



## INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MINUTES** of the Annual General Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation held in a hybrid format on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, at 10h00 Eastern European Summer Time, in the Royal Culture Centre, Queen Aliaa Street 31, Amman, Jordan.

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

The **President**, Ms Petra SÖRLING, welcomed the Delegates to the AGM, particularly the new Co-Chairs of the Athletes Commission, Ms LIU Shiwen and Mr Sharath Kamal ACHANTA, highlighting the fact of having a second female representative in the Executive Committee (**EC**) for the first time since 2009. The **President** spoke about the visits to the different major continental events and congresses where the common denominator was the passion she could feel within the ITTF family.

The **President** praised the successful organisation of the World Table Tennis Championships Finals in Chengdu, the only international event held in 2022 China besides the Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Games. The **President** congratulated the ITTF Deputy President and Chinese Table Tennis Association (**CTTA**) President, Mr LIU Guoliang, CTTA staff and volunteers for making it possible.

The **President** also congratulated the Royal Spanish Table Tennis Federation for successfully organising the World Para Table Tennis Championships in Granada, Spain. An event that did set the standards for Para events for the future, raising the standards in both sports' presentation and sustainability.

The **President** reflected on her recent appointments to the IOC Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Commission, WADA Foundation Board, and IMGGA Executive Board, not only as an honour but also as a sign of how table tennis is growing and becoming more recognised, is playing a more important role in the world of sports.

To conclude, the **President** thanked the Membership for believing in her, the **EC**, the ITTF, the ITTF Foundation, and World Table Tennis, thanked HRH Prince Feisal bin HUSSEIN for his warm welcome to Jordan and his motivation to highlight the important area of safeguarding, and thanked the Jordan Table Tennis Federation (**JTTF**) for hosting the Summit, and the Qatar Table Tennis Association (**QTTA**) for their support to the host, declaring the AGM Open.

## 2. Host Welcome and Opening Address

HRH Prince Feisal bin HUSSEIN, President of the Jordan Olympic Committee (**JOC**) and IOC Member, addressed the AGM through a video-recorded message, being on this day in Lausanne, Switzerland, due to IOC meetings. HRH Prince Feisal thanked the EC for the invitation to their meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December and congratulated the ITTF for the successful organisation of the WTTC Finals in Chengdu.

HRH Prince Feisal took the opportunity to address the Delegates on the importance of safeguarding and prevention of abuse in sport, highlighting the message he shared at the 8th International Working Group (IWG) World Conference on Women and Sport in this respect, on his capacity as Chair of the IOC Prevention of Harassment of Abuse in Sport Working Group. HRH Prince Feisal stressed the need for the National Olympic Committees (**NOCs**) and International Federations (**IFs**) to provide an environment that is fair, equitable and free from all forms of harassment for its athletes.

HRH Prince Faisal mentioned the IOC athletes safeguarding toolkit for IFs and NOCs launched in 2017 and the extensive survey conducted by the IOC to identify the status of the world of sports in this important area.

To conclude, HRH Prince Feisal reflected on Amman becoming a focal point of table tennis events, hoping to welcome many more in the future, and wishing all delegates a very productive meeting and enjoyable time in Amman.

Mr Nasser MAJALI, Secretary General of the JOC, also welcomed the Delegates to Amman, Jordan, on behalf of HRH Prince Feisal, the JOC, and the JTTF. Mr MAJALI thanked the ITTF representatives for their support in bringing the Summit to Jordan, hoping to respond to the challenge by hosting it in a way that all participants are pleased with the experience.

Mr MAJALI highlighted the important messages the Summit has emphasised, such as sustainable development programmes, the crucial safeguarding programme, and the continued pursuit of global gender equity and gender justice, encouraging the Member Associations to benefit from the IOC Toolkit for IFs and NOCs on Safeguarding athletes from harassment and abuse in sport.

To conclude, Mr MAJALI wished for the delegates to be able to visit the Jordanian Capital, Amman, and the historic city of Petra, hoping to welcome the delegates once again in the near future.

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

The Secretary General proceeded with the Roll Call of [registered associations](#), and the coffee break was brought forward in view of the technical problems <sup>1</sup>.

Following the Roll Call, the Secretary General presented the two options to carry on with the voting of the different items on the agenda depending on the Internet situation. The proposal from QTTA and Bahrain Table Tennis Association (**BTTA**) to vote manually was noted.

## 4. Confirmation of the Agenda

The Agenda was confirmed by a show of hands.

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<sup>1</sup> It was noticed that many delegates didn't have Internet access, while some of them didn't have their voting credentials, having their Member Associations registered generic email addresses to which the voting delegates didn't have access. The coffee break was brought forward to try to solve the technical problems.

5. Appointment of a Chair

Ms Petra SÖRLING, **ITTF President**, was nominated by the **EC** to be the Chair of the AGM.

**2022-12-06-AGM-01 (simple majority required)**

The AGM accepted the nomination of Ms Petra SÖRLING as AGM Chair by acclamation.

6. Appointment of Scrutineers

The AGM noted that due to the hybrid nature of the meeting, LUMI ® company would be conducting the voting, with Mr Ben RILEY and Kyle SLEEP as operators of the technological solution. The AGM noted that LUMI operations would be supervised by Mr Edward GARDINER, a public notary from Cheeswrights.

In case there is a need, the following scrutineers were nominated by the Presidents of the Continental Federations:

Africa	GICACI John	KEN
Africa	ALI GUAMALE Mohamed	SOM
Americas	OLIVA Barbaro	CUB
Americas	HERNANDEZ Gary	DOM
Asia	MUNIR Khondkar Hassan	BAN
Asia	HUSSAIN Emad	IRQ
Europe	CHRISTY Adrian	ENG
Europe	GARRETT Sandra	POR
Oceania	IRELAND Graeme	AUS
Oceania	GRIFFITHS Barry	NZL

**2022-12-06-AGM-02 (simple majority required)**

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

7. Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Houston, USA.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI asked the AGM to update the 2021 AGM Minutes to reflect the fact that following the EC decision on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to cancel the AGM and the elections in Houston, they were held only because of his personal decision and to clarify that the VISA of Mr AL-MOHANNADI was not granted but not for the reasons Mr WEIKERT stated during the Houston meeting, adding that this was put in the hands of the ITTF Integrity Unit.

The Secretary General also mentioned the feedback from St. Lucia's delegate, Mr Teddy MATTHEWS, about adding the first names of Mr Khalil AL-MOHANNADI and Mr Nestor TENCA in their first mentions in the Minutes.

The delegate of Iraq, Mr Emad HUSSAIN, suggested that Mr WEIKERT misled the AGM in 2021 when indicating the reasons why Mr AL-MOHANNADI did not receive his VISA, and requested an apology from Mr WEIKERT for that, highlighting that the Chair of an AGM has to tell the truth to the Members at all times, and should allow the Members to speak.

The **President** thanked Mr HUSSAIN for his contribution, indicating that those statements of the 2021 AGM are in the hands of the Integrity Unit for their evaluation, as agreed with Mr AL-MOHANNADI.

The delegate of Bahrain, Mr Ali ALMADEH requested the AGM to ensure future events are awarded to countries ensuring VISAS for all participants.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI asked the AGM delegates to stop the comments on his case, as the matter has been put in the hands of the Integrity Unit.

Following the comments received, the AGM approved the Minutes, with the two amendments proposed.

**2022-12-06-AGM-03 (simple majority required)**

The AGM adopted the [2021 AGM Minutes](#)<sup>2</sup> as a true record by acclamation.

8. Membership

The **AGM** noted that there are no new applications for membership. The **President** indicated that one of the upcoming tasks is to ensure the activation of the 227 Members, as highlighted in different moments of the Summit.

The Secretary General indicated that the matter affecting the Table Tennis Federation of India (**TTFI**) will be dealt with in the section of Propositions and Resolutions.

9. Recognitions

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

9.2 QTTA. WTT Middle East Hub

ITTF Executive Vice President, Mr Graham SYMONS, presented to Mr Abdulla AL MULLA, representing QTTA, a plaque in appreciation for hosting the 2022 Middle East Hub in Qatar.

9.3 Japan Table Tennis Association (**JTTA**). Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games

The IOC Member, Mr RYU Seungmin, presented to Ms Sachiko YOKOTA, representing JTTA, a plaque appreciation for the support given by JTTA to the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee (**TOGOC**) and the ITTF in the organisation of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

9.4 USA Table Tennis (**USATT**). Houston 2021 World Table Tennis Championships Finals

ITTF Executive Vice President, Mr Alaor AZEVEDO, presented to Ms Virginia SUNG, representative of USATT, a plaque in appreciation for the organisation of the Houston 2021 WTTC Finals.

9.5 Portuguese Table Tennis Association (**FPTM**). Vila Nova de Gaia 2021 World Youth Table Tennis Championships

ITTF Executive Vice President, Mr Roland NATRAN, presented to Mr Luis GARRETT, representing FPTM, a plaque in appreciation for the organisation of the Vila Nova de Gaia 2021 WYTTC.

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<sup>2</sup> With the two amendments noted.

## 9.6 Singapore Table Tennis Association (**STTA**). Singapore 2021 WTT Cup Finals

ITTF Executive Committee Member, and Co-Chair of the ITTF Athletes Commission, Mr Sharath Kamal ACHANTA, presented the plaque to STTA (attending online) in appreciation for the support given in the organisation of the Singapore 2021 WTT Cup Finals.

## 9.7 JTTF. First ITTF Summit

ITTF Executive Vice President, Dr Alaa MESHREF, presented the plaque to Mr Ibrahim ALSARAYREH, representative of JTTF, in appreciation for the organisation of the first-ever ITTF Summit.

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

The AGM noted the update from Mr Steve DAINTON, ITTF Group CEO (**CEO**), on the progress made in the five existing pillars of the current SP.

The **President** updated the AGM on the plans to review the SP, which will include a consultation process with the membership, and would like to focus on three areas, namely Governance and Sustainability, Society and Health, and Business Growth.

