



## **INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation held at the Busan Exhibition and Convention Center (BEXCO), Busan, Korea Republic, in a hybrid format on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024, starting at 10:00 KST (02:00 CET).

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

The ITTF President and IOC Member Ms Petra SÖRLING, welcomed the persons in attendance, expressing her heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to Mr RYU Seung-Min, the LOC, and local authorities, for the fabulous World Championships just completed two days before, for the first time in the Korean Republic.

Ms SÖRLING also congratulated Team China and its President, Mr LIU Guoliang, for their excellent performance, retaining both Men's and Women's titles.

Ms SÖRLING evoked the incredible performances of the table tennis players during the last two weeks, describing them as inspirational.

The President also reflected on the team format of the WTTC held in Busan, in which no individual player can win a match for their association as a standalone person. Ms SÖRLING then compared the teamwork needed in a match with the role of the AGM and the importance of a collaborative approach, fostering unity and harmony, for the betterment of the sport worldwide.

Ms SÖRLING reflected on her first three years as ITTF President and declared that following a period marked by the pandemic first, and by geopolitical tensions later, after having visited all five continents, the Summits are the result of listening to the Membership.

Ms SÖRLING emphasised her commitment to bringing the table tennis family back together, even closer, considering this effort never ends.

Ms SÖRLING highlighted the key events over the last three years, including the WTTC Finals Chengdu 2022, the only international sporting event held in China other than the Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the growth of the ITTF budgets, doubling from pre-pandemic times, or the rapid penetration of the Esports, to which the ITTF is quickly adapting by having called already for the first World Esports Table Tennis Championships to be held in 2024.

The AGM noted the reflection on the work done behind the scenes, of which the above are just the highlights; looking ahead to 2024, a year which will include three Grand Smashes, and more WTT Champions events, considering that Busan 2024 has been a fantastic start.

A record number of events, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games, are planned for 2024, and Ms SÖRLING confirmed ITTF's commitment to work on an earlier publication of the calendar for 2025, being convinced that WTT will be successful, as it is already undeniable the positive results that this new structure is bringing for our sport, remaining confident on WTTs success, and the benefit it will bring to the Member Associations.

Ms SÖRLING concluded by adding that teamwork is essential to winning, but so is keeping the momentum our sport is living, growing, and raising, encouraging everyone to continue the journey for many more years to come.

## 2. Host Welcome and Opening Address

Ms SÖRLING gave the floor to Mr RYU Seung-Min, co-chair of the LOC, KTTA President, EB Member, and IOC Member, who addressed the AGM.

On behalf of the LOC, Mr RYU extended his sincere gratitude to all distinguished representatives for the support and trust given to KTTA and the LOC for delivering the WTTC and Summit in Busan. In particular, Mr RYU thanked the ITTF President, the ITTF Family, Staff, Busan Metropolitan City, BNK Busan Bank, and all sponsors who contributed to the event's success.

Mr RYU reflected on the unity of the table tennis family, with the motto "One Table, One World" symbolising the family's united partnership. Mr RYU added that the ISO certification obtained by Busan 2024 sets a new standard in ITTF's event execution.

Mr RYU continued, indicating that a significant commitment was made to ensure that sustainability values were integrated into the event planning and implementation.

Mr RYU reported that 30,000 tickets were sold, achieving the initial target, and he highlighted the TV broadcasting figures in Korea and worldwide, particularly through CCTV in China.

Mr RYU concluded by thanking all delegates for their commitment and contribution in the different meetings held since the WTTC started, indicating that the joint work made in Busan will hopefully lay the foundation for table tennis to continue its progress.

## 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 96 Member Associations were present at the Meeting's start<sup>1</sup>.

## 4. Appointment of a Chair

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

### **2024-02-27-AGM-01 (simple majority required)**

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

89 valid votes. 87 votes in favour. 2 votes against. 97.75 % in favour (0 abstentions).

<sup>1</sup> A total number of 99 were present throughout out the AGM, either physically or online.

## 5. Confirmation of the Agenda

The Agenda was confirmed with the inclusion of four additional points:

11.6 2025-2028 Quadrennial Budget  
11.7 Confirmation of Auditors for 2025

19.2 Deadline for 2028 World Table Tennis Championships Finals Bids  
19.3 Deadline for 2029 World Table Tennis Championships Finals Bids

## 6. Appointment of Scrutineers

The AGM noted that, as in previous years, LUMI ® would provide the technical solution for the electronic voting, with Mr Mark JACKSON and Mr Gary MAK as operators. With no associations from Oceania having two delegates physically present in Busan, it was agreed to propose as scrutineers the following persons:

AF	KEN	GITURWA John Gicaci
AF	UGA	KIGGUNDU Thomas James
AM	PUR	CASTALDO Leticia
AM	USA	CHAR Richard
AS	IRQ	HUSSAIN Emad
AS	NEP	GAUTAM Shanker
EU	CYP	GEORGIOU Andreas
EU	GER	AHLERT Heike

### 2024-02-27-AGM-02 (simple majority required)

The AGM appointed the scrutineers nominated by the Continental Federations as follows:

AF	KEN	GITURWA John Gicaci
AF	UGA	KIGGUNDU Thomas James
AM	PUR	CASTALDO Leticia
AM	USA	CHAR Richard
AS	IRQ	HUSSAIN Emad
AS	NEP	GAUTAM Shanker
EU	CYP	GEORGIOU Andreas
EU	GER	AHLERT Heike

90 valid votes. 89 votes in favour. 1 vote against. 98.89 % in favour (2 abstentions).

## 7. Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held on 24th August 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Not having any remarks on the draft of the Minutes from 2023, the AGM proceeded to vote.

### 2024-02-27-AGM-03 (simple majority required)

The AGM adopted the 2023 AGM Minutes as a true record.

90 valid votes. 86 votes in favour. 4 votes against. 95.56 % in favour (2 abstentions).

## 8. Membership

The AGM noted that no new applications for membership had been received since the last Meeting, and that two ongoing disputes in the Associations of Indonesia and Mexico are being handled, with the EB trying to find a solution. The AGM noted the intention to start a mediation process, ideally in a neutral territory, in the case of Indonesia, and the appointment of an ITTF Council member from the Central American region to assist in conducting elections in the first quarter of the year in the case of Mexico.

The AGM also noted that the Falkland Islands Table Tennis Association (FLK) was recognised as an ITTF Member in 2021. However, it has not succeeded in obtaining membership in the ITTF Americas; therefore, the ITTF is exploring the possibility of FLK being incorporated into another continental federation.

## 9. Recognitions

The AGM noted the presentations made the previous evening, on the ITTF Awards Gala, which, for the record, are included in these Minutes.

