



9th WT Member Relations & Development Commission Meeting (via conference call)
October 15, 2020 | 15h00-16h00 (local time Korea)

Summary

Attendees: Jean Marie Ayer (Chair), Michel Madar (Member), Guo Li (Member), Nadia Sobhi (Guest), Jeongkang Seo (Senior Director, MRD), Corbin Min (Director, Strategic Planning & Legal), Haeri Jeon (Manager, MRD), Sockho Lee (Assistant Manager, MRD) and Wooram Kim (Coordinator, MRD)

1. Establish Quorum

o Three (3) members attend the meeting; thus the quorum is not established.

2. Approval of the Minutes

o Chair suggests pushing this item back as the quorum has not been met.

3. Report

- The first virtual General Assembly on October 6, 2020

o Jeongkang Seo addresses that the first-ever virtual General Assembly marked the biggest participants ever with a total of 137 MNAs attended among 167 registered MNAs, and Asia marked biggest attendance rate with 88% followed by Europe (73%), Africa (67%), Pan America (53%) and Oceania (16%). He mentions that WT is already in touch Continental Unions to contact the MNAs that have not attended the GA.

Jeongkang Seo reports that the debriefing report has been developed to address the issues identified at the first virtual meeting and that the questionnaire will be sent to MNAs to find out their experiences. He asks the Commission for feedbacks on the debriefing report and questionnaire.

o Nadia Sobhi comments that World Taekwondo Africa has already contacted with MNAs to ask reasons for not attending, then, she notes that technical problem was the most common issue among MNAs in Africa.

4. Discussion

a. MNA-NOC related cases

- i. Gambia – President removed by the board but NOC does not confirm
- ii. Haiti – President removed by the GA but NOC does not recognize
- iii. Mauritania – Current MNA is not active while another group is active asking for WT recognition; NOC supports the inactive one
- iv. French Polynesia – New President elected but NOC does not recognize; NOC asks WT to de-recognize the current one

b. Revisit to NOC confirmation process on MNA governance

o Jeongkang Seo describes four typical cases WT is now facing, and asks MRD Commissions to discuss to find the remedies.

o Corbin Min reports that CU level dispute panel has been formed and that this panel could be a means to deal with MNA governance issues.

o Nadia Sobhi says that many political conflict issues are happening in Africa, but the pertinent NOC does not usually respond quickly. She expresses concern that it is hard to find solution to these issues.

o Jeongkang Seo suggests asking NOC confirmation on new MNA leadership with clear deadline and then asks CU to verify if NOC does not respond by the deadline set by WT. He continues saying that more radical measure could be that WT does not ask NOC to confirm the leadership as WT has no obligation to do so.

o Chair agrees to the proposal from Jeongkang Seo as Olympic Charter sets out that the NOC must recognize the national federation recognized by WT, not the other way round. He stresses importance of exercising policy for the best interest of MNA.

o Jeongkang Seo proposes that MRD department jointly with Corbin come up with concrete proposal to be put forward to the next MRD Commission Meeting.

o All members agree to the comment of Jeongkang Seo.

c. Measure to increase the number of Level I membership

- i. Current status
- ii. Participation in Championships | GA and annual membership fee

o Jeongkang Seo reminds the committee of the previous discussion on how to increase the number of MNAs with voting rights and asks the Commission to find the remedies.

o Chair suggests that membership fee seems to be the biggest obstacle for this issue and that the problem may be solved if we eliminate this requirement.

o Nadia Sobhi agrees that there should be a measure to help MNAs in this regard.

o Michel Madar suggests applying rules equally to all MNAs.

o Jeongkang Seo asks the Commission if it agrees to change the requirements for Level I membership to (1) Participation of a minimum of 2 athletes in WT promoted Championships within 2 years and (2) Participation of a minimum of 1 delegate in WT General Assembly within 2 years.

o Members of Commission confirm the proposal.

o Jeongkang Seo confirms that the proposed amendment will be prepared and reported to the Commission at the next meeting.

5. Other Matters

o Chair asks the Commission if there are any items to be discussed. There are none.

6. Next Commission Meeting

o Chair suggests confirming the exact date of the next meeting in due course.

7. Closing of Meetings

o Chair thanks the members and WT administration for active participation in the meeting and excellent management of the works.