The **CEO** abounded on the three pillars and the key areas of work in each of them, explaining the plans to discuss them over the coming months, reaching out to all stakeholders and hoping to have, by the end of May, a draft which would be eventually adopted at the 2023 AGM.

## 11. Presentations

### 11.1 ITTF Group CEO

The AGM noted the video report of the CEO on the 2021 activities, which highlighted the formal launch of WTT events, thanking Mr AL-MOHANNADI and Qatar for their support in such a difficult period; the successful Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020; the WTT Cup Finals in Singapore; the World Youth Championships in Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal; and giving special emphasis to the WTTTC Finals held in Houston, which was particularly important after the cancellation of the 2020 World Championships.

The AGM also noted the report of the progress in governance, member relations, and development, with record numbers of online training and activities. The CEO also touched on the ITTF Foundation activities and the successful hosting of the ITTF AGM in Houston, where elections were held, thanking the leadership of the new EC members, the **President**, and the outgoing EC members, which term finished in 2021.

The CEO also reported on the 2022 activities, a year which was supposed to be one of return to normality, but new COVID-19 variants and another war hit the world. Nevertheless, compared to 2021, more activities could be organised, with the pinnacle being the WTTTC Finals held in Chengdu in October, followed by the WTT Champions event in Macao, and the WTT Cup Finals in Xinxiang, China. The CEO highlighted these being the only international events held in China in 2022 besides the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and thanked the ITTF Deputy President and Chair of the WTT Board, Mr LIU Guoliang, and the entire CTTA team for making it possible.

The CEO also spoke about the over 100 events held in the different categories, highlighting the best-ever presented and organised World Para Table Tennis Championships in Granada, Spain.

The CEO continued reporting on the World Table Tennis day, with over 300 activities made around the world on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022, over 80 field projects carried in Development, and over 100 national projects supported.

The CEO concluded by announcing record revenues in 2022 of 35 million dollars which will be presented in the Finance section, and speaking about 2023 expectations: an event's calendar with a record number of events, the new SP, rebranding and restructuring of the ITTF development, further financial growth, fantastic WTTC Finals in Durban, South Africa, at least two WTT Grand Smashes, a full year calendar, rebranding of veterans' events, TTX return, another Summit, making sustainability part of all ITTF Group programmes, more ITTF Foundation activities, more projects for ITTF MAs, and more synergies with the Continental Federations, just to mention a few, and thanked the AGM for their attention.

## 11.2 Other presentations

### 11.2.1 ITTF Foundation

The AGM noted the update from Mr Leandro OLVECH on the ITTF Foundation, with the new vision: "Table Tennis. For All. For a Better Life.", the new dates for the World Table Tennis Day (WTTD) from 2023 onwards (23<sup>rd</sup> April) coinciding with the date of birth of Igor MONTAGU, the first ITTF President, and the topic for the WTTD 2023: "Think Sustainably, Act Now!".

Mr OLVECH also spoke about introducing the World Table Tennis for Health Festival, for which the first edition will be held in November 2023, including activities for players affected by Parkinson, but also for those affected by Alzheimer, and about the Dream Building Fund.

The AGM noted the video presentation on the activities carried out by the ITTF Foundation in 2021.

Mr OLVECH thanked the ITTF Foundation staff, the Governing Board members, particularly HRH Zeina RASHED, from Jordan, for her support in hosting the Corporate Cup in Amman, and Mr Steve DAINTON, being the main donor to the foundation in 2021.

## 11.3 World Table Tennis

The AGM noted the presentation by Mr Matt POUND on WTT, the for-profit company created by the ITTF in 2019 to run all the ITTF events and commercial business.

Mr POUND reported on the recently signed minority equity agreement with World Sports, the first-ever investor in WTT with whom Mr POUND expects to work to be able to grow the WTT business together.

The AGM was updated on the difficulties faced due to the pandemic, which slowed down the initial stages of growth, expecting, however, to have a full calendar of events by 2024.

Mr POUND thanked the full support of the WTT Board and presented the major events hosted since the launch in Macao in December 2020, reflecting on the fact that all tiers of events in the new structure have now been delivered.

The AGM noted the excellent figures of the first-ever Grand Smash held in Singapore in March 2022, the new WTT website and App, the growth in social media, and the global premium partners signed.

To conclude his presentation, Mr POUND abounded on the key aspects of attention for the future: full calendar by 2024, digital transformation continuation, further financial investment, and sustainable events worldwide.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI encouraged the AGM delegates to host events in their respective countries.

Mr Robert JJAGWE, delegate of Uganda, and Mr George KOPALY, delegate of Lebanon and BoD member, spoke about the cost of hosting WTT events, and the **CEO** encouraged them to discuss with the WTT staff to ensure common understanding, as the key is the will to host events, and other aspects should be second to that intention.

Ms Claude BERGERET, BoD member, expressed her concern about the calendar having enough free dates for the national and continental competitions, and the **CEO** suggested the most important is to ensure having a stable calendar that will allow all stakeholders to plan accordingly.

## 12. Finance

The **President** introduced Mr Roland NATRAN, ITTF Executive Vice President of Finance, and Mr Michael BROWN, ITTF Group CFO, to present this section of the Agenda.

### 12.1 Report of the Finance and Audit Committee

Mr NATRAN presented the report of the Finance and Audit Committee (**FAC**) on the approval of the Financial Statements of the ITTF and ITTF Group, and the bidding process for the 2023 auditors' selection. New methodologies were discussed to ensure a comprehensive, transparent, and prudent presentation of the ITTF Finances.

Mr NATRAN thanked Mr Michael BROWN, ITTF Group CFO, and his team, for the work done in this process. The AGM noted the intention to move into International Financial Reporting Standards (**IFRS**) in the future and the plans to manage risk within the organisation.

### 12.2 Financial Report

Mr NATRAN commented on the fact that the recovery of the ITTF finances in 2021 and 2022 show that the ITTF is on the right track of a revolutionary change in the way the ITTF Group operates its events structure, describing it as a period of investment.

### 12.3 2021 Audited Financial Statements (AFS)

The AGM noted the 2021 AFS, as presented by Mr BROWN, which showed two major investments, in the commencement of WTT, and in the World Table Tennis Championships Finals, to ensure they were held in 2021 after being cancelled in 2020.

Mr BROWN explained the 2021 Financial Position, Income, Expenses, and Net Balance History in the period 2017-2021.

Mr Michael ACKERMANN, Executive in Charge of MAZARS SA (the ITTF Auditing Firm for the year 2021), indicated that the AFS were elaborated accorded to Swiss Auditing Standards. Mr ACKERMANN declared that the financial statements for 2021 comply with Swiss Law and confirmed that an internal control system exists, recommending to the AGM to approve the AFS submitted.

#### 12.4 2022 Updated Budget

Mr BROWN presented the 2022 updated budget, which foresees a record income level for the ITTF Group exceeding 35 million USD. The AGM noted that the expenses will also be increased, and Mr BROWN added that this is part of the long-term growth strategy.

#### 12.5 2021-2024 Quadrennial Forecast

Mr BROWN presented an overview of the 2021-2024 Quadrennial Forecast, which shows the net balances becoming less negative year by year within 2021-2024, expecting those net balances to become positive in the cycle 2025-2028.

The AGM noted the expected significant growth in 2023 and 2024 and a summary of the changes introduced during this quadrennial, which had the revamping of the events' structure events and the COVID-19 pandemic as the two most significant factors.

Mr BROWN suggested the WTTTC Finals held in Chengdu recently provide optimism for a greater calendar in 2023, with approximately 75% of events being confirmed, hoping to have a full calendar by 2024.

#### 12.6 Appointment of 2022 and 2023 auditors.

Mr BROWN reported on the recommendation to retain Mazars as the auditing firm for 2022, and to appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) for 2023 as the result of the audit tender process carried out over the last few months, as recommended by the FAC to the ITTF.

The Secretary General explained that electronic voting will be disabled for the voting delegates physically present in the room in Amman. The voting for the different motions will be made by a show of hands for those in the room and by electronic voting via LUMI for those attending remotely, adding both results to confirm the outcome of each motion.

##### **2022-12-06-AGM-04 (simple majority required)**

The AGM approved the [Financial Statements](#) for 2021.

84 valid votes. 84 votes in favour. 0 votes against. 100% in favour (1 abstention).

##### **2022-12-06-AGM-05 (simple majority required)**

The AGM accepted the 2022 updated budget.

84 valid votes. 84 votes in favour. 0 votes against. 100% in favour (2 abstentions).

##### **2022-12-06-AGM-06 (simple majority required)**

The AGM accepted the 2021-2024 updated quadrennial forecast.

86 valid votes. 85 votes in favour. 1 vote against. 98.84% in favour (3 abstentions).

##### **2022-12-06-AGM-07 (simple majority required)**

The AGM agreed to retain Mazars as Auditor for 2022.

80 valid votes. 80 votes in favour. 0 votes against. 100 % in favour (1 abstention).



**2022-12-06-AGM-08 (simple majority required)**

The AGM agreed to appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) as Auditor for 2023.

76 valid votes. 75 votes in favour. 1 vote against. 98.68 % in favour (1 abstention).

The **President** thanked Mr Michael ACKERMANN for his work, first at Ernst & Young and later at Mazars, by carrying out the audits for the ITTF in the last couple of years.

The **President** also thanked Mr NATRAN and Mr BROWN for the work done in the area of Finances.