- 9.1 South African Table Tennis Board (SATTB), for the World Table Tennis Championships Finals, Durban 2023.
- 9.2 Slovenian Table Tennis Association (NTZS), for the World Youth Table Tennis Championships, Nova Gorica 2023.
- 9.3 Chinese Table Tennis Association (CTTA), for the Mixed Team World Cup Chengdu 2023.
- 9.4 Thailand Table Tennis Association (TTAT), for the ITTF Summit 2023.
- 9.5 Oman Table Tennis Association (OTTA), for the ITTF World Veterans Table Tennis Championships, Muscat 2023.
- 9.6 Ecuador Table Tennis Federation (FETM), as the most active Member Association in 2023.
- 9.7 Ms Kerstin DUCHATZ (GER), as the match official of the year 2023.
- 9.8 Mr Nathanael MOLIN (FRA), as the coach of the year 2023.
- 9.9 Ms SEO Su Yeon (KOR), as the female Para player of the year 2023.
- 9.10 Mr William BAYLEY (ENG), as the male Para player of the year 2023.
- 9.11 Ms SUN Yingsha (CHN), as the female player of the year 2023.
- 9.12 Mr FAN Zhengdong (CHN), as the male player of the year 2023.

In addition, the AGM recognised all table tennis personalities who had passed away since the last AGM with a “In Memoriam” video:

- 9.13 Recognition to those Table Tennis family members who left us since the AGM in Bangkok.

## 10. Annual General Report & Strategic Plan (SP)

### 10.1 ITTF Group CEO

The ITTF Group CEO (**CEO**), Steve DAINTON, thanked Mr RYU Seung-Min and his team for their hard work in putting together the WTTC Finals and the ITTF Summit and provided a report on the 2023 activities.

The AGM noted Mr DAINTON's report, which highlighted the pandemic's emergence from the shadows despite current complexities, such as increased inflation. Mr DAINTON explained how the ITTF restructured its management team, exploring innovative pathways to approach the future.

Mr DAINTON referred to the number of events held in 2023, which increased from 2022, and highlighted the World Veterans Muscat 2023, the World Championships Durban 2023, the World Youth Championships held in Nova Gorica, Slovenia, and the introduction of the Mixed Team World Cup held in Chengdu.

In terms of WTT, the AGM noted significant growth, with a total of 22 WTT Series events, 15 Feeder events, and 44 Youth Series events across all continents.

Mr DAINTON referred to the ITTF Summit 2023 held in Bangkok, Thailand, as the best-executed institutional event to date, and the adoption of the new ITTF Strategic Plan, with the three new main pillars of Governance & Sustainability, Business Growth, and Society & Health, thanking the Thailand Table Tennis Association (TTAT) for their support.

The AGM also noted the progress in Development, with over 200 activities carried out in 2023 for Para Table Tennis and able-body athletes, coaches, and officials.

Mr DAINTON also referred to the ITTF Foundation's activities, particularly the inaugural World Table Tennis for Health Festival, which showcased several groundbreaking initiatives at the intersection of table tennis and health.

Mr DAINTON also provided figures on World Table Tennis Day 2023, which saw 442 registered events in 111 countries across all five continents.

Based on the experience from 2023, Mr DAINTON spoke about 2024 as the biggest year in international table tennis events to date, which will include the successfully completed World Championships in Busan, the return of the World Cups, which will be held in Macao, the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, the Mixed Team World Cups for the second year in Chengdu, and three Grand Smashes in Singapore, Saudi Arabia, and China,

To conclude, Mr DAINTON expressed his thanks to the ITTF Executive Board, particularly to its President, Ms SÖRLING, and to its Deputy President, Mr LIU, to the entire staff and management team for their commitment and tireless work, and to the Member Associations that continue to work daily for our sport.

To report on the Strategic Plan, Mr DAINTON invited Mr Dylan MAH, in his new capacity as the ITTF Director of Operations since 1<sup>st</sup> January.

The AGM noted the update provided by Mr MAH, who highlighted the areas of progress made in each of the three main pillars.

Speaking about Governance & Sustainability, Mr MAH referred particularly to the work being done on the enhancements in the Integrity Regulations, the necessity to ensure compliance with our Statutes, and the initiatives in the areas of Diversity & Inclusion, Sustainability, Gender Diversity, and Equipment.

Regarding Business Growth, Mr MAH highlighted the increase in the number of Grand Smashes, Innovation, particularly with the creation of the Business Unit, and other key advancements.

Lastly, in the area of Society and Health, Mr MAH praised the ITTF Foundation's activities, highlighting the World Table Tennis Day or the World Table Tennis for Health Festival as key initiatives.

Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr DAINTON and Mr MAH for their reports and opened the floor for questions.

Mr Zurabi BERUKASHVILI, delegate of GEO, asked about specific projects accomplished since the Bangkok AGM and about some of the existing KPIs in the current SP, such as the implementation of Table Tennis Academies or Development Centres.

Mr DAINTON provided feedback indicating that the restructuring was a necessary initial step to adapt to the post-pandemic situation and that some of the big projects, such as the Academies, were halted by the outbreak of the pandemic. However, they are being reconsidered in the coming period.

Mr Hassan MUNIR, BAN delegate, highlighted that although high-performance centres are needed, equipment is the main necessity, particularly for less developed countries.

Mr DAINTON agreed that this is currently a high priority and one of the areas that has been restructured since the autumn of 2023.

Mr Mikael ANDERSSON, ITTF Sports Development Director, added that shipment and logistics have been an issue during the pandemic and post-pandemic period, hoping the situation will improve in 2024, and pending equipment packages will be progressively distributed in the coming months, citing, for the case of Bangladesh, the potential collaboration to be established with the ATTU, which Mr AL-MOHANNADI confirmed.

Mr George KOPALY, delegate of LBN, thanked WTT and its CEO, Mr DAINTON, for the efforts being made, hoping for the table tennis product to be improved to be more appealing from the marketing point of view.

## 10.2 WTT

The AGM noted the update on WTT activities in 2023 provided by Mr DAINTON.

Mr DAINTON started by thanking the ITTF President for her opening remarks on the positive evolution of WTT and the most recent intervention of the LBN delegate. Following a video of highlights of 2023, Mr DAINTON provided a quick recap on 2023.

The AGM noted the financially challenging situation of 2023, being the first post-COVID-19 year, the slow progress that was seen in the calendar due to several factors, including inflation and uncertainty, and evoked the already mentioned restructuring that was made.

On the other side, Mr DAINTON highlighted the public recognition of the Singapore Smash as the best sport event in Singapore in 2023, the first WTT Champions held in Frankfurt, the first WTT Contender events held in new countries, such as South Africa, Jordan, India, Nigeria, Brazil or Türkiye, and the already mentioned record number of WTT Youth Series events across all five continents, as some of the highlights.

In the area of investment, Mr DAINTON referred to the first minority shareholder agreement made in 2022 with World Sports, with whom ITTF and WTT are strengthening relations, and the interest being shown by several potential investors in WTT.

Mr DAINTON invited Ms Nicole CHEN, Chief Operating Officer of World Sports, to provide an update on what WTT and World Sports have done, particularly in China, the biggest table tennis market in the World, since WTT and World Sports collaboration started.

Ms CHEN referred to the evolution from the inaugural WTT test event held in Macao in 2020 to the most recent events, which clearly show the progress being made. The AGM noted that in the past four years, a total of 18 events were hosted in China, highlighting the Mixed Team World Cup held in Chengdu.

