland; the European Under 21 Championships; and the ongoing final stages of the season in the Club's competitions.

Mr MOURA also reported excellent media figures, with significant growth compared to previous years, the plans to develop a new OTT platform, the monthly meetings of the ETTU Executive Board and the inclusion of Sustainability guidelines in all new contracts signed by ETTU.

4.5. Oceania

Mr Anthony MOORE, ITTF-Oceania President, reported on the positive outcomes in the engagement of the Member Associations, as a result of the particular development model agreed with the ITTF, with ITTF-Oceania taking ownership and employing two development officers.

Mr MOORE added that eight Member Associations have already benefited from development activities in the first five months of the year, all catered to the specific needs in each MA, going from coaching courses, umpires and referees' courses, training camps, school visits, competitions and promotional activities, with a very good balance of male and female participation having both genders above 40% participation. Mr MOORE indicated that the aim is to complete another eight visits before the end of the



year. Mr MOORE referred to the case of Niue and the revitalisation of table tennis there, citing it as an inspiration to the table tennis community as an example of how opportunities are being provided to everybody to be involved in our sport.

Speaking about events, Mr MOORE referred to the Oceania Cup held in Melbourne in February, the ITTF Oceania Championships coming up in June, and thanked the events team, Mr VERMOESEN, Mr ELDAWLATLY and Mr ALMENDARIZ, for the support being provided.

Mr MOORE also referred to the upcoming Pacific Mini Games in Palau, the Hopes in New Caledonia, and the Para Championships in New Zealand.

Mr MOORE referred to the continental initiatives in the areas of Sustainability and Governance, highlighting the presence of 21 Member Associations in Doha, and adding that the continental annual general meeting will be held on Sunday, 25th May, taking the opportunity of having so many delegates together physically in the same place and an EGM which will follow, to present and hopefully pass the proposed constitutional reform which has been worked over the last few months.

To conclude, Mr MOORE thanked the ITTF for its support, highlighting that after three years of Presidency, this time will be the first to meet in person most of the MAs representatives, and adding that the President of Tokelau will be arriving in Doha after a travel which involved 55 hours of boat travel in the Pacific Ocean from Tokelau to Samoa, four hours flight from Samoa to Auckland, and seventeen hours flight from Auckland to Doha, showing the level of commitment of this particular delegate to attend the ITTF AGM, and thanked Mr SYMONS for having represented the continent over the last four years at the ITTF Executive Board.

5. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes (1st Nov 2024, 9 Dec 2024, 2nd Jan 2025, and 11th Feb 2025 EB Meetings, and 7th Dec 2024 CC Meeting)

The Meeting Minutes from the five meetings were approved.

20250521-EB-01

The Executive Board approved the Minutes of the EB Meeting held on 1st November 2024 via Zoom videoconference.

20250521-EB-02

The Executive Board approved the Minutes of the EB Meeting held on 9th December 2024 in Chengdu, P.R. China.

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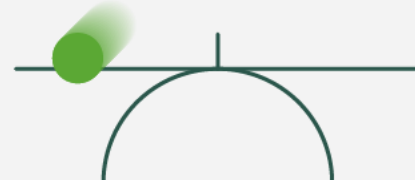
The Executive Board approved the Minutes of the EB Meeting held on 2nd January 2025 via Zoom videoconference.

20250521-EB-04

The Executive Board approved the Minutes of the EB Meeting held on 11th February 2025 via Zoom videoconference.

20250521-CC-01

The Continental Council approved the Minutes of the CC Meeting held on 7th December 2024 in Chengdu, P.R. China.



For the record, Mr CALIN referred to the decisions on the suspension of the Member Association in Indonesia, taken in April, and to the World Ranking decisions, also taken in April.

20250403-EB-01

The Executive Board approved four changes to the World Ranking regulations, as presented by the WRWG.

20250424-EB-01

The Executive Board decided to suspend the Member Association of Indonesia (PP PTSMI) provisionally, as communicated on 24th April 2025, with the statutory 21-day notice, effective from 15th May 2025, and to give the PP PTSMI notice of expulsion on the same date, 24th April 2025, with the statutory 30-day notice, for decision at the AGM to be held on 27th May 2025.

6. Operations

Mr DANTON started by referring to the momentum the sport is enjoying, with first-class events such as the World Cups in Macao, the Singapore Smash, and the Chongqing Champions event, to name just a few of the recent successes.