### 13. Annual Reports from the Executive Committee

The AGM adopted the following reports<sup>3</sup> which were complemented by individual videos of the EC members:

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| 13.1  | President: Petra SÖRLING                             | (document A1)  |
| 13.2  | Executive Vice-President: Khalil AL-MOHANNADI        | (document A2)  |
| 13.3  | Executive Vice President: Alao AZEVEDO               | (document A3)  |
| 13.4  | Executive Vice-President: LIU Guoliang <sup>4</sup>  | (document A4)  |
| 13.5  | Executive Vice-President: MAEHARA Masahiro           | (document A5)  |
| 13.6  | Executive Vice-President: Alaa MESHREF               | (document A6)  |
| 13.7  | Executive Vice-President: Roland NATRAN <sup>5</sup> | (document A7)  |
| 13.8  | Executive Vice-President: Wahid Enitan OSHODI        | (document A8)  |
| 13.9  | Executive Vice-President: Graham SYMONS              | (document A9)  |
| 13.10 | Athletes' Commission Chair: Zoran PRIMORAC           | (document A10) |
| 13.11 | IOC Member: Ryu Seungmin                             | (document A11) |

The **President** thanked Mr PRIMORAC for his years of service as Chair of the ITTF Athletes Commission and congratulated him for his election as the President of the Croatian Table Tennis Association.

### 14. Annual Reports from the Continental Federations

The AGM adopted the following reports:

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| 14.1 | Africa   | (document B1) |
| 14.2 | Americas | (document B2) |
| 14.3 | Asia     | (document B3) |
| 14.4 | Europe   | (document B4) |
| 14.5 | Oceania  | (document B5) |

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

The AGM adopted the following reports:

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| 15.1 | ITTF Group CEO         | (document C1) |
| 15.2 | ITTF Secretary General | (document C2) |

Mr Abdulla AL MULLA, BoD member and acting chair of the Nominations Committee (**NC**), thanked the ITTF Secretary General for his annual report and asked whether the decision

<sup>3</sup> All reports can be found on the [2022 AGM Working Documents](#).

<sup>4</sup> Executive Vice-President at the end of 2021. Appointed Deputy President in 2022.

<sup>5</sup> Executive Vice-President at the end of 2021. Appointed EVP Finance in 2022.

of Mr WEIKERT to dismiss Mr AL-MOHANNADI from the position of Deputy President, later restored on the position by the EC, was cleared or not and whether Mr WEIKERT had the right to do so. Mr AL MULLA also asked the AGM delegates whether it is normal that a President who is honoured by the AGM delegates by awarding him the title of Honorary President deserves such a title when he takes his EC colleagues to the ITTF Tribunal, provoking the high legal expenses the ITTF incurred on to defend its (EC) members.

The Secretary General responded, assuming Mr AL MULLA's question was half rhetorical, indicating that the situations that occurred due to Mr WEIKERT's actions were carefully analysed. Some reforms in the ITTF Constitution were already proposed to the AGM in Houston, and further reforms are being proposed at this AGM in Amman to ensure that similar situations do not happen again in the future.

- 15.3 ITTF Continental Council (document C3)  
15.4 ITTF Integrity Unit (document C4)

Mr CARPENTER added to the Integrity Unit report his wish to put on record the appreciation to the ITTF Group Head of Legal and Corporate Affairs, Dylan MAH, who acted as ITTF Integrity Officer until Mr CARPENTER took over on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021, and provided a further update in work being carried by the Integrity Unit in cases of match manipulation.

On a question from Mr Emad HUSSAIN, delegate of Iraq, Mr CARPENTER confirmed that, at present, he is the only staff of the Integrity Unit. However, discussions are being held with the ITTF to enlarge the Unit's capacity. Mr CARPENTER also explained that the Integrity Unit reports to the Integrity Board. Mr HUSSAIN abounded on how the Unit could operate with such limited resources, and Mr CARPENTER confirmed the ongoing discussions to ensure more capacity in terms of both financial and human resources. Mr HUSSAIN suggested that to ensure proper operations of the Unit, more support is required.

The **President** indicated that as the ITTF grows, certainly more work will need to be done in this area, particularly in education, ensuring a proactive approach. The **President** passed the word to the CEO, who, in turn, indicated that there are current discussions to ensure an independent budget is made available for the Integrity Unit, hoping to achieve it by 2023.

Mr MUDIBO asked Mr CARPENTER how long a case can take to be cleared when addressed to the Integrity Unit and whether the outcome of the investigations of the Integrity Unit will be made available through the ITTF website. To the first question, Mr CARPENTER responded that it would depend on its nature, in the necessity or not to have a number of witnesses, but in general, it can be a matter of months. To the second question, Mr CARPENTER indicated that also, depending on the nature of the case, it may be that the reports are made via direct communication to the Member Associations and/or via publication on the ITTF website, depending on the nature of the offences.

- 15.5 ITTF Tribunal (document C5)

## 16. Annual Reports from Committees

The AGM adopted the following reports:

- 16.1 Equipment Committee (document D1)  
16.2 Media Committee (document D2)  
16.3 Nominations Committee (document D3)  
16.4 Para Table Tennis Committee (document D4)  
16.5 Rules Committee (document D5)  
16.6 Sports Science and Medical Committee (document D6)  
16.7 Umpires' and Referees' Committee (document D7)  
16.8 Veterans' Committee (document D8)

17. Ratification of the Work Done by the Board of Directors (BoD) and the Executive Committee

**2022-12-06-AGM-09 (simple majority required)**

The AGM ratified the work done by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee since the last Annual General Meeting.

82 valid votes. 82 votes in favour. 0 votes against. 100 % in favour (2 abstentions).

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

18. Governance Review Report

The **President** invited Mr Wahid Enitan OSHODI, Executive Vice President in charge of Governance, to report on the work being done by the Governance Review World Group (**GRWG**). Mr OSHODI commented on the holistic review of the ITTF Handbook being made by the GRWG, particularly after the creation of the ITTF Foundation in 2018 and World Table Tennis in 2019. The AGM noted that some of the propositions presented at this AGM are the result of the work being made by the GRWG. However, Mr OSHODI added that the GRWG needs further work to align with the standards and recommendations set by the IOC and the ASOIF.

Mr OSHODI invited Mr RIPOLL, Chair of the ITTF Integrity Board, to comment further on the propositions submitted to this AGM. Mr RIPOLL expressed his satisfaction with the commitment shown by the ITTF family during these days to the areas of integrity, transparency, equality, and safeguarding. Mr RIPOLL suggested that any further steps, even small, are important towards the overall goal of accomplishing the highest levels of good governance of the ITTF, adding that in present times, the reputation of sports is paramount for their existence.

19. Propositions and Resolutions

The AGM considered the following propositions <sup>6</sup>, which required a **2/3 majority** of the votes cast:

**2022-12-06-AGM-10 (2/3 majority required)**

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

75 valid votes. 75 votes in favour. 0 votes against. 100 % in favour (1 abstention).

The proposition was **PASSED**.

**(2/3 majority required)**

**Proposition A-02.** Presented by the Member Associations of BAN, BRN, IRI, JOR, LBN, NEP, SRI & YEM ([click here for details](#))

The proposition was **WITHDRAWN** <sup>7</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> Propositions and Resolutions listed in [Appendix 2](#).

<sup>7</sup> The Member Associations presenting Proposition A-02 decided to withdraw it.

(2/3 majority required)

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

The proposition was **WITHDRAWN**<sup>8</sup>.

**2022-12-06-AGM-11** (2/3 majority required)

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

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

The proposition was **PASSED**.

**2022-12-06-AGM-12** (2/3 majority required)

**Proposition A-05.** Presented by the Member Association of HKG ([click here for details](#))

64 valid votes. 19 votes in favour. 45 votes against. 29.69 % in favour (7 abstentions).

The proposition was **DEFEATED**.

The AGM considered the following resolutions, which required a **simple majority** of the votes cast:

**2022-12-06-AGM-13** (Simple majority required)

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

60 valid votes. 10 votes in favour. 50 votes against. 16.67 % in favour (4 abstentions).

The resolution was **DEFEATED**.

(Simple majority required)

**Resolution A-07.** Presented by the Member Association of ENG ([click here for details](#))

143 valid votes. 141 votes in favour. 2 votes against. 98.60 % in favour.

The proposition was **WITHDRAWN**.

The Secretary General thanked the scrutineers for the work done.

## 20. Election of the World Championships Finals 2025 host

The **President** announced that the draw made the day before determined that the order of presentations would be first Qatar and then Spain.

The AGM noted the presentations made by the Qatar Table Tennis Association (QTTA) for hosting the 2025 World Table Tennis Championships Finals in Doha, and the Royal Spanish Table Tennis Federation (RFETM) for hosting the 2025 World Table Tennis Championships Finals in Alicante.

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<sup>8</sup> In view of the elections held in the TTFI on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the EC decided to withdraw this Proposition A-03.

The result of the vote was as follows:

ESP – ALICANTE	39 votes (40.625 %)
QAT – DOHA	57 votes (59.375 %)

**2022-12-06-AGM-14 (Simple majority required)**

The AGM allocated the 2025 World Championships Finals to the Qatar Table Tennis Association, to be held in the city of Doha.

21. Future World Championships

21.1 Deadline for 2026 World Championships Finals Bids

The AGM noted that the deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 is set for the bids to host the 2026 World Table Tennis Championships Finals.

22. Next General Meeting

The CEO indicated that following the discussions with the South African Table Tennis Board (**SATTB**), being the first World Championships to be held ever in South Africa, it was agreed that to ensure success in the event, the focus should be on the competition and the athletes. Therefore, it was proposed to hold the 2023 Annual General Meeting as part of the ITTF Summit 2023.

Mr Joe CARRIM, SATTB President and BoD member, concurred that having a Summit of the scale of the one in Amman would be difficult during the WTTC Finals, adding that what is important is to have the ITTF family coming to Durban. Mr CARRIM suggested that SATTB could still consider bidding to host the Summit, but in the third quarter of 2023, to ensure proper attention to both events, while -in agreement with the ITTF- still inviting the delegates of the Member Associations to attend for three days the WTTC Finals in Durban.

Mr CARRIM added that the possibility of engaging in the activities proposed by the Summit has a value that will be further enhanced with more interactive sessions in the future, suggesting that with more preparation time for the upcoming Summits, there will be even better outcomes.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI asked Mr CARRIM whether when SATTB bid for the WTTC Finals, they weren't also bidding for the AGM, as it happened in the previous 90 years, reflected on the small number of delegates present in Amman, and suggested that it is difficult for many countries to travel two times per year. Mr AL-MOHANNADI indicated that the AGM could be held three days before the World Championships, adding that for 2025, Qatar will bid for the AGM to welcome all the ITTF family for the AGM and World Championships.