Ms CHEN referred to the financial evolution, with 34 USD million income for WTT in China, the spectators' impact, with almost 200,000 fans watching events onsite in 2023, the TV impact, with 546 hours of total broadcasting in 2023, 240 million views for a single match, and a cumulative reach of 2 billion TV spectators in the year, corresponding to a quarter of the Earth population.

Regarding social media, Ms CHEN reported on the 3 million followers of WTT's account on Weibo and highlighted that 6 of the top 10 sporting personalities in 2023 are from table tennis.

To conclude, Ms CHEN referred to the different cooperations with fourteen brands over the last few years, referring to Mr LIU Guoliang's motto: "Table Tennis of China shared by the World", thanking the ITTF, WTT, and the Member Associations for the excellent cooperation, and inviting the delegates to witness the upcoming WTT Grand Smash in China.

Mr DAINTON then presented the WTT calendar for 2024, which includes the first Saudi Smash, the first WTT Champions event in the Korean Republic, and more Feeder and Contender events. The AGM noted that the more stable calendar will help improve the financial situation, allowing WTT to focus on a strategic review for the next phase of growth.

Mr DAINTON continued showing some key milestones such as the increase from 5.3 million USD prize money in 2019 to over 10 million USD prize money in 2024, the introduction of free hospitality for WTT Champions & Grand Smashes, something that didn't exist before WTT, a full-time physio onsite, available at no cost for the athletes, higher and consistent service levels across all WTT events, or the incorporation of a dedicated players relations Director.

Mr DAINTON referred to partnerships, which saw a 22% growth in sponsorship value, and media, which saw an 84% growth in media rights value and hoped for 2025 to be a year with a full calendar, including all four Grand Smashes. He ended his presentation thanking the WTT Board members, Mr LIU, Mr AL-MOHANNADI, and Mr LEI, and ITTF's President, Ms SÖRLING, who joins all WTT Board meetings, for their support during the entire year.

Ms SÖRLING highlighted the TV viewership figures presented by Ms CHEN, and the fact that the top sport personality trending on social media in China is a female table tennis star, Ms SUN Yingsha.

Mr Sajad BAQIR, delegate of OMA, asked about the calendar, and Mr DAINTON indicated that the strategic calendar 2025-2028 will be reviewed soon to ensure its sustainability. It is hoped that in the future, the different players, depending on their sporting level, will target different tiers of events.

Mr Joe CARRIM, delegate of RSA, asked in relation to broadcasting events agreements, particularly with SuperSport, and Mr DAINTON indicated that this will be followed up.

ITTF Council Member Ms Claude BERGERET congratulated WTT on the increase in prize money for the athletes and asked about the benefits for MAs. Mr DAINTON indicated that this will depend on the type of engagement of the MAs in organising events, but also that in the long term, when WTT is profitable, the ITTF, as the majority shareholder, may be able to distribute part of its benefits to the Members in different ways.

Mr KOPALY recommended exploring agreements with airlines.

#### 10.3 ITTF Foundation

The AGM noted the update on ITTF Foundation activities in 2023 by its Managing Director, Leandro OLVECH. Mr OLVECH referred to the annual report published on the ITTF Foundation website, highlighting the already mentioned World Table Tennis for Health Festival, of which a video was displayed.

Mr OLVECH presented on the three activities held under the World Table Tennis for Health Festival umbrella: the World Parkinson's TT Championships, the World Alzheimer's TT Championships and the World TT for Health Congress, indicating that the 2024 edition already has a host secured in France, for which an sponsorship has already been also secured, and informed that the expressions of interest for the 2025 can be already submitted.

The AGM noted that 2024 and 2025 are years declared for diversity and inclusion, both in the ITTF and the ITTF Foundation, and called for action on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024, World Table Tennis Day, for which 102 events have already been registered.

Mr OLVECH then presented a video of the progress and activities made by the ITTF Foundation since its inception on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

To conclude, Mr OLVECH referred to the ITTF Foundation's aim to become progressively more financially independent from the ITTF, for which individual donations are also accepted, highlighting that table tennis can change lives.

Mr KOPALY asked if there had been any analysis on the impact of Esports Table Tennis on people suffering from Alzheimer's or Parkinson's. Mr OLVECH indicated that although no studies have been completed to date, exploring and investigating all areas in which Table Tennis is involved, including Esports, is one of the aims of hosting the World TT for Health Congress, bringing scientists to discuss our sport.

#### 10.4 Paris 2024

The AGM noted the presentation of Paris 2024 made by Gilles DE LA BOURDONNAYE, Table Tennis and Para Table Tennis Sport Manager for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Mr DE LA BOURDONNAYE started by thanking the ITTF for the continuous collaboration on the lead-up to the Games. He reported that during the last two years, both ITTF and Paris 2024 have been working together to ensure the best possible delivery of the Games.

The report included two main areas: a general Paris 2024 update and an overview of Table Tennis and Para Table Tennis.

The AGM noted the three main pillars of action focus: the athletes, as the core of the Games, the Games as a tool for a (positive) change in lives, and the celebration “*Paris est une fête*” (“Paris is a party”) around the city.

Mr DE LA BOURDONNAYE reported a total of 7.8 million tickets have been sold to date, being ahead of the projections, presented the Olympic and Paralympic Medals, whose designs were released worldwide on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024, and provided an update on the progress of the Olympic Torch relay, expected to arrive to Marseille, France, on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024, coming from Greece. The Olympic Torch relay will visit over 400 cities with over 10,000 torchbearers participating. The AGM also received an update on the Paralympic Torch relay, which will come from Stoke Mandeville (England), through the Channel Tunnel, carried by 24 British and 24 French athletes.

Speaking specifically about table tennis, Mr DE LA BOURDONNAYE referred to the program “Ping Tour, Terre de Jeux 2023” organised by the French Table Tennis Federation (FFTT) and thanked them for this initiative. The “Ping Tour” will include 38 stages and aim to promote table tennis across the country.

The AGM noted the progress report about the construction of the Olympic and Paralympic Village, highlighting its sustainability qualities, with over 30% smaller carbon footprint than regular commercial constructions of the same type. He added that after the Games, starting in 2025, the area will become a residential area for over 6000 people, families, and students, including shops, offices, and services, and over nine thousand trees will be planted in the area.

The AGM also noted the progress report on the look of the Games since the last presentation in Bangkok, as well as the field of play (FOP) design.

The Table Tennis equipment to be used, courts, balls, and tables, were shown, as well as the Table Tennis pictogram, and other branded elements, such as the technical officials’ clothing and other apparel.

Mr DE LA BORDONNAYE then presented the key figures of table tennis at the Olympic and Paralympic Games (OG, PG), which will have 172 athletes at the OG, 280 at the PG, and 49 and 42 officials, respectively.

The AGM noted the presentation of the South Paris Arena (formerly called Paris Expo Porte de Versailles), where table tennis competition and warm-up will be held for both OG and PG in pavilion 4, with practice being held in pavilion 5. The travel routes from the Olympic and Paralympic Village were also presented, and it was also confirmed that the technical officials’ hotel will be within walking distance from the venue.