Mr DANTON referred to the change of auditing firm, from Mazars to PwC, as one of the reasons why the Audited Financial Statements for 2023 and 2024 took some time to be completed, passing the word to Dr Alaa MESHREF, EVP Finance, and Mr Michael BROWN, CFO, for their presentation.

6.1. Finances update

Dr MESHREF started by referring to the positive change in 2024, with a significant turnaround in the financial results in just one year, the cash flow rebounding, a notable increase in revenue, mainly driven by the success of the WTT events and the nearly full calendar in 2024 and also the general and administrative expenses having been reduced in 2024 despite the growth in activities.

Dr MESHREF referred to the very positive meetings with the President, the CEO, the CFO, and the entire financial and administrative team, aimed at reducing expenses and increasing revenues.

Dr MESHREF also referred to the changes made to the VIK agreement with World Sports, thanking them for their positive attitude during the negotiations, which led to expanding the VIK services agreement from only training services to other areas in which World Sports has been able to assist, thereby reducing the ITTF's expenses, and balancing the shortfall of the expected IMG income from the data rights agreement.

Mr BROWN reported on the 2021-2024 financial overview, and the EB & CC noted the increase in the quadrennial income from 2009-2012 of approximately 40 million USD to almost 160 million USD for the cycle 2021-2024, doubling it from the cycle 2017-2020.

Mr BROWN presented the results of the 2023 and 2024 audits, which show a progression in cash reserves in the latter year and record levels of revenue generated and prize money paid to athletes.

Mr BROWN continued with a comparison of the current cash flow situation with previous years and the presentation of the 2025-2028 budget, for the ITTF, WTT, and the ITTF Foundation, indicating that a more detailed presentation of all these areas will be made at the Finance Forum on Friday, 23rd May.

Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr BROWN for the presentation, commented on the quality of the PwC audit, and indicated that the new auditor in charge, Mr Andrea COSTA, will be present at the AGM on 27th May.



Mr MOORE suggested that these figures are exceptionally positive and asked how to ensure they are well presented to the Membership.

Mr DANTON thanked Mr MOORE for the positive comments, adding that very few sports have experienced the growth that table tennis has in recent years, and that this success story has to be presented well to the membership.

Mr VILA asked about the status of the loan given by the ITTF to WTT.

Mr BROWN referred to the meeting held in Chengdu in December 2024 and the proposal put forward by WTT at that time to return these funds over the next 5-6 years.

Dr MESHREF asked about the current value of WTT, considering that the ITTF owns 85% of it. Mr DANTON suggested the current value is probably significantly higher.

Mr Roland NATRAN referred to the collective efforts made in recent years, particularly the execution of the decisions by the CEO and CFO, under the leadership of Ms SÖRLING in the financial area, highlighting that her financial background expertise and the support received by Dr MESHREF, as the EVP Finance, have certainly led to this position, thanking Ms SÖRLING and Dr MESHREF for their work.

Mr SYMONS echoed Mr MOORE on the importance of properly explaining this success story, raising the profile of table tennis, which ultimately benefits the Member Associations.

7. Doha 2025 WTTC Finals General Update

Mr Mounir BESSAH, WTT Events Executive Director, provided a comprehensive progress report on the event. Mr BESSAH referred to the qualification process, the new strategy to secure full participation at the WTTC Finals, the anticipated draw in 2025 held in a shopping mall on 30th April, which allowed better planning and provided statistics on participation.

The EB & CC noted the information on the two venues, the Lusail Sports Arena and the Qatar University Hall, and the excellent quality of the hotels used for the event.

Mr BESSAH reported that the delegations' overall feedback was positive, with some adjustments made to transport after the first two days of operations.

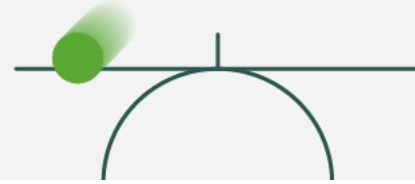
Regarding spectators, Mr BESSAH reported that free shuttle buses will operate between Lusail Metro Station and Lusail Sports Arena to enhance the fans' experience.

Regarding VISAS, Mr BESSAH reported that all athletes and coaches have received them, and that a dedicated immigration line is in place at Hamad International Airport.

The EB & CC noted the TTR implementation for the first time in the WTTC Finals, which is adding some excitement to the matches.