23. Any Other Business:

23.1 Mr Ali ALMADEH, delegate of BTTA, expressed his concern about the progressive reduction of the number of participants in the World Championships, indicating that despite the hard work being made, it is impossible for a country like Bahrain to qualify for the Finals. Mr ALMADEH asked QTTA (as the host of the 2025 WTTC Finals) to return to the old system and allow all countries to participate.

The CEO answered, reminding that there is a process in place to change the regulations<sup>9</sup>, and in this case (size and attendance to the World Championships) is through the Board

<sup>9</sup> I.e.: the size of the event is not decided by the host association but by the ITTF BoD.

of Directors (BoD), to which any Member Association can present a proposition. The **CEO** continued explaining that the changes made were the result of a thoughtful three-year consultation process which involved an important investment and engaging professional companies in assisting in determining the best format for the event, adding that the goal is pursuing that all 227 Member Associations participate, whether in the same place, or through a qualification process, or through another innovative way.

- 23.2 Mr Munir Khondkar HASSAN, delegate from Bangladesh, requested that the AGM happens concurrently with the World Championships in the same place as otherwise (according to Mr HASSAN), it is very difficult to attend both events for some countries.

The Secretary General explained that following the adoption of Proposition 1 at today's AGM, there will be a process in place to determine the location for future AGMs, which will be decided by the AGM itself, therefore, not being a matter that can be discussed at this point of time.

- 23.3 Mr Andrew MUDIBO, BoD member, suggested that the WTTC Finals and AGM should happen concurrently for sustainability and economic reasons, adducing reasons such as the signature of the Sport for Climate Action or the lack of equipment companies representatives in the Summit.

The CEO answered that the hope for the ITTF Summit is to grow and that in an ideal scenario, a delegate of a member association should attend both the World Championships, to witness and support their team, and the Summit, to engage and focus on the relevant discussions that affect the sport. The CEO added that, in any case, this is a decision for the AGM to decide in 2023.

- 23.4 Ms Sachiko YOKOTA, delegate from the Japan Table Tennis Association (JTTA), indicated the interest of Japan in hosting the World Table Tennis Championships Finals in 2028.

- 23.5 Ms Claude BERGERET, BoD member, indicated that, reflecting on the words of Mr AL-MOHANNADI earlier in the day, encouraging more countries to organise ITTF and WTT events, she felt sorry for the RFETM, because the AGM had the opportunity to bring the World Championships to a new country; however, it was decided to allocate it to Qatar, which has organised many world level competitions recently. Ms BERGERET considered this as not a good sign, seeing it as a discouragement for smaller associations to bid for these events, however, wishing a big success to QTTA in the hosting of the event and congratulating them for winning the bid.

- 23.6 Mr HASSAN reflected on the fact that the BoD member from his region is not present in the AGM and asked whether he can represent India in the future or not, in view of the recent elections in TTFI. Mr HASSAN suggested that if the BoD member cannot represent India any longer, he would suggest that ATTU replaces that BoD member.

The Secretary General clarified that the power to remove a BoD member belongs to the BoD itself; therefore, to remove a member (and eventually replace him with another person), a vote by a two-thirds majority of the BoD is needed.

#### 24. Adjournment:

The **President** thanked the delegates for their commitment during the meeting, LUMI, as they were not responsible for the Internet problems, the scrutineers for the heavy workload, and the Secretary General, for running the meeting in these difficult circumstances.

The **President** highlighted that the cooperation of all delegates present was fundamental for the success of the AGM.

Not having any further business, the **President** adjourned the meeting at 18:35 Eastern European Summer Time.

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Petra SÖRLING  
ITTF President

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Date:

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Raul CALIN  
ITTF Secretary General

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Date:

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Code	Association	Name	Attendance
ALB	ALBANIA	BINOSHAJ Tonin	Remote
ALB	ALBANIA	MECAJ Arben	Remote
ALG	ALGERIA	AILAM Toufik	Physical
AND	ANDORRA	MARTÍNEZ Xavier	Remote
ANG	ANGOLA	ALMEIDA Helder	Physical
ANT	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	BELLOT Charles	Remote
ARG	ARGENTINA	JOFFRE Fernando	Remote
ARG	ARGENTINA	TENCA Nestor	Remote
AUS	AUSTRALIA	HOUSTON Scott	Physical
AUT	AUSTRIA	NEUWIRTH Mathias	Physical
AUT	AUSTRIA	FEGERL Stefan	Physical
BAN	BANGLADESH	MUNIR Khondkar Hassan	Physical
BAN	BANGLADESH	ABU SYEED Masud	Physical
BDI	BURUNDI	BUKUMBANYA Henri	Physical
BDI	BURUNDI	NDAYIKENGURUKIYE Longin	Physical
BEL	BELGIUM	MUREAU Jean Michel	Physical
BEN	BENIN	DOSSOU Francis Moïse	Remote
BIH	BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	PAJEVIĆ Mirsad	Physical
BLR	BELARUS	PRAKAPOVICH Aliaksei	Remote
BLR	BELARUS	TSYKUNOU Dzmitry	Remote
BOL	BOLIVIA	MEJIA MENA Carlos Javier	Remote
BOT	BOTSWANA	MOTSWAGOLE Kudzanani	Remote
BRA	BRAZIL	CAMPESTRINI Geraldo	Remote
BRA	BRAZIL	BELLI Taisa	Remote
BRN	BAHRAIN	ALMADEH Ali	Physical
BUR	BURKINA FASO	NANEMA Denis	Remote
CAF	CENTRAL AFRICA	RONALD-GILLES Geuza-Gremoindi	Remote
CAN	CANADA	CHISHTI Najam	Physical
CAN	CANADA	CHAN Robby	Remote
CGO	CONGO BRAZZAVILLE	WONGA Aime Christian	Remote
CHA	CHAD	OUMAR KOUDJI Ahmat	Physical
CHA	CHAD	MOUSSA BRAHIM Mahamat Nour	Physical
CHI	CHILE	WLADIMIR Araya	Remote
CHN	CHINA	XIAO He	Physical
CHN	CHINA	QIN Zhijian	Remote
CIV	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	KAROU Tago Germain	Physical
CMR	CAMEROON	BAGUEKA ASSOBO Alfred	Remote
COD	CONGO DEMOCRATIC	MAVAMBU Roger	Remote
COL	COLOMBIA	FIGUEROA Carlos	Remote
COM	COMOROS	HOUMADI Abdallah	Physical
CRC	COSTA RICA	CASTRO Ricardo	Remote
CRC	COSTA RICA	VALENZUELA Mercedes	Remote
CRO	CROATIA	ZAJEC Josipa	Physical
CUB	CUBA	OLIVA CONCEPCIÓN Barbaro	Physical
CYP	CYPRUS	GEORGIOU Andreas	Physical
CYP	CYPRUS	PAPADOPOULOS Marios	Physical
CZE	CZECH REPUBLIC	ENDAL Nikolas	Physical
CZE	CZECH REPUBLIC	SPACEK Zbynek	Physical
DEN	DENMARK	VENDELBO Henrik	Physical
DJI	DJIBOUTI	OMIR Mahamoud	Physical
DOM	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	HERNANDEZ PEGUERO Gary Starling	Physical



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ECU	ECUADOR	CALLE Paul	Physical
EGY	EGYPT	ASHOUR Moataz	Physical
ENG	ENGLAND	DEATON Sandra	Physical
ENG	ENGLAND	CHRISTY Adrian	Physical
ERI	ERITREA	MOHAMMEDHAGOS Ahmedin	Remote
ESP	SPAIN	MACHADO SOBRADOS Miguel Ángel	Physical
ESP	SPAIN	VALERO TUINENBURG Daniel	Physical
ESW	ESWATINI	PERCY PHIWAYINKOSI Zulu	Physical
ETH	ETHIOPIA	BIZANE MARU Tesfaye	Remote
FIJ	FIJI	REILLY Steve	Remote
FIJ	FIJI	HOWARD Darryn	Remote
FIN	FINLAND	HEIKKINEN Esko	Physical
FLK	FALKLAND ISLANDS	ALEXANDER Cecil	Remote
FRA	FRANCE	GADAL Michel	Remote
FRA	FRANCE	ERB Gilles	Remote
GAB	GABON	NGUEMA MVEY Wilfred Junior	Physical
GAM	GAMBIA	ALTURKY Hesham	Remote
GBS	GUINEA BISSAU	JANDI Avelina	Remote
GEO	GEORGIA	BERUKASHVILI Zurabi	Physical
GER	GERMANY	HERWEG Claudia	Physical
GER	GERMANY	VATHEUER Matthias	Physical
GGY	GUERNSEY	FOOTE Ben	Remote
GHA	GHANA	AFADZINU Mawuko	Physical
GRE	GREECE	PAPAGEORGIUO Konstantinos	Physical
GUI	GUINEA	CONDE Robert	Physical
HAI	HAITI	KERNIZANT Joseph Ralph	Physical
HKG	HONG KONG	CHAN Cheong Ki	Remote
HKG	HONG KONG	LAU Po Wing	Physical
HON	HONDURAS	GODOY Leonel	Remote
HUN	HUNGARY	KRISTÓF Lajtai	Remote
INA	INDONESIA	OEGROSENO Oegroseno	Remote
INA	INDONESIA	MARLIONO Muchlis	Remote
IRE	IRELAND	STRONG Kenneth	Remote
IRI	IRAN	ALIGHARDASHI Mehrdad	Remote
IRI	IRAN	TABRIZI Faeze	Physical
IRQ	IRAQ	WAHEED Abbas	Physical
IRQ	IRAQ	HUSSAIN Emad	Physical
ITA	ITALY	BORELLA Carlo	Physical
ITA	ITALY	MARINO Giuseppe	Physical
JEY	JERSEY	ROUTIER Paul	Physical
JOR	JORDAN	ALZOUBI Tariq	Physical
JOR	JORDAN	AL SARAYREH Ibrahim	Physical
JPN	JAPAN	HOSHINO Ichiro	Remote
JPN	JAPAN	YOKOTA Sachiko	Physical
KAZ	KAZAKHSTAN	PAK Danil	Remote
KEN	KENYA	GICACI John	Physical
KOR	KOREA REPUBLIC	CHO Yongsoon	Physical
KOR	KOREA REPUBLIC	KIM Taeksu	Remote
KOS	KOSOVO	ORUCI Jeton	Physical
KSA	SAUDI ARABIA	ALBAR Abdullah	Physical
KUW	KUWAIT	ALNEMRAN Arshed	Physical