Mr DE LA BOURDONNAYE confirmed that over 6000 spectator seats will be made available for the public during the Games, around a competition area that will display four tables for the OG and six tables for the PG, with all finals being played on one table. This will allow spectators and broadcasters to follow them all <sup>2</sup>. Details on the number of tables for both warm-up and practice were given, as well as on the work done to enhance the lighting and the air flow control from the air conditioning.

In terms of innovation, Mr DE LA BOURDONNAYE referred to a major ambition developed in partnership with Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS). It consists of a multi-cam replay and an AI tool for ball tracking on court 1, which will be used for the first time ever in Table Tennis at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

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<sup>2</sup> For the first time in Paralympic Games, as previous editions had several finals played simultaneously with others.

To conclude his presentation, the AGM noted the detailed competition schedule, with 36 sessions at the OG and 20 sessions at the PG, presented by Mr DE LA BOURDONNAYE.

Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr DE LA BOURDONNAYE for his report, and passed the word to Mr CALIN, who highlighted that Mr DE LA BOURDONNAYE is not just “a Paralympian” but in fact, a three-time Gold Medallist at the Paralympic Games, a three-time Gold Medallist at the World Para Championships, and a multiple-time medallist at both World and Continental Championships. Mr CALIN expressed his appreciation on behalf of the ITTF staff and technical delegates for Mr DE LA BOURDONNAYE’s excellent cooperation over the last two years.

Mr Jordi SERRA, delegate of ESP, asked if the ITTF has planned any special initiatives to create impact around the Games. Mr DAINTON responded that there are plans to have a WTT Champions in France at the end of the year as a legacy of the Games.

Mr Kamlesh METHA, delegate of IND, asked about ticket opportunities to watch the Games and how the associations can purchase the equipment to be used in the Games so the athletes can practice in the same conditions.

Regarding tickets, Mr CALIN indicated that individuals can purchase tickets through the officially appointed ticketing partners in each territory, except for a small number of tickets the ITTF has purchased for the ITTF family, which will be made available at nominal cost.

In relation to equipment, Mr DAINTON indicated that the ITTF may assist in facilitating contact with the three appointed sole suppliers: Double Happiness for the tables, Double Fish for the balls, and Enlio for the flooring.

Not having more questions, Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr DE LA BOURDONNAYE once again and wished him and Paris 2024 the best in the final stage of preparations.

#### 10.5 Doha 2025

Mr Khalil AL-MOHANNADI, ITTF Senior Executive Vice-President, ATTU President and QTTA President, was invited to Ms SÖRLING to provide a progress report on the preparations for the WTTC Finals Doha 2025.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI reflected on Doha hosting the World Championships for the second time after the World Team Table Tennis Championships were held in the Qatari capital in 2004. He was joined on the stage by Mr Mohd Abdullah SALEH, QTTA Secretary General, Mr Ali SULTAN, QTTA Deputy Secretary General, and Mr Abdulla AL-MULLA, ITTF Nominations Committee Chair, and Tournament Director of the 2004 WTTC edition.

The logo of Doha 2025 was presented, and Mr AL-MOHANNADI reflected on the fact that the same team worked in the 2004 edition, continuing their support to QTTA during the last 20 years, confirming the team’s experience. The AGM noted that QTTA has hosted the Qatar Open every year and nowadays is hosting even more annual events in the different tiers of WTT, including WTT Youth Contender events, too.

To conclude, Mr AL-MOHANNADI thanked Mr RYU Seung-Min for the excellent delivery of Busan 2024 and indicated that at the conclusion of the January inspection, the contract between QTTA and ITTF was signed. Mr AL-MOHANNADI ensured smooth operations around the arrivals of the delegations, first-class hospitality, and a fantastic venue, Lusail Arena, as recommended by the ITTF CEO. He also confirmed that the AGM will be held in the Sheraton hotel, which will be the official hotel, supplemented by other 5-star hotels in the Lusail area, within a short distance from the venue. In terms of weather, in May 2025, it is expected to have temperatures between 35 and 40 ° Celsius.

Regarding VISAS, Mr AL-MOHANNADI confirmed that, provided the delegates submit passport copies on time, they will receive the VISAS by email for a smooth arrival to Doha.

The AGM noted that more than 150 countries have direct flights to Hamad International Airport in Doha.

A delegate asked if Qatar Airways would offer special discounts for people flying in. Mr AL-MOHANNADI responded that now that the contract with the ITTF has been signed, negotiations with the different potential sponsors will be held after Ramadan.

Mr MUNIR asked in relation to persons with support needs, if any arrangements could be made to facilitate their arrival at the venue. Mr AL-MOHANNADI indicated that expectations for ticket sales are higher than in the past, and that arrangements will be made as needed.

Not having further questions, Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr AL-MOHANNADI and his team for the presentation.

(A one-hour lunch break was held from 13:00 to 14:00 KST).

## 11. Finance

Ms SÖRLING gave the floor to the EVP Finance, Dr Alaa MESHREF, who invited Mr Michael BROWN, ITTF Chief Financial Officer (CFO), to provide an update on the different items of this section.

### 11.1 Report of the Audit and Finance Committee

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

### 11.2 Financial Report

Mr BROWN referred to the Finance Forum <sup>3</sup> held in Busan on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### 11.3 2022 Audited Financial Statements (AFS)

The AGM noted the 2022 Audited Financial Statements, presented by the CFO, who confirmed that those were the figures given in Bangkok in August 2023. The AGM also noted the evolution of total income and expenditure/investment from 2017 to 2022 and the net balance history, which showed that the movement was in the right direction.

Mr BROWN gave the floor to the external auditing firm representative, Mr Michael ACKERMANN.

Mr Michael ACKERMANN <sup>4</sup>, Executive in Charge of MAZARS SA (the ITTF Auditing Firm for the year 2022), indicated that the Financial Statements 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 Financial Statements as presented.

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<sup>3</sup> You can see the ITTF Finance Forum 2024 wrap-up article [here](#).

<sup>4</sup> Mr Michael Ackerman participated remotely via Zoom ® from Lausanne, Switzerland.

**2024-02-27-AGM-04 (simple majority required)**

The AGM approved the Financial Statements for 2022.

76 valid votes. 72 votes in favour. 4 votes against. 94.74 % in favour (2 abstentions).

#### 11.4 2023 Forecast

The AGM noted Mr Brown's report on the 2023 Forecast. He highlighted that the 2023 audit is not yet completed, as the AGM is being held close to the conclusion of the 2023 financial year. Therefore, finalising the financial statements and completing the audit within this limited timeframe was not feasible.

Mr BROWN referred to the Finance Forum held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, confirming that the current projections for 2023 are not as positive as originally planned. The growth after the pandemic was not as expected, but the adjustments made in the last six to nine months have helped the ITTF adapt to this scenario.

#### 11.5 2024 Quadrennial Forecast

The AGM noted a slight improvement in the bottom line, from a 150k USD deficit planned at the 2023 AGM to a 100k USD deficit in the current projections based on increases in income expected, hoping for an almost 60 million USD record income.

The AGM noted the overall forecast for the period 2021-2024.