Mr ACHANTA confirmed, from the AC perspective, the experience was being positive with all athletes being very comfortable with the arrangements.

Mr Anthony MOORE, ITTF-Oceania President, congratulated Mr BESSAH for the presentation and the LOC for the spectacular venue. In relation to accommodation, Mr MOORE expressed ITTF-Oceania's disappointment when, having 20 delegates of the continent for the first time, they were spread into nine different hotels, and still at the day of the EB & CC meeting they had no information on the hotel distribution, despite having assisted the LOC consolidating all the information on arrivals and



departures from the ITTF-Oceania administration, and having requested for such information several times.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI apologised for the lack of information regarding the particulars of the agreement with the main hotel for the event, which led to the distribution made. He indicated that by the end of the day, information on hotels will be shared with the EB & CC members.

Mr DANTON indicated that, while understanding the complexities of the WTTTC Finals organisation, receiving the information about the hotel distribution would be appreciated.

Ms SÖRLING asked about VISAS for Delegates, with Mr CALIN reporting that, among the delegates who registered by the initial VISA deadline, one Member Association President and one Committee Member were pending receipt of their VISAS at the time of the meeting, with another 8-10 cases pending on resolution from persons who only applied in May. Mr CALIN added being in close cooperation with the QTTA Secretary General, Mr Mohd Abdulla SALEH, hoping for a resolution of these cases.

8. ITTF Summit 2025 General Update

The EB & CC representatives noted the Summit schedule, presented by Mr CALIN, with the Development Session on Thursday, 22nd May, the Finance Forum on Friday, 23rd May, the Governance and Sustainability Session on Saturday, 24th May, and the Safeguarding and a keynote speech on Sunday, 25th May. All sessions being held at the Grand Sheraton Doha Hotel.

Mr CALIN also reported on the details for the ITTF Council, WTT workshop, ITTF Foundation workshop, ITTF EVP candidates' presentations and WTTTC Finals bids presentations scheduled for Monday, 26th May, and the ITTF AGM on Tuesday, 27th May, explaining that all delegates of the Member Associations not being part of the ITTF Council will be able to benefit from the two workshops, of WTT and the ITTF Foundation, which will be held concurrently with the ITTF Council times in a dedicated room, at the same hotel.

Ms SÖRLING reported that, as agreed with Mr OSHODI, in his capacity as EVP of Governance, a proposition for a Chair who will not contest a position in the elections will be made to the AGM, as was the practice at previous ITTF AGMs with elections.

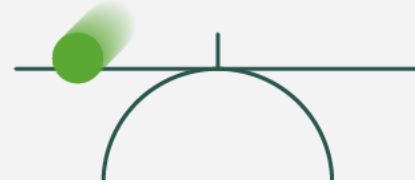
8.1. Propositions and Resolutions for the Council and AGM update

The EB & CC noted the presentation on the different propositions and resolutions received, with the latest updates following the coordination meeting held with the EVP in charge of Governance and the legal staff.

8.2. Member Associations' situation update

The EB noted the particular situation of specific Associations, such as Afghanistan, due to the special situation in the country, with the President, Ms Heleena KAKAR, living overseas and the difficulties to make financial operations with the Association, therefore recommending to continue with the praxis of previous years as particularly in 2025 a payment of the airfare contribution is to be made to each MA, hence being able to deduct Membership fees from such payment.

In relation to the specific case of Indonesia, the EB & CC members noted the update on the case made by Mr CALIN since the meeting held in Chengdu, when a proposition to suspend the MA in Indonesia was retracted at the last minute on the petition of the ATTU President, Mr AL-MOHANNADI, and the ATTU CEO, Mr Nabil ALFAKIH. However, six weeks later, following a meeting between Mr AL-MOHANNADI and the Indonesian Olympic Committee President, Mr OSHODI, and Mr CALIN, they received an urgent request from the ATTU to suspend the MA in Indonesia.



Following that ATTU request, due process was followed, as explained at the 11th of February 2025 EB meeting held online, with an online consultation to the EB via email in April, and subsequent communication to the MA in Indonesia through a letter sent on 24th April 2025, following the EB's decision in the same month.

The EB noted that the MA of Indonesia has been invited to attend the ITTF AGM to defend its position, and that the Secretary General of the Indonesian NOC will be present in Doha to support the proposition for recognition of the new MA in the country.

9. Athletes

Mr ACHANTA reported on behalf of the Athletes Commission on a successful 2024, including the Olympic Games, the Mixed Team World Cup, World Cups, and WTT events, with an overall positive sentiment regarding playing conditions.