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LAO	LAOS	LACHANTHABOUN Sengdeun	Physical
LAO	LAOS	VONGSA Somchay	Physical
LAT	LATVIA	KORBUTS Arturs	Physical
LAT	LATVIA	JOZEPSONE Ina	Physical
LBA	LIBYA	ALDAEEKI Mohamed	Remote
LBN	LEBANON	HALLAL Naji	Physical
LBR	LIBERIA	KORVAH Amos	Remote
LBR	LIBERIA	FREEMAN Larmie	Remote
LCA	ST. LUCIA	MATTHEWS Teddy	Physical
LES	LESOTHO	ISHMAEL MOHATLANE Chabeli	Remote
LTU	LITHUANIA	NAVICKIENE Inga	Remote
LTU	LITHUANIA	MAZEIKIENE Juste	Remote
LUX	LUXEMBOURG	GONDERINGER Camille	Remote
LUX	LUXEMBOURG	HARTMANN André	Remote
MAC	MACAO	LEONG Heng Ming	Remote
MAC	MACAO	CHEANG William Chong	Remote
MAD	MADAGASCAR	AMBINITSOARIVELO Jean	Remote
MAR	MOROCCO	EL HAJJI Monquid	Remote
MAS	MALAYSIA	LIP KHOON Yeoh	Remote
MAW	MALAWI	NYIRENDA William	Remote
MDA	MOLDOVA	SARANDI Ion	Physical
MDA	MOLDOVA	ŞARIC Oleg	Physical
MDV	MALDIVES	RASHEED Ali	Physical
MEX	MEXICO	CERVANTES LEDESMA Miguel	Remote
MGL	MONGOLIA	ENEBISH Munkhbileg	Remote
MHL	MARSHALL ISLANDS	TARKWON Dimitrius	Remote
MHL	MARSHALL ISLANDS	HARKEY Kevin	Remote
MKD	NORTH MACEDONIA	TILOVSKI Goran	Remote
MKD	NORTH MACEDONIA	RIKALOSKI Zlatko	Remote
MLI	MALI	SIDIBE Abdoulaye	Remote
MNE	MONTENEGRO	ROGIC Suncica	Physical
MNE	MONTENEGRO	BOCA Ranko	Physical
MRI	MAURITIUS	DESSCANN Ganeshan Veerasamy	Remote
MTN	MAURITANIA	ELHACEN Mohamed	Physical
NAM	NAMIBIA	SAUNDERSON Rudi Saunderson	Remote
NED	NETHERLANDS	SIALINO Achim	Remote
NED	NETHERLANDS	HELLER Igor	Physical
NEP	NEPAL	VAIDYA Chaturanandaraj	Physical
NGR	NIGERIA	TAYO Adesoji	Remote
NGR	NIGERIA	ISHAKU Tikon	Remote
NIG	NIGER	MAÏ MOUSSA Doubou	Remote
NOR	NORWAY	IBENFELDT Christian	Physical
OMA	OMAN	AL OUFU Mohammed	Physical
OMA	OMAN	AL ALAWI Maryam	Physical
PAK	PAKISTAN	MALLICK Ahmer	Physical
PAR	PARAGUAY	REAL Benjamin	Remote
PAR	PARAGUAY	AYALA Diosnel	Remote
PLE	PALESTINE	ALSHARIF Radwan	Physical
PLE	PALESTINE	ABUGHAZAL Adib	Physical
POR	PORTUGAL	GARRETT Luis	Physical
POR	PORTUGAL	GARRETT Sandra	Physical

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PRK	KOREA DPR (PRK)	AN Yusong	Remote
QAT	QATAR	AL MUFTAH Ali Sultan	Physical
QAT	QATAR	AL SALEH Mohd Abdullah	Physical
ROU	ROMANIA	ROMANESCU Cristinel	Physical
ROU	ROMANIA	ZAMFIR Adriana	Physical
RSA	SOUTH AFRICA	TSHEISO Thabang Godfrey	Remote
RUS	RUSSIA	MARKOV Roman	Remote
RUS	RUSSIA	KOSITSYN Ilya	Remote
RWA	RWANDA	BAHATI Innocent	Physical
SCO	SCOTLAND	MCCALLUM Phil	Physical
SEN	SENEGAL	DIAGNE Papa Anthioumane	Remote
SEY	SEYCHELLES	NICETTE Yannick Mario	Remote
SGP	SINGAPORE	POH Li San	Remote
SGP	SINGAPORE	WONG Hui Leng	Remote
SLE	SIERRA LEONE	DALTON BATTIS Arnold	Remote
SLO	SLOVENIA	DREU Alexander Igor	Remote
SOM	SOMALIA	ALI GUAMALE Mohamed	Physical
SRB	SERBIA	MATKOVIC Aleksandar	Physical
SRI	SRI LANKA	WIJETUNGA Chandana Shrinath	Physical
SUD	SUDAN	ELSHAZALY ABOELHASSAN MOHAMMED ALI Ayman	Physical
SVK	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	HAMRAN Anton	Physical
SVK	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	KRIZ Zdenko	Physical
SWE	SWEDEN	BUZA Thomas	Physical
SWE	SWEDEN	LINDAHL Dennis	Physical
SYR	SYRIA	MOSTAFA Sawsan	Physical
SYR	SYRIA	ABU ASLA Tony	Physical
TAN	TANZANIA	LIUNDA Leonard	Remote
TAN	TANZANIA	MUNGILWA Yahya	Remote
THA	THAILAND	ARIYACHOTIMA Sakul	Physical
TOG	TOGO	FESSOU Lawson	Physical
TTO	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	ROOPNARINE Vasdev	Remote
TUN	TUNISIA	ZAYATI Jalel	Physical
UAE	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	ALZAROONI Hassan	Physical
UGA	UGANDA	JJAGWE Robert	Physical
UKR	UKRAINE	PELENKIN Oleksand	Physical
UKR	UKRAINE	ZATS Oleksandr	Remote
USA	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	SUNG Virginia	Physical
WAL	WALES	RODGERS Owen	Physical
YEM	YEMEN	ZABARAH Motahar	Physical
YEM	YEMEN	ALSUNAINI Essam	Physical
ZAM	ZAMBIA	CHEWE Martin	Remote
ZIM	ZIMBABWE	FERNANDO Noah	Remote

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

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Officials	Gender Commissioner	KAJEE Hajera	Physical
Officials	Junior Commissioner	AHLERT Heike	Physical
Officials	Technical Commissioner	IRELAND Graeme	Physical
Officials	Equipment Committee Chair	BSAIBES Rita	Physical
Officials	Media Committee Chair	MADSEN Arne	Physical
Officials	Nominations Comm. Acting Chair	AL MULLA Abdulla	Physical
Officials	Rules Committee Chair	SPORRER Rudolf	Physical
Officials	Sports Science & Med. Comm. Chair	KONDRIC Miran	Physical
Officials	Umpires & Referees Comm. Chair	THURY Werner	Physical
Officials	Veterans Committee Chair	BAZZI Reto	Physical
Officials	Personal Honorary Member	KAHN Jean-François	Physical
Officials	Chair of the Integrity Board	RI POLL Enric	Physical
Officials	Head of Integrity	CARPENTER Kevin	Physical
Officials	Chief Auditor (Mazars)	ACKERMANN Michael	Remote
Guest	JOC President	HRH Prince Feisal bin HUSSEIN	Recorded
Guest	JOC Secretary General	MAJALI Nasser	Physical
Staff	ITTF Group CEO	DAINTON Steve	Physical
Staff	ITTF Secretary General	CALIN Raul	Physical
Staff	ITTF Group CFO	BROWN Michael	Physical
Staff	WTT Managing Director	POUND Matt	Physical
Staff	ITTF Foundation Director	OLVECH Leandro	Physical
Staff	ITTF G. Head of Legal & Corporate Affairs	MAH Dylan	Physical
Notary	Public Notary	GARDINER Edward	Remote
LUMI ®	Voting System Operator	RILEY Ben	Remote
LUMI ®	Voting System Operator	SLEEP Kyle	Remote

**PROPOSITION A-01 – PASSED**

**Proposition A-01**

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

**(2/3 majority required)**

**Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee**

To include in the ITTF Handbook a new section of General Definitions and Interpretation Rules, and to review and reorganise the ITTF Constitution, with the following key changes:

**Key Change 1: Formal recognition of the ITTF Foundation, World Table Tennis, and the ITTF Group**

1. The ITTF Foundation and World Table Tennis (**WTT**) have been set up and operating as subsidiaries of the ITTF for several years, with the ITTF Foundation being its corporate social responsibility entity and WTT being its commercial rights entity. Further, the corporate group consisting of the ITTF, the ITTF Foundation, and WTT – together with any subsidiaries or offices they may set up – has been referred to as the umbrella brand “The ITTF Group”.
2. As vital subsidiaries of the ITTF, it is timely for the ITTF Foundation and WTT to be included in the ITTF Constitution and recognised as an Associated Organisation – a term already existing in the ITTF Constitution. Consequently, the ITTF Foundation and WTT will have rights and obligations as stated in the ITTF Constitution, alongside other Associated Organisations.
3. The ITTF Group, being a term referring to the ITTF corporate group, will be included as a defined term under the ITTF Handbook.