#### 11.6 2025-2028 Quadrennial Budget

Mr BROWN presented in the next quadrennial (2025-2028) budget, as statutory, with a projected improvement year by year expected.

Not having any questions, the AGM was asked to approve the next quadrennial budget.

**2024-02-27-AGM-05 (simple majority required)**

The AGM approved the 2025-2028 Quadrennial Budget.

74 valid votes. 69 votes in favour. 5 votes against. 93.24 % in favour (4 abstentions).

#### 11.7 Appointment of Auditors for 2025.

The AGM noted the recommendation to retain the same auditing firm for 2025 (PwC).

**2024-02-27-AGM-06 (simple majority required)**

The AGM agreed to retain PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) as Auditor for 2025.

80 valid votes. 77 votes in favour. 3 votes against. 96.25 % in favour (1 abstention).

With the Finance section concluded, Ms SÓRLING thanked Dr Alaa MESHREF and Mr Michael BROWN for their work in this area.

## 12. Annual Reports from the Executive Committee

The AGM adopted the following reports <sup>5</sup>, which were complemented by individual videos <sup>6</sup> of the EB members:

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 Finance: Alaa MESHREF	(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: Roland NATRAN	(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)

Mr BERUKASHVILI asked about the growth of the development funding in the past ten years, which is approximately 25% (from 1.6 to 2.0 million US), compared to the growth of income, which has moved from 10 to 40+ million USD.

Dr MESHREF highlighted the priority that Development is one of overall ITTFs priorities, adding that while it is true that the income has grown significantly, also the expenditure has done in similar pace, and with the projections for WTT to become profitable in 2025, it will be up to the newly elected Board to be able to increase Development funding as budgets and forecast were not making it viable in the first years of WTTs creation. Dr MESHREF added that while other areas saw adjustments during the post-pandemic period, Development funds were always protected, as a key investment area.

## 13. Annual Reports from the Continental Federations

The AGM adopted the following reports, which were also complemented by individual videos <sup>7</sup>:

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)

<sup>5</sup> All reports can be found on the [2024 AGM Working Documents](#).

<sup>6</sup> All videos can be seen at the [AGM recording](#).

<sup>7</sup> All videos can be seen at the [AGM recording](#).

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

The AGM adopted the following reports:

14.1 ITTF Secretary General (document C2)

14.2 ITTF Continental Council (document C3)

14.3 ITTF Integrity Board (document C4)

Mr Enric RIPOLL, Chair of the Integrity Board (IB), took the floor, thanking the ITTF family and the LOC in Korea for the work done to assemble the WTTC Finals and the Summit. He highlighted that, as can be appreciated in the IB report, while the Integrity Unit (IU) led by Mr Kevin CARPENTER is doing an incredible job, more resources are needed to accomplish the work, ensuring that prevention is enforced. As in the previous year, Mr RIPOLL clarified that due to the nature of the work being done, no specific details are made publicly available about ongoing cases being handled. However, he and the rest of the IB and the IU remain available for any questions or concerns.

Mr Emad HUSSAIN, delegate of IRQ, asked for details about the dismissed or closed cases, as the report only speaks about open cases, and why, in some cases, the names of respondents are reported, while in other cases, Mr RIPOLL refers to confidentiality reasons not to disclose details. Mr HUSSAIN further asked what the criteria are to prioritise cases, adding that there are very important cases, such as those of sexual harassment, which can take two or three years to be resolved. In contrast, other less important cases (according to Mr HUSSAIN) are solved earlier.

Mr RIPOLL responded, on the first question, that when cases are made public by public authorities, there is no reason to keep them confidential any longer in the AGM report, as they are already of public knowledge, while about the prioritisation of the cases, the IU and the IB are working on a prioritisation model to be made available, so the ITTF family may understand priorities and urgencies. Mr RIPOLL provided the example of the case in an Olympic Qualification event, which would need resolution faster, not meaning that other cases are less important, but that, with the available capabilities, priority has to be given to cases which need urgent resolution.

Mr RIPOLL aimed for the possibility to provide a response to any new case within a week, but added that at the moment, that's not realistic.

Ms SÖRLING thanked the IB and the IU for the great work they are doing under difficult circumstances due to the lack of resources, confirming that the EB confirmed an increase of budget for the IU<sup>8</sup>.

14.4 ITTF Tribunal (document C5)

Mr IBARROLA added to his written report that although there were only two cases in 2023, the ITTF Tribunal had already opened two cases in the first two months of 2024, which is also normal in an Olympic year. He also commented that with the mediation rules being adopted at the ITTF Council the previous day, the ITTF Tribunal will look at their implementation when appropriate.

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<sup>8</sup> The budget increase was confirmed in the joint meeting of the EB and the IB two days prior.

## 15. Annual Reports from Committees

The AGM adopted the following reports:

15.1 Equipment Committee (document D1)

15.2 Masters' Committee (document D2)

15.3 Nominations Committee (document D3)

Mr Abulla AL-MULLA, Chair of the Nominations Committee (NC), thanked ITTF's Senior Management, led by the ITTF President, EB, CEO, Secretary General, and all Chairs of the Committees, for their contribution and cooperation with the NC, as well as the NC members for their open-hearted discussions and collaboration with each other. He also expressed his thanks to Mr Dylan MAH for his support of the NC.

15.4 Para Table Tennis Committee (document D4)

15.5 Rules Committee (document D5)

Mr SPORRER highlighted the existence of two unpleasant conflicts with the ITTF Constitution since the AGM held in Bangkok in August 2023 regarding the composition of the Rules Committee: i) the committee being reduced by one member without explanation, and ii) the committee not having the minimum quota of 25% female full members, despite enough female candidates being made available. Mr SPORRER added that, unfortunately, in 2023, for the first time, Committee Chairs were not informed in advance about the proposed new committee members, with the information being made available just shortly before the voting in the AGM screens. Mr SPORRER concluded, indicating that he had hoped those reported constitutional conflicts would have been resolved earlier, but that has not been the case, unfortunately.

Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr SPORRER for his report, indicating that the points mentioned will be addressed to the NC.

15.6 Sports Science and Medical Committee (document D6)

15.7 Sustainability Committee (document D7)

15.8 Umpires' and Referees' Committee (document D8)

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

### **2024-02-27-AGM-07 (simple majority required)**

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

81 valid votes. 78 votes in favour. 3 votes against. 96.30 % in favour (3 abstentions).

The President thanked the Delegates for their trust in the work of the ITTF Council and EB and moved to the next point on the agenda.

## 17. Governance Review Report

Mr CALIN thanked all delegates who attended the Governance Session on Friday, February 23rd, and also thanked the positive feedback received about the Session's format and content.

Mr CALIN echoed Mr IBARROLA's comment on introducing mediation as a method of conflict resolution, fostering dialogue to settle disagreements.

Mr CALIN added that the ITTF has recently submitted the responses to the 5<sup>th</sup> ASOIF self-assessment questionnaire on good governance, the results of which will be made available in May-June 2024.