Mr ACHANTA acknowledged the changes introduced in the WTT Handbook in January/February 2025, which the athletes received positively.

Regarding areas for improvement, Mr ACHANTA highlighted the high cost of participation, the timing of the calendar announcement and the conditions for exceptions from mandatory events.

Dr MESHREF thanked Ms LIU and Mr ACHANTA for their report and expressed being glad at the end of the mandate because most of the requests received from the athletes have been considered, thanking WTT for accommodating them.

Mr DANTON reported on the creation of a "Professional Players Association" wondering what the role of this Association would be when there is an already existing ITTF Athletes Commission which members are elected by the Athletes and with two co-chairs being members of the ITTF Executive Board, with voting rights.

Ms SÖRLING added that an Entourage Working Group was also created in 2022, further highlighting the voices of athletes and their entourage within the ITTF family.

10. IOC Member Report

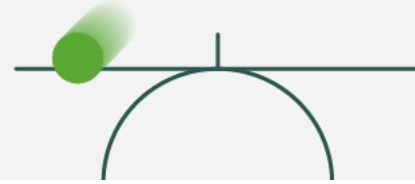
Ms SÖRLING reported on the IOC activities during this period, particularly on the IOC Session held in Costa Navarino, Greece, in March 2025, when the first-ever female IOC President was elected. The EB & CC noted that the handover of the presidency will take place on 23rd June 2025 during the Olympic Day celebrations in Lausanne.

Ms SÖRLING added that the upcoming visit of Dr Thomas BACH to Doha will be the first to the ITTF World Championships since 2017.

Ms SÖRLING added on the excellent television figures for table tennis from the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, as received from the official reports from the IOC.

The EB & CC also noted the positive news that one more Medal Event has been added to the LA28 Olympic Games programme, as announced by the IOC on 9th April 2025, with the introduction of the Mixed Team Event.

Mr DANTON wanted to put on record in the Meeting Minutes that having an additional medal event for LA29 is outstanding. Mr DANTON thanked the collective efforts of the ITTF President and IOC Member,



Ms SÖRLING, the work of the ITTF Secretary General, Mr CALIN, and the support provided by the CTTA and Mr LIU Guoliang, at that time CTTA President, referring to the Swedish TTA resolution to the AGM 2021 in Houston that led to the creation of the Mixed Team World Cup in 2023.

Mr DANTON considered these brave initiatives and the collective effort the key for the success, echoing Ms SÖRLING on the fact that table tennis will be in LA28 the racket sport with more medal events.

Mr CALIN reflected on the journey since the proposition of Swedish TTA in November 2021 in Houston, with the first-ever Mixed Team World Cup in December 2023 in Chengdu, the meeting of the CC in February 2024 in Busan, when the decision to put forward the request to the IOC was made, the submission to the IOC on the 1st March 2024, and all the support received from the ITTF Technical Commissioner, Mr Graeme IRELAND, and the ITTF Competition Department.

Mr CALIN added that ultimately, it was the collective effort, the success of the two editions of the Mixed Team World Cup in Chengdu in 2023 and 2024, the support of Mr LIU and the CTTA, and the work being done by the ITTF President in the Olympic circles, which led to this outcome, with makes table tennis passing from four medal events in Rio 2016 to six medal events in Los Angeles 2028.

11. Other Business

- 11.1. As mentioned at the beginning of the meeting, at the request of Mr AL-MOHANNADI, a point regarding the Integrity case he raised was added to the agenda.

Mr CALIN suggested that, within the ITTF family, there are persons who lack an understanding of the ITTF structures and the clear separation of powers, particularly between the ITTF Executive Board and the ITTF Integrity Unit.

Mr CALIN stressed the importance of maintaining this separation of powers as an essential element of good governance.

Mr MOORE asked in relation to the Nominations Committee's powers concerning the vetting of candidates.

Mr CALIN referred to Chapter 10, Electoral and Appointment Regulations, and suggested that any doubts that the NC members may have should ideally be addressed to the EVP of Governance and to the ITTF Legal Department, as the ITTF Secretariat has been excluded from the NC deliberations since 2023.

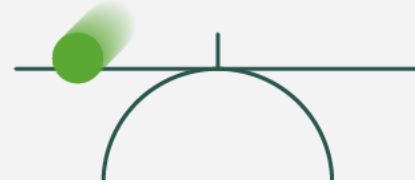
Mr DANTON advocated for a future NC with more independence from the ITTF.