**Key Change 2: Updates regarding official bodies and key terms**

4. Certain key bodies of the ITTF should be renamed to accurately reflect the nature of their responsibilities and to reduce the potential liability that may arise when their names suggest more than their official responsibilities. In this regard, the Executive Committee which performs functions similar to a board within a company will be renamed as the **Executive Board**, while the Board of Directors (**BoD**) which performs largely legislative duties rather than board duties will be renamed as the **ITTF Council**.
5. With updates to the ITTF’s strategic priorities, a **Sustainability Committee** will be created as a permanent Committee while the Media Committee will be retired.
6. Following an expansion of their responsibilities, the Sports Science Committee will be renamed the **Sports Science and Medical Committee** and the Gender Commissioner as the **Gender and Diversity Commissioner**.
7. The Finance and Audit Committee will be renamed as the **Audit and Finance Committee** in line with international practices doing so.
8. The Junior Commissioner will be renamed the **Youth Commissioner** in line with the changes made in earlier AGMs.
9. As the ITTF Handbook has grown to be a large compilation of written laws and regulations, rather than just a manual, it will be renamed as the **ITTF Statutes**.
10. The ITTF Secretary General is added, exclusively for administration and registration purposes, as a Trustee.

**Key Change 3: Review process to Propositions and Resolutions**

11. The Secretariat occasionally receives propositions and resolutions that may be unclear, incomplete, or significantly harm the interest of the ITTF even without being adopted at the AGM or BoD meeting.
12. To assist the parties eligible to submit clear and workable Propositions and Resolutions, a review process for Propositions and Resolutions will be introduced, together with the various types of follow-ups to Propositions and Resolutions after their review.

**Key Change 4: Patching gaps in the ITTF Constitution**

13. The following gaps in the ITTF Constitution are addressed:
  - (a) The eligibility requirements and obligations of Member Associations are stated;
  - (b) The minimum requirements of Member Associations' and Continental Federations' statutes are stated;
  - (c) The conditions under which the ITTF may intervene in the governance or management of any Member Association and Continental Federation are stated;
  - (d) The new timelines to confirm the allocation of an AGM are defined;
  - (e) The conditions under which the Executive Committee and the AGM may sanction any Member Association are stated;
  - (f) The obligations of recognised groups of Associations are stated;
  - (g) The conditions under which the Executive Committee may vary deadlines are stated;
  - (h) The keeping of minutes and relevant documents for the AGM and BoD meetings clarified, together with the conditions to make minor corrections, are stated;
  - (i) The conditions under which any minor irregularity may be cured are stated;
  - (j) A clarification is made stating that the BoD may exercise its powers by signing a written motion;
  - (k) A clarification is made stating that connection to Table Tennis is a requirement for any IOC member to be appointed to the Executive Committee;
  - (l) The conditions under which the President may remove the designation of the Deputy President and Executive Vice-President for Finances are stated;
  - (m) The power to fill any vacancy in the role of the Deputy President and Executive Vice-President for Finances is transferred to the President from the Executive Committee;
  - (n) The provision that Committees, Commissions etc. are governed by their terms of reference, unless specifically provided, is stated;
  - (o) The role of the Secretary-General is broadly described; and
  - (p) Savings provisions are made highlighting that the Executive Committee has residual powers to decide on any matter unaddressed in the ITTF Handbook.

**Key Change 5: Definitions and interpretation**

14. To reduce the repetition of commonly used definitions and interpretation rules across the ITTF Handbook, the new Preamble Chapter on **General Definitions and Interpretation Rules** will be created. Some examples of such common-used definitions are "AGM", "Association", "Athlete", "Official", and "Table Tennis Party". The necessary changes to other Chapters with the enactment of Chapter 11 will be taken.

**Key Change 6: Formatting and language etc.**

15. Non-substantive changes will be made to language, formatting, and other typographical matters. For example:

- (a) reorganising the ITTF Constitution into 5 main parts (General Provisions, Associated Organisations, Bodies, Governance, and Administrative Matters) with further divisions in each part;
- (b) using headings and sub-headings for clarity;
- (c) using the gender-neutral pronoun of “they” to avoid gender bias and the lengthy term of “he/her”;
- (d) using Oxford comma in a list of items for greater clarity (e.g. “1, 2, and 3”);
- (e) using “Article” when referring to provisions in the ITTF Handbook (e.g. “Article 1.2.3”); and
- (f) updating the term from “Junior” to “Youth”.

To these 6 key changes, another 5 key changes are proposed to the Board of Directors, related to other sections of the ITTF Handbook.

*Rationale:*

*The 2021 ITTF Annual General Meeting (AGM) resolved to establish the Governance Review Working Group (GRWG) to review, reorganise, and take such other steps it deems necessary to improve the ITTF Handbook.*

*As the ITTF Handbook has been amended over the years in a patchwork manner, this revision and reorganization are intended to enable the ITTF (and the wider ITTF Group) to provide its stakeholders with more clarity and improve consistency. This will help ITTF get aligned with modern, practical, suitable, and international practices and remain competitive in the sports and entertainment industry.*

*To the AGM are presented the changes affecting chapter 1, Constitution, and the proposition to adopt the “Preamble” including the General Definitions and Interpretation Rules. The Board of Directors will be presented with the changes affecting other rules and regulations not related to the Constitution and the Laws of Table Tennis.*

*The full text of the Preamble and the new Constitution is in Annex 1.*

**GENERAL DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION RULES**

**Part I: Introduction**

This Chapter contains the definitions of commonly used terms in the Statutes and the rules of interpreting the Statutes.

The provisions in this Chapter apply generally to the Statutes, unless otherwise stated in any Chapter.

**Part II: GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

In the Statutes, terms starting with capital letters shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

Term	Means
Absolute Majority	a majority (more than 50%) of the total number of persons entitled to vote, including those absent and those present but not voting or are abstaining.



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<b>AGM</b>	the annual general meeting and the supreme governing body of the ITTF, as further described in Article 1.37.1, and any such reference shall apply to the EGM.
<b>Associated Organisation</b>	any organisation affiliated with the ITTF under Part II of the Constitution, including any Association and any Continental Federation.
<b>Association (or Member Association)</b>	any member association of the ITTF, as eligible, recognised and admitted by the ITTF under Part II, Division 1 of the Constitution.
<b>Athlete (or Player)</b>	any person who competes in Table Tennis and who is affiliated to an Association, Continental Federation, any other Associated Organisation, or otherwise recognised by the ITTF.
<b>Athlete Support Personnel (or ASP)</b>	any coach, trainer, manager, Athlete representative, agent, team staff member, official, medical or para-medical personnel, family member or any other person employed by or working with an Athlete or the Associated Organisation affiliated with Athlete.
<b>CAS</b>	the Court of Arbitration for Sport, an independent arbitration institution seated in Lausanne, Switzerland.
<b>CEO</b>	the Chief Executive Officer of the ITTF, as further described in Article 1.86.
<b>Chair</b>	the chairperson or such other person appointed or elected to lead their respective body.
<b>CHF</b>	the currency of Swiss Francs.
<b>Constitution</b>	the ITTF Constitution, being Chapter 1 of the Statutes.
<b>Continental Federation</b>	any organisation officially representing the Associations in a continent, as as eligible, recognised and admitted by the ITTF under Article 1.20.
<b>Continental President</b>	the person elected by their respective Continental Federation as its President.
<b>Deputy President</b>	the EVP member who is designated as the Deputy President of the ITTF.
<b>EGM</b>	any extraordinary general meeting of the ITTF, as further described in Article 1.52.
<b>Executive Board</b>	the executive body of the ITTF, as further described in Article 1.60.1.
<b>Executive Vice-President (or EVP)</b>	any elected member of the Executive Board who holds a designation of “Executive Vice-President”.
<b>Statutes</b>	the ITTF Statutes, including the Constitution, the Laws, and all the Rules and Regulations.
<b>Honorary President</b>	any past President of the ITTF who is designated as an “Honorary President”, as further described in Article 1.71.3.
<b>Integrity Board</b>	the ITTF Integrity Board, which is the supervising body of the Integrity Unit, as further described in Article 1.77.1.
<b>Integrity Unit</b>	the ITTF Integrity Unit, which is the operationally independent unit of the ITTF, as further described in Article 1.69.
<b>IOC</b>	the International Olympic Committee, which is the international governing body responsible for the Olympic Movement, including the Olympic Games.
<b>IPC</b>	the International Paralympic Committee, which is the international governing body responsible for the Paralympic Movement, including the Paralympic Games.
<b>ITTF</b>	the International Table Tennis Federation, the world governing body of Table Tennis, including any of its subsidiaries.
<b>ITTF Council</b>	the legislative body of the ITTF, as further described in Article 1.52.1.