Mr OSHODI added that the aim of the ITTF in the coming years will be to cascade down these enhancements, reforms, and reviews in the ITTF regulations to the continental federations and member associations. Mr OSHODI complemented, adding that to achieve it, the ITTF would expect the Member Associations' cooperation in reviewing their constitutions, but also being aware of the different levels of professionalisation and regulation in the different countries, this exercise would need a sensible approach.

## 18. Propositions and Resolutions

The AGM considered the following propositions <sup>9</sup>, requiring a **2/3 majority** of the votes cast:

### **2024-02-27-AGM-08 (2/3 majority required)**

**Proposition A-01.** Presented by the Continental Federation of ITTF Americas ([click here for details](#))

84 valid votes. 46 votes in favour. 38 votes against. 54.76 % in favour (3 abstentions).

The proposition was **DEFEATED**.

### **2024-02-27-AGM-09 (2/3 majority required)**

**Proposition A-02.** Presented by the Continental Federation of ITTF Americas ([click here for details](#))

85 valid votes. 46 votes in favour. 39 votes against. 54.12 % in favour (0 abstentions).

The proposition was **DEFEATED**.

### **2024-02-27-AGM-10 (2/3 majority required)**

**Proposition A-03.** Presented by the Member Association of BRA ([click here for details](#))

80 valid votes. 54 votes in favour. 26 votes against. 67.50 % in favour (5 abstentions).

The proposition was **PASSED**.

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<sup>9</sup> Propositions and Resolutions listed in [Appendix 2](#).

**(3/4 majority required)**

**Proposition A-04.** Presented by the Rules Committee ([click here for details](#))

The proposition was **WITHDRAWN**.

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

**2024-02-27-AGM-11 (3/4 majority required)**

**Proposition A-05.** Presented by the Equipment and Rules Committees ([click here for details](#))

78 valid votes. 63 votes in favour. 15 votes against. 80.77 % in favour (4 abstentions).

The proposition was **PASSED**.

19. Future World Championships

19.1 Deadline for 2027 World Championships Finals Bids

19.2 Deadline for 2028 World Championships Finals Bids

19.3 Deadline for 2029 World Championships Finals Bids

The AGM noted that the deadline for bids to host the 2027, 2028, and 2029 World Table Tennis Championships Finals will be 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

**2024-02-27-AGM-12**

The deadline to present the final bids to the 2027, 2028, and 2029 editions of the ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals was established on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. 2024-02-27-AGM-12.

20. Next General Meeting

The AGM noted that the 2025 ITTF AGM will be held on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in Doha, Qatar.

**2024-02-27-AGM-13**

The next ITTF Annual General Meeting was announced to be held on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025,<sup>10</sup> in Doha, Qatar.

21. Any Other Business:

21.1 Mr Robert JJAGWE, delegate of UGA, thanked the EB for the appointment to the Business Development Unit and encouraged the MA representatives to work with the Unit to try to generate more development resources, but also to share ideas of development models that can work in their countries and that can be implemented in others.

<sup>10</sup> However, the EB subsequently decided that the 2025 ITTF AGM will be held on Tuesday, 27th May 2025, following the agreement made with the Qatar Table Tennis Association for the ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals – Doha 2025 to be held from 17th to 25th May 2025.

21.2 Ms Heike AHLERT, ITTF Council Member, referred to the comment of Mr KOPALY during the discussion of the proposition A-01, when he indicated that ITTF Council Members are there only to socialise, considering that such a comment is an offense to the persons that are working hard in the Council. Ms AHLERT took the opportunity to thank KTTA for the wonderful Championships, and to the ITTF for the organisation of the ITTF Summit, understanding the complexity and heavy load, particularly for the staff, when the WTTC is running in parallel.

21.3 Mr MUNIR thanked Mr AL-MOHANNADI for the support that ATTU has given to every region in Asia.

21.4 Mr KOPALY thanked KTTA for their impressive way of organising the WTTC, to the ITTF for the guidance and job done to make it happen. Also, Mr KOPALY apologised if Ms AHLERT felt offended personally for his comment, indicating that it was not his intention. He added that in Bangkok he felt being useless as an ITTF Council Member, and wanted to resign, considering the ITTF Council is not doing anything. Mr KOPALY suggested that perhaps securing a place for each continent in the EB, could be an alternative model of Governance (to the existence of the ITTF Council), asking the ITTF to think about it.

**22. Adjournment:**

Ms SÖRLING gave the floor to Mr LIU Guoliang, ITTF Deputy President, to give his closing remarks.

Mr LIU thanked Ms SÖRLING and Mr RYU for organising and hosting the WTTC and Summit and all delegates from across the World for their dedication and active participation.

Mr LIU considered the excellent organisation of the WTTC to have permitted the athletes to showcase the best of our sport, and organisations as such elevate the positioning of our sport.

To conclude his remarks, Mr LIU added that these events have once again shown the strength and unity of our sport, thanking everyone for their continuous support.

Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr LIU for his closing remarks, the delegates for the fruitful discussion, and thanked the ITTF staff for making the Summit possible despite the ongoing WTTC, asking the delegates to give them a warm applause.

Not having any further business, the meeting was adjourned at 18:00 KST (Busan time).

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Petra SÖRLING  
ITTF President

Date:

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Raul CALIN  
ITTF Secretary General

Date:

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Code	Association	Name	Attendance
ALB	ALBANIA	BINOSHAJ Tonin	Physical
ALG	ALGERIA	TOUFIK Ailam	Physical
ARG	ARGENTINA	YAMAMOTO Julio	Remote
ARG	ARGENTINA	MORLACCHI Guillermo	Remote
ARU	ARUBA	CROES Robert	Remote
ARU	ARUBA	LOPEZ Bryan	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
BLR	BELARUS	TSYKUNOV Dmitry	Remote
BLR	BELARUS	PYANYKH Victoria	Remote
BOT	BOTSWANA	MOTSWAGOLE Kudzanani	Remote
BOT	BOTSWANA	REATILE Morapedi	Remote
BRA	BRAZIL	SCHINDLER Vilmar	Physical
BRN	BAHRAIN	AL-MADEH Ali	Physical
CAN	CANADA	ZAREBA Betty	Physical
CHI	CHILE	ARAYA Vladimir	Physical
CHN	CHINA	HE Xiao	Physical
CHN	CHINA	HAN Jingmeng	Physical
CMR	CAMEROON	BAGUEKA ASSOBO Alfred	Physical
CMR	CAMEROON	DJIHE LAMADJEHA Yves Didier	Remote
COL	COLOMBIA	FIGUEROA Carlos Andres	Physical
CRC	COSTA RICA	CASTRO Ricardo	Physical
CRO	CROATIA	PRIMORAC Zoran	Physical
CUB	CUBA	OLIVA Barbaro	Physical
CUW	CURAÇAO	KELI Marie-Antoinette	Physical
CYP	CYPRUS	PAPADOPOULOS Marios	Physical
CYP	CYPRUS	GEORGIOU Andreas	Physical
CZE	CZECH REPUBLIC	ENDAL Nikolas	Physical
CZE	CZECH REPUBLIC	SPACEK Zbynek	Physical
DEN	DENMARK	VENDELBO Henrik	Remote
DEN	DENMARK	HVISTENDAL Puk Kirkeskov	Remote
DJI	DJIBOUTI	OMIR Mahamoud Oumar	Physical
DJI	DJIBOUTI	MOHAMED Segueh Soubane	Remote
DOM	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	HERNANDEZ Gary	Physical
ECU	ECUADOR	CALLE Paul	Physical
ECU	ECUADOR	SMITH Nicole	Remote