Ms SÖRLING added that although the ITTF has now reached eighth place among the Summer Sports IFs, the independence of the NC is undoubtedly a topic for the proposed constitutional reform in 2026.

- 11.2. Mr MAEHARA Masahiro asked about the Youth Olympic Games to be held in Dakar in 2026.

Mr CALIN indicated that Mr MAEHARA was invited to the online meeting convened by the IOC in April, where an explanation of the selection process was provided, following the IOC's decision announced on 17th March 2025 to replace the previous YOG qualification system with an invitation system.

Mr CALIN added that the NOCs will be receiving forms from the IOC, being requested to list the sports they want to take part in, and to place them in order of preference, with a deadline by the end of July to submit their lists to the IOC.



Mr CALIN added that following the conclusion of the WTTC Finals and Summit more information will be shared with the Member Associations.

Dr AZEVEDO asked in relation to the age of athletes who can participate.

Mr CALIN responded that, as reported in the 7th of December 2024 CC meeting held in Chengdu, athletes born on or after 1st January 2009 can participate.

Ms SÖRLING highlighted that not all usual Summer Sports will be present in the competition program in Dakar 2026, but Table Tennis is one of the sports selected for competition.

11.3. Esports

Ms SÖRLING indicated that, following the IOC decision to hold the Esports Olympic Games starting in 2027, she would like to request that the EB grant the CEO a mandate to negotiate with the Saudi Table Tennis Association for the Esports Championships.

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The Executive Board entrusted the ITTF CEO with initiating negotiations with the Saudi Table Tennis Association regarding the future Esports Championships.

11.4. Deputy President Closing Remarks

Ms SÖRLING gave the word to Mr LIU to offer his closing remarks.

Mr LIU reflected on the past few years, following his election as CTTA President in 2018, his election to the ITTF EB in 2021, his appointment by Ms SÖRLING as ITTF Deputy President in 2022, and his election as Chair of the WTT Board on the same year.

Mr LIU indicated that, regardless of the different positions he holds, his aim has always been to develop the sport, its competitions, and the global influence and appeal of the sport.

Mr LIU considers that significant achievements have been made during this period, and the close cooperation between CTTA and the ITTF has yielded very positive results for the ITTF.

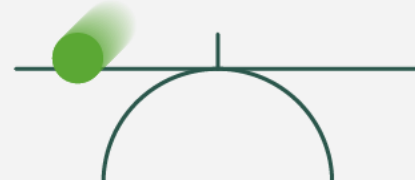
To ensure the ITTF continues this pathway of success, Mr LIU stressed the importance of keeping the global ITTF family and ITTF leadership united to sustain this momentum.

Mr LIU considered that regardless of positions, everyone can contribute to the development of table tennis in their own way, and added that he is willing to step down from the position of WTT Board Chair to open more positions for other officials to have the opportunity to contribute to table tennis in higher positions, hoping that this can help to reunite the organisation with solidarity.

Mr LIU also reported that in recent weeks, he stepped down as CTTA President, a step that he considered was necessary after almost 30 years in CTTA, a step that hopefully will allow him to spend more time with his family; however, he assured the EB & CC colleagues that he will continue to contribute to table tennis in the coming years.

Mr LIU added that, in relation to the damage to Mr WANG Chuqin's racket, this is a particular situation following another incident at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Mr LIU wanted to call for the attention of the ITTF to these situations, being the WTTC Finals the most critical event of the ITTF calendar, calling for more professional ways of dealing with the rackets, which are the most important tool of the athletes competing, hoping for the ITTF to find solutions for the future, to avoid similar situations occurring again to any athlete.



Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr LIU for his remarks on the importance of unity and collaboration.

In relation to the specific racket situation reported, Ms SÖRLING added that, with athletes nowadays being professionals, it is crucial that the technical officials also reach the required level of professionalism.

Mr DAINTON referred to the actions taken immediately after the incident and to possible solutions to avoid similar situations in the future.

Ms SÖRLING closed the meeting, thanking everyone once again for the collective work during the last three and a half years, indicating that everyone in the room has been instrumental to the collective success of the sport, and wishing the best for everyone in the future.

12. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 CET.

Petra SÖRLING
ITTF President

Date

Steve DAINTON
ITTF CEO

Date