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<b>ITTF Foundation</b>	the ITTF Foundation, the subsidiary of ITTF responsible for carrying out the corporate social responsibilities of ITTF, including any of its subsidiaries.
<b>ITTF Group</b>	the collective reference to the ITTF, the ITTF Foundation, WTT, such other entities so designated, and any of their subsidiaries.
<b>ITTF Sanctioned Event</b>	all events so designated by the Executive Board and published on the calendar from time to time and include events licensed to or authorised by the WTT or by the Foundation.
<b>ITTF Tribunal</b>	The ITTF Tribunal, which is the primary judicial body of the ITTF, further described in Article 1.67.
<b>Laws</b>	the Laws of Table Tennis, being Chapter 2 of the Statutes.
<b>Official</b>	any person who is elected or appointed to a position (whether as an independent or otherwise) in which they represent their respective organisation, including the ITTF Council members, Executive Board members, Continental Council members, the ITTF Tribunal members, Integrity Board members, Honorary Presidents, President Advisory Committee members, members of Committees and Commissions, and Commissioners.
<b>Para Table Tennis (or PTT)</b>	the sport of Para Table Tennis, as modified and organised under its respective Rules and Regulations.
<b>President</b>	the elected President of the ITTF.
<b>Regulation</b>	a set of regulations subsidiary to the Constitution, as amended from time to time by the ITTF Council, which forms an integral part of the Statutes.
<b>Rule</b>	a set of principles, directions, standards or procedures subsidiary to the Constitution, as amended from time to time by the ITTF Council, which forms an integral part of the Statutes.
<b>Secretary General</b>	the Secretary General of the ITTF, as further described in Article 1.86.
<b>Secretariat</b>	the secretariat of the Executive Board, acting on behalf of the ITTF.
<b>Simple Majority</b>	a majority (more than 50%) of persons taking part in the vote, not counting abstentions.
<b>Table Tennis</b>	the sport of table tennis (including in any authorised modified form) governed by the ITTF and organised in accordance with the Laws or such other Rule or Regulation derived under the Statutes.
<b>Table Tennis Party</b>	any one of the following: (a) the ITTF; (b) any Association; (c) any Continental Federation; (d) any other Associated Organisation; (e) the ITTF Foundation; (f) WTT; and (g) any of the aforesaid parties' Officials, decision-making persons, honorary members, officers, employees, services providers, delegated third parties, Athletes, ASP, and such other persons involved in the aforesaid parties' operations.
<b>Territory</b>	any self-governing geographical area of the world, which is autonomous in the control of sport, and as recognised as such by the IOC or the ITTF.
<b>Two-Thirds Majority</b>	two-thirds majority of persons taking part in the vote, not counting abstentions.
<b>USD</b>	the currency of United States Dollars.

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<b>WADA</b>	the World Anti-Doping Agency, the international organisation founded by the IOC to combat doping in sports.
<b>Working Group</b>	any group of persons appointed by the AGM or Executive Board to perform one or more specific project, which are not Committees or Commissions.
<b>World Title Event (or World Title Competition)</b>	the collective reference of the WTTC Finals, the WVC, the WYC, the WPTTC, and such other similar tier events as designated by the Executive Board.
<b>WPTTC</b>	the event currently known as "ITTF World Para Table Tennis Championships" (and howsoever renamed thereafter).
<b>WTT</b>	World Table Tennis Pte. Ltd., the subsidiary of the ITTF responsible for exploiting the commercial rights of the ITTF, including any of its subsidiaries.
<b>WTTC</b>	the collective reference to the series of events consisting of the WTTC Finals and all WTTC Stage Events (or howsoever reformatted thereafter).
<b>WTTC Finals</b>	the event currently known as "ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals" (or howsoever renamed thereafter), whether in individuals, teams, or such other competition format, but excluding all WTTC Stage Events.
<b>WTTC Stage Event</b>	any event designated as an event in one of the stages (whether regional, continental, inter-continental, or such other stage) leading up to the WTTC Finals.
<b>WVC</b>	the event currently known as "ITTF World Veteran Championships" (and howsoever renamed thereafter).
<b>WYC</b>	the event currently known as "ITTF World Youth Championships" (and howsoever renamed thereafter).

### Part III: INTERPRETATION RULES

#### 1. General Provisions

- 1.1. Any heading, sub-heading, or table of content used is for convenience only and shall not be deemed to be part of the substance of the Statutes or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which it refers.
- 1.2. Schedules, annexes and appendices to any part of the Statutes form an integral part of the Statutes, but if any inconsistency arise between any provision in the main body of the Statutes and the content of the schedules, annexes or appendices, the provision in the main body of the Statutes will prevail.
- 1.3. If any provision in the Statutes is held to be invalid, unenforceable or illegal for any reason, it shall be deemed to be deleted and the remainder of the Statutes shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.
- 1.4. In any inconsistency arises between the Constitution and any other part of the Statutes, the Constitution will prevail.
- 1.5. Notwithstanding the official languages of ITTF, if any part of the Statutes is translated and any inconsistency arises between the English version and the translated version, the English version will prevail.
- 1.6. Any irregularity, omission, or such other deviation in the procedures taken by an Official, officer or such other authorised representative of ITTF shall not invalidate any finding, procedure or decision, unless it is shown to render that finding, procedure or decision unreliable or that such deviation was made in bad faith.
- 1.7. If any provision under the Statute confers any power or imposes any duty on an office holder, nothing prevents such office holder from delegating such power or duty to a suitable person, unless otherwise stated.

#### 2. Manner of Interpretation

2.1. As the Statutes apply internationally, they are to be interpreted primarily with reference to generally accepted principles of international sport law and established sport jurisprudence (including that of the ITTF Tribunal and CAS), to the largest extent possible. Subject to the foregoing, the Statutes is governed by and interpreted according to the laws of Switzerland (excluding its conflict of laws rules).

2.2. The provisions in the Statutes shall be interpreted in a manner that protects and advances their respective purposes. If any matter arises that is not addressed in any part of the Statutes or any ambiguity arises, it shall be addressed objectively in a purposive manner.

### **3. References to Terms**

3.1. Any references to Chapters, Articles, Clauses, Paragraphs, Schedules, Annexes and Appendices refer to the chapters, articles, clauses, paragraphs, schedules, annexes and appendices of the relevant part of the Statutes, unless otherwise stated.

3.2. Any words used regardless of the number and gender specifically used, shall be deemed and construed to include any other number, singular or plural, and any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context requires.

3.3. Any words following the terms “including”, “include”, “in particular”, “such as”, “for example”, or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.

3.4. Any reference to a provision in the Statutes includes any of its modification as amended from time to time.

3.5. Any reference to an agreement includes that agreement as amended or novated from time to time.

3.6. Any reference to “written”, “in writing” or such similar terms includes email.

3.7. Any reference to a person includes natural persons, corporate bodies, and unincorporated bodies (whether or not having separate legal personality), and also includes the legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns of such person.

### **4. References to Time**

4.1. Any unspecified expression of time refers to Central European Time.

4.2. Any reference to a “day” means any day of the week and is not limited to working days, unless otherwise stated.

4.3. Official holidays and non-working days are included in the calculation of deadlines, except where they would be the last day of any stated deadline and in such cases, the last day of that deadline will be the next day that is not an official holiday or non-working day.

### **5. Notices**

5.1. Subject to any other stated requirement, any notice to be given under the Statutes shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given if it is made in writing and delivered to the person to whom notice must be given (the “**Recipient**”):

5.2. by courier, to the published physical address of the Recipient; or

5.3. by electronic mail, to the published email address of the Recipient.

## **1 ITTF CONSTITUTION**

### **Part I: General Provisions**

#### **1.1 CITATION**

1.1.1 This Chapter may be cited as the ITTF Constitution.

#### **1.2 DEFINITIONS**

## APPENDIX 2: PROPOSITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

1.2.1 In this Constitution, terms starting with capital letters shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

Term	Means
Advised Change	any change to any Proposition or Resolution which the Secretariat advises under the review process described in Article <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
Continental Representative	any person as stated in Article <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
Delegate	any person as stated in Article <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
ITTF Group	the collective reference to the ITTF, the ITTF Foundation, WTT, such other entities so designated, and any of their subsidiaries.
Objectives	the objectives as stated in Article <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
Proposer	any person who has duly submitted any Proposition or Resolution and who has the right to do so.
Proposition	any proposed change to the Statutes to be put before the AGM or the ITTF Council, as applicable.
Purposes	the purposes as stated in Article <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
Qualified Proposal	any Proposition or Resolution which remains unchanged following any Advised Change given, as further described in Article <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
Resolution	any proposed act to be taken, which are not Propositions, to be put before the AGM or the ITTF Council, as applicable.
Trustee	any person as stated in Article <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>

### 1.3 NAME AND LEGAL STATUS

1.3.1 The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) is a not-for-profit association governed by Article 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code.

1.3.2 The ITTF is the sole international governing body of Table Tennis, as recognised by IOC.

### 1.4 PRINCIPLES

1.4.1 The Principles of the ITTF shall be to:

1.4.1.1 operate with general unity of action, mutual respect of Associated Organisations in their dealings with one another, and non-discrimination against Associated Organisations or individuals on racial, political, religious, gender, or other grounds;

1.4.1.2 provide a sport and work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity;

1.4.1.3 ensure that each individual has the right to participate and work in an environment which promotes equal opportunities and prohibits discriminatory practices;

1.4.1.4 provide a sport environment free of harassment on any basis without exception and in accordance with the Statutes;

1.4.1.5 safeguard the environment and manage resources through its practices in hosting events and in managing its operations;

1.4.1.6 observe the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter, the IPC Handbook, the World Anti-Doping Code, and their applicable subsidiary regulations, and no provision of this Constitution shall be deemed to conflict with or derogate from those principles; and

1.4.1.7 cooperate with the IOC, IPC, Association of Summer Olympic International Federations, Global Association of International Sports Federations, and other organisations that recognise it as the controlling and governing authority for Table Tennis throughout the world.

## **1.5 OBJECTIVES**

1.5.1 The Objectives of the ITTF shall be to:

1.5.1.1 uphold the principles of the ITTF and develop the spirit of friendship and mutual assistance among Associated Organisations and Athletes;

1.5.1.2 regulate relations between Associated Organisations and between Associated Organisations and other organisations;

1.5.1.3 seek continual improvement in the technical standard of Table Tennis and in the extent of participation in Table Tennis throughout the world;

1.5.1.4 foster friendly sporting competition and eliminate unfair and unsporting practices, such as match manipulation, irregular and illegal betting, doping, and use of illegal equipment to enhance performance;

1.5.1.5 establish, publish, and enforce the Statutes;

1.5.1.6 promote and supervise World Title Events, Table Tennis competitions at the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and ITTF continental title Table Tennis competitions;

1.5.1.7 endeavour to increase participation at all levels, enhance the popularity of Table Tennis, develop new sources of revenue, and manage Table Tennis through a systematic planning process;

1.5.1.8 encourage Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel, and Officials to present Table Tennis positively in the best ways so as to enhance its image;

1.5.1.9 promote gender-parity, diversity, and equity in all levels of table tennis;

1.5.1.10 promote Para Table Tennis;

1.5.1.11 advocate for the physical and mental health of Athletes and Officials;

1.5.1.12 represent Table Tennis before the IOC, the IPC, and other international organisations;

1.5.1.13 direct, develop, regulate, control, and govern any and all virtual or electronic Table Tennis activities and competitions under all forms worldwide and organise World Title Events of which it is the sole holder and owner; and

1.5.1.14 promote and respect the Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration.