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Code	Association	Name	Attendance
EGY	EGYPT	ASHOUR Moataz	Physical
ENG	ENGLAND	DONALD Nick	Physical
ENG	ENGLAND	DEATON Sandra	Physical
ESP	SPAIN	SERRA Jordi	Physical
EST	ESTONIA	VUHKA Aleksandr	Physical
EST	ESTONIA	PETROV Sergei	Physical
ETH	ETHIOPIA	MARU Tesfaye Bizane	Physical
FIJ	FIJI	LI Carolyn	Physical
FIN	FINLAND	HEIKKINEN Esko	Physical
FLK	FALKLAND ISLANDS	ALEXANDER Cecil	Remote
FRA	FRANCE	GADAL Michel	Physical
GEO	GEORGIA	BERUKASHVILI Zurabi	Physical
GER	GERMANY	VATHEUER Matthias	Physical
GER	GERMANY	AHLERT HEIKE	Physical
GHA	GHANA	AFADZINU Mawuko	Remote
GUM	GUAM	JI James Jr	Physical
HKG	HONG KONG, CHINA	CHAN Cheong-Ki	Physical
HKG	HONG KONG, CHINA	LAU Po Wing	Physical
HUN	HUNGARY	FARAGO Judit	Remote
IND	INDIA	MEHTA Kamlesh	Physical
IRI	IRAN	ALIGHARDASHI Mehrdad	Physical
IRI	IRAN	TABRIZIFAR Faeze	Physical
IRQ	IRAQ	AL-CHAAB Abbas	Physical
IRQ	IRAQ	HUSSAIN Emad	Physical
ISR	ISRAEL	CARMEL Liron	Remote
JOR	JORDAN	AL ZOUBI Tarik	Physical
JPN	JAPAN	HOSHINO Ichiro	Physical
JPN	JAPAN	YOKOTA Sachiko	Physical
KAZ	KAZAKHSTAN	AKHMETOV Daniyar	Physical
KAZ	KAZAKHSTAN	BEKOV Nursultan	Physical
KEN	KENYA	GITURWA John	Physical
KEN	KENYA	MUDIBO Andrew	Physical
KGZ	Kyrgyzstan	TURGENBEKOV Kanat	Physical
KOR	KOREA REPUBLIC	AN Kookhee	Physical
KOR	KOREA REPUBLIC	OH Wonsik	Physical
KOS	KOSOVO	CITAKU Nehat	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	BEREZKOVS Vadims	Physical

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Code	Association	Name	Attendance
LBN	LEBANON	KOPALY Georges	Physical
LBN	LEBANON	HALLAL Naji	Physical
LCA	ST. LUCIA	MATTHEWS Teddy	Physical
LES	LESOTHO	MOHATLANE Chabeli Ishmael	Physical
LES	LESOTHO	TIKOE Thabo	Remote
MAS	MALAYSIA	Yeoh Lip Khoon	Physical
MDA	MOLDOVA	SARANDI Ion	Physical
MDA	MOLDOVA	SARIC Oleg	Physical
MDV	MALDIVES	RASHEED Ali	Physical
NCA	NICARAGUA	ALTAMIRANO Wilfredo	Physical
NED	NETHERLANDS	SIALINO Achim	Physical
NED	NETHERLANDS	HELLER Igor	Physical
NED	NETHERLANDS	SIALINO Achim	Remote
NEP	NEPAL	CHATURANANDARAJ Vaidya	Physical
NEP	NEPAL	GAUTAM Shanker	Physical
NGR	NIGERIA	ALABI Ayodeji Akanmu	Physical
NOR	NORWAY	IBENFELDT Christian	Physical
NZL	NEW ZEALAND	OGILVIE Warren	Remote
NZL	NEW ZEALAND	OGILVIE Warren	Remote
OMA	OMAN	BAQIR Sajad Mohamed	Physical
OMA	OMAN	BAMAKHALIF Abdullah Mohamed	Physical
PAK	PAKISTAN	MALLICK Ahmer	Remote
PAN	PANAMA	RIVERA Roldan	Physical
PAN	PANAMA	CHONG Charley	Physical
POR	PORTUGAL	SANTOS Eduardo	Physical
PUR	PUERTO RICO	SANTOS Ivan	Physical
PUR	PUERTO RICO	CASTALDO Leticia	Physical
QAT	QATAR	SALEH Mohd Abdulla H	Physical
QAT	QATAR	AL MUFTAH Ali Sultan	Physical
ROU	ROMANIA	ROMANESCU Cristinel	Physical
ROU	ROMANIA	ZAMFIR Adriana	Physical
RSA	SOUTH AFRICA	THSEISO Thabang	Physical
RSA	SOUTH AFRICA	MACDONALD Audrina Claudette	Remote
RUS	RUSSIA	MARKOV Roman	Physical
RUS	RUSSIA	KOSITSYN Ilia	Physical
SCO	SCOTLAND	McCALLUM Philip	Physical
SGP	SINGAPORE	WONG Hui Leng	Physical
SOM	SOMALIA	GUAMALE Mohamed Ali	Physical
SUD	SUDAN	AYMAN Mohammed Ali	Remote
SUD	SUDAN	MOZAMIL Abdadlaziz Suliman Ali	Remote
SUI	SWITZERLAND	OSWALD Freddy	Remote
SUI	SWITZERLAND	MIDALI Monica	Remote