## **1.6 POWERS**

1.6.1 The ITTF has all powers of a legal person and may do all acts necessary, desirable, or conducive to advance its Objectives.

## **Part II: Associated Organisations**

### *Division 1: Members*

## **1.7 ASSOCIATIONS**

1.7.1 The members of the ITTF shall be Associations which are eligible, recognised and admitted in accordance with the Statutes.

1.7.2 Associations shall not be regarded as agents of the ITTF and shall not hold themselves out as such.

## **1.8 ELIGIBILITY**

1.8.1 To be considered for membership in the ITTF, any organisation seeking admission as an Association shall demonstrate that:

1.8.1.1 it is recognised as the sole governing body for Table Tennis in its Territory;

1.8.1.2 it is incorporated as a legal entity in accordance with the law applicable to its Territory;

1.8.1.3 it is financially solvent; and,

1.8.1.4 it satisfies such other requirements as set out in the Statutes.

1.8.2 Notwithstanding Article 1.8.1, where one or more Associations or organisations represent Table Tennis in only part of a Territory, the Association or organisation representing Table Tennis in any other part of that Territory may apply for membership, provided that:

1.8.2.1 its separateness is due to circumstances outside of Table Tennis and of its affiliated Athletes;

1.8.2.2 the jurisdiction it claims is clearly limited, in title and constitution, to the Territory in which it controls Table Tennis; and

1.8.2.3 it is otherwise qualified for membership.

1.8.3 If an application is made under Article 1.8.2, the views of any Association from the Territory shall be considered and under no circumstance shall two Associations be recognised as exercising authority over the same Territory.

1.8.4 Any organisation located outside any Territory may be granted temporary attachment to an Association for the purpose of receiving aid in development and competition; the extended Territory shall be regarded as being within that Association's control, but approval of the attachment shall be reviewed at each AGM and shall not be renewed indefinitely.

## 1.9 ADMISSION

1.9.1 Applications for membership shall be made in a form approved by the Executive Board and shall be submitted within 6 calendar months of the AGM at which the application is to be considered, except applications from former Associations.

1.9.2 Any application from any former Association may be accepted with immediate effect at the discretion of the Executive Board, without meeting the time limit stated in Article 1.9.1, and any such acceptance shall be ratified at the next AGM.

1.9.3 The Executive Board shall review all applications on behalf of the AGM and make recommendations on acceptance.

1.9.4 Applications for membership shall be considered at the AGM stated in Article 1.9.1 and shall be accepted with a Two-Thirds Majority of votes.

1.9.5 Where there is a Continental Federation in the continent in which the applicant organisation resides, the views of that Continental Federation shall be considered in reviewing that application for membership.

1.9.6 In the consideration of applications for a combined membership by Associations formerly in separate memberships, or for separate membership by Associations which were formerly components of an Association which has divided, or for recognition of changes in the Territory, the views of the organisations concerned and any circumstances outside their control shall be considered, and secession in other circumstances is not encouraged.

1.9.7 Any election to be an Association shall not be implicated by the political, diplomatic, or national status of the Territory concerned, but shall only consider the conduct of Table Tennis therein.

1.9.8 Any organisation eligible for membership of the ITTF but having yet to apply for membership may, with the consent of the ITTF Council, be included in the appropriate Continental Federation for a period not exceeding 1 year, which is renewable at each AGM.

1.9.9 Any athlete of an organisation stated under Article 1.9.8 shall have the rights of an Athlete but only in the continent concerned.

## 1.10 ASSOCIATION'S RIGHTS

1.10.1 Each Association shall have the following rights, subject to the Statutes:

1.10.1.1 to appoint up to 2 Delegates to take part in the AGM in which each Association has one vote cast;

1.10.1.2 to submit Propositions and Resolutions for consideration for inclusion in the agenda of the AGM or the ITTF Council meeting;

- 1.10.1.3 to nominate candidates for election or appointment within the ITTF according to the applicable Rules and Regulations;
- 1.10.1.4 to enter Athletes to participate in ITTF Sanctioned Events according to the applicable Rules and Regulations of such events;
- 1.10.1.5 to nominate qualified match officials to officiate in ITTF Sanctioned Events according to the applicable Rules and Regulations of such events;
- 1.10.1.6 to host ITTF Sanctioned Events according to the applicable Rules and Regulations of such events;
- 1.10.1.7 to be a member of a relevant Continental Federation;
- 1.10.1.8 to take part in and benefit from the ITTF's assistance, development, and educational programmes organised directly or through the Continental Federations; and
- 1.10.1.9 to exercise all other rights conferred under the Statutes.

### **1.11 ASSOCIATION'S OBLIGATIONS**

1.11.1 Each Association shall have the following obligations:

- 1.11.1.1 to fully comply with the Statutes and all decisions taken in accordance therewith;
- 1.11.1.2 to administer, promote, and develop Table Tennis in its Territory according to the Principles and Objectives;
- 1.11.1.3 to adopt statutes (including its constitution and subsidiary regulations) which comply with the Statutes;
- 1.11.1.4 to immediately notify the ITTF about any major change concerning it, such as its constitution or regulations, its President or Secretary General, its address or contact details, and provide such other information required under the Statutes;
- 1.11.1.5 to ensure that their own members comply with the Statutes;
- 1.11.1.6 to maintain its eligibility as an Association;
- 1.11.1.7 to promptly pay the subscription fee to the ITTF;
- 1.11.1.8 to democratically elect or appoint its Officials to its highest executive body; and
- 1.11.1.9 to compete in at least one ITTF Sanctioned Event per year.

### **1.12 GOVERNANCE OF ASSOCIATIONS**

1.12.1 In accordance with Article 1.11.1.3, each Association's statutes must comply with the principles of good governance and shall contain at least provisions relating to the following matters:

- 1.12.1.1 to be neutral and prohibit discrimination in matters of race, religion, politics, and gender;
  - 1.12.1.2 to be independent and avoid any form of political interference;
  - 1.12.1.3 to ensure all relevant stakeholders comply with the Statutes;
  - 1.12.1.4 to ensure all relevant stakeholders recognise and exclusively submit to the jurisdiction and authority of the ITTF Tribunal and such other judicial powers recognised by the ITTF;
  - 1.12.1.5 to regulate matters relating to Table Tennis competitions and sports integrity in the Territory;
  - 1.12.1.6 to define the responsibilities of the decision-making bodies; and
  - 1.12.1.7 to democratically elect or appoint suitable candidates to its executive body.
- 1.12.2 The Association shall provide the Secretariat with a copy of its statutes and with details of any subsequent changes within 3 calendar months from the meeting at which they are made, or upon request by the ITTF.
- 1.12.3 If any inconsistency arises between the statutes of an Association and the Statutes, the Statutes will prevail to the extent of that inconsistency.
- 1.12.4 The ITTF may intervene in the governance or management of an Association in a manner the Executive Board considers appropriate if in its opinion, after enquiry and having provided a reasonable opportunity for the Association to be heard, and if approved by the Executive Board, the Association:



1.12.4.1 is having significant governance, administration, operational, or financial difficulties;

1.12.4.2 ceases to meet one or more of the requirements specified in Article 1.8.1;

1.12.4.3 is subject to any action or proceedings to dissolve it;

1.12.4.4 is involved in any conflict which prevents it from operating effectively; or

1.12.4.5 is otherwise unable to fulfil its purposes.

### **1.13 CONTINENTAL FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP**

1.13.1 Parts of an Association which lie wholly within a continent which is different from the continent reflected in its address according to the ITTF's directory may, with the permission of the ITTF Council and the consent of their Association, be affiliated to the Continental Federation in whose area they lie for the purposes of competing in and promoting Table Tennis.

1.13.2 Associations lying wholly outside but adjacent to the continent concerned may similarly be affiliated to the Continental Federation of that continent, with the consent of the ITTF Council and the Continental Federation of which they are a member for the purposes of competing in and promoting Table Tennis.

### **1.14 SUBSCRIPTION FEE**

1.14.1 Each Association shall pay an annual subscription fee as determined by the AGM.

1.14.2 The first subscription fee shall be paid with the application for membership and subsequent subscriptions shall be due on 1st January of each year.

1.14.3 An Association shall be in arrears if it has not paid its subscription fee by 31st December of the year in which it is due.

1.14.4 Any Association which fails to pay its subscription fee for 3 successive years shall automatically be suspended from membership and it shall not be liable for subscription fee during the period of suspension.

1.14.5 Any Association suspended under Article 1.14.4 may have its suspension lifted on part or full payment of the subscription fees due, at the discretion of the Executive Board.

### **1.15 WITHDRAWAL**

1.15.1 Any Association wishing to withdraw from the ITTF shall give notice in writing to the Secretariat, stating the reason for withdrawal, proposed date of withdrawal and all efforts that have been made towards retaining membership.

1.15.2 Prior to any withdrawal, the Association seeking withdrawal and the ITTF shall first engage in either direct or mediated discussion with the view of having that Association retaining membership.

1.15.3 Any withdrawal may take effect at any time from the receipt of the notice given under Article 1.15.1 until the 31st of December of the same year, but the Association shall be liable for the subscription fee due for that year.

### **1.16 SUSPENSION AND OTHER SANCTIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

1.16.1 The Executive Board may decide by Two-Thirds Majority provisionally suspend or otherwise sanction any Association in the manner prescribed under the Statutes for a specified period if, in the Executive Board's opinion:

1.16.1.1 that Association is in serious, repeated, or continuous breach of the Statutes or any decision of the AGM, ITTF Council, Executive Board, or ITTF Tribunal;

1.16.1.2 that Association ceases to meet any of the requirements under Article 1.8.1; or

1.16.1.3 that Association acts in a manner contrary to any of the Principles.