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SVK	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	HAMRAN Anton	Physical
SVK	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	HATALOVA Ivica	Physical
SWE	SWEDEN	BUZA Thomas	Physical
SWE	SWEDEN	LINDAHL Dennis	Physical
SYR	SYRIA	KABBANI Mohanad	Physical
SYR	SYRIA	BASSAM Khalil	Physical
THA	THAILAND	ARIYACHOTIMA Sakul	Physical
TKM	TURKMENISTAN	ALLANAZAROV Agamyrat	Physical
TTO	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	WILSON Shellyanne	Remote
TTO	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	VALENTINE Patrice	Remote
TUN	TUNISIA	GUERFEL Lotfi	Physical
TUR	TURKEY	AK Emre	Physical
UAE	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	ALBAHAR Ahmad	Physical
UGA	UGANDA	JJAGWE Robert	Physical
UGA	UGANDA	KIGGUNDU Thomas James	Physical
UKR	UKRAINE	PELENKIN Oleksandr	Physical
UKR	UKRAINE	GALOCHKA Natalia	Physical
USA	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	SUNG Virginia	Physical
USA	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	CHAR Richard	Physical
YEM	YEMEN	AL-SUNAINI Essam Ali	Physical
YEM	YEMEN	ZABARAH Motahar Ahmed	Physical
ZAM	ZAMBIA	NG'ANDU Mutale	Remote
ZAM	ZAMBIA	CHEWE Martin	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	MESHREF Alaa	Physical
EB	Executive Vice-President	AZEVEDO Alaor	Physical
EB	Executive Vice-President	MAEHARA Masahiro	Physical
EB	Executive Vice-President	NATRAN Roland	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	Physical
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	Apology
IC	Member – Africa	DERKAOUI Cherif	Remote
IC	Member – Africa	ASSOBO Alfred Bagueka	Physical
IC	Member – Africa	AFADZINU Mawuko	Remote
IC	Member – Africa	MUDIBO Andrew	Physical
IC	Member – Africa	ALDAEIKI Mohamed	Apology
IC	Member – Africa	OLADAPO Olabanji	Physical
IC	Member – Africa	CARRIM Yusuf	Physical
IC	Member – Africa	KIGGUNDU Thomas	Physical
IC	Member – Americas	ZAMORA Alexander	Physical
IC	Member – Americas	OLIVA Barbaro	Physical
IC	Member – Americas	CALLE Paul	Physical
IC	Member – Americas	WONG Emilio	Physical
IC	Member – Americas	REAL Benjamin	Remote
IC	Member – Americas	ROOPNARINE Vasdev	Physical
IC	Member – Asia	LIU Yi	Remote
IC	Member – Asia	CHOWDHARY Dhanraj	Physical
IC	Member – Asia	ALIGHARDASHI Mehrdad	Physical
IC	Member – Asia	KOPALY Georges	Physical
IC	Member – Asia	BA MAKHALEF Abdullah	Physical
IC	Member – Asia	AL MULLA Abdulla	Physical
IC	Member – Europe	GREFBERG Sonja	Physical
IC	Member – Europe	BERGERET Claude	Physical
IC	Member – Europe	AHLERT Heike	Physical
IC	Member – Europe	BLASZCZYK Lucjan	Remote
IC	Member – Europe	ROMANESCU Cristinel	Physical
IC	Member – Europe	KARAKASEVIC Alexandar	Remote
IC	Member – Europe	PERSSON Jorgen	Physical
IC	Member – Oceania	HOUSTON Scott	Remote
IC	Member – Oceania	LI Xuan	Physical
IC	Member – Oceania	JI James	Physical

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Officials	Gender Commissioner	KAJEE Hajera	Physical
Officials	Junior Commissioner	AHLERT Heike	Physical
Officials	Technical Commissioner	IRELAND Graeme	Remote
Officials	Equipment Committee Chair	BSAIBES Rita	Physical
Officials	Masters Committee Chair	JOZEPSONE Ina	Physical
Officials	Nominations Committee Chair	AL MULLA Abdulla	Physical
Officials	Para Table Tennis Committee Chair	PINHEIRO Edimilson	Remote
Officials	Rules Committee Chair	SPORRER Rudolf	Remote
Officials	SSMC Chair	KONDRIC Miran	Apology
Officials	Sustainability Committee Chair	AFADZINU Mawuko	Remote
Officials	URC Chair	THURY Werner	Physical
Officials	Personal Honorary Member	KAHN Jean-François	Physical
Officials	Personal Honorary Member	KIMURA Koji	Physical
Officials	Personal Honorary Member	KRIZ Zdenko	Physical
Officials	Chair of the Integrity Board	RI POLL Enric	Physical
Officials	Head of Integrity	CARPENTER Kevin	Physical
Officials	Chief Auditor (Mazars, for 2022)	ACKERMANN Michael	Remote
Guest	ITTF-Oceania Deputy President	SANDLEY Sarah	Physical
Guest	Senior Advisor	BOSI Stefano	Physical
Guest	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 Director of Operations	MAH Dylan	Physical
Staff	ITTF Sports Development Director	ANDERSSON Mikael	Physical
LUMI ®	Voting System Operator	JACKSON Mark	Physical
LUMI ®	Voting System Operator	LIM Gary	Physical

**PROPOSITION A-01 – DEFEATED**

**Proposition A-01**

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Continental Federation of the Americas (ITTF Americas)

To amend Article 1.60:

To amend Constitution Article 1.60 to ensure that from the nine persons elected by the AGM (1 president and 8 vice-presidents), there are no more than 6 persons from the same gender. For example: 6 men and 3 women, or 5 men and 4 women. A minimum of 3 women should be elected by the AGM.

*Rationale:*

*At the ITTF Summit 2023 in Bangkok we learnt how important is to secure at least 30% female representation in the Executive Board. Having 1 president and 8 Executive Vice-Presidents, ITTF should ensure that at least 3 women are elected among the 9 positions.*

**PROPOSITION A-02 – DEFEATED**

**Proposition A-02**

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Continental Federation of the Americas (ITTF Americas)

To amend Article 1.60:

To amend Constitution Article 1.60 to ensure that from the nine persons elected by the AGM (1 president and 8 vice-presidents), there are no more than 2 elected persons from each continent (Africa, Asia, Europe, Pan America, and Oceania).

*Rationale:*

*It is important to add diversity to the Executive Board, ensuring that all continents are represented in a balanced manner.*

*There should be, among the 9 representatives elected at the AGM, no more than 2 per continent. For example, 2 from Africa, 2 from Americas, 2 from Asia, 2 from Europe, and 1 from Oceania.*

<b>PROPOSITION A-03 – PASSED</b>	
<b>Proposition A-03</b>	(2/3 majority required)
<b>Proposed by the Member Association of BRA (Brazil)</b>	
To amend 1.96.1:	
1.96.1. The correspondence and proceedings of the ITTF shall be conducted in English or in such languages convenient for appropriate tasks and within the resources of the ITTF as may be determined from time to time by the ITTF Council, having particular regard to Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.	
<i>Rationale:</i>	
<i>The Portuguese is an official language of Portugal, Brazil, Cape Verde, Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau and São Tomé and Príncipe, while having co-official language status in East Timor, Equatorial Guinea, and Macau.</i>	

**PROPOSITION A-04 – WITHDRAWN**

**Proposition A-04**

(3/4 majority required)

Proposed by the Rules Committee

To amend 2.1.4 and 2.1.6:

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.~~

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.

*Rationale:*

*After a largely positive feedback on coloured table lines at WTT events (on experimental basis), such option of a new perhaps more attractive design should be implemented into the Table Tennis Laws.*

**PROPOSITION A-05 – PASSED**

**Proposition A-05**

(3/4 majority required)

Proposed by the Equipment Committee and the Rules Committee

To amend 2.4.3:

**2.4 THE RACKET**

2.4.3 A side of the blade used for striking the ball shall be covered with either ordinary pimpled rubber, with pimples outwards having a total thickness including adhesive of ~~not more~~ less than ~~2.0mm~~ ~~2.05mm~~, or sandwich rubber, with pimples inwards or outwards, having a total thickness including adhesive of ~~not more~~ less than ~~4.0mm~~ ~~4.05mm~~, subject to any margin of tolerance specified in the relevant technical equipment document.

*Rationale:*

1. *The original specifications have only one digital value, which is subject to the technology and means a mathematical rounding from 4.049 to 4.0. With the current devices in the racket control, which measure with 2 digits, two digital values are practical for the control.*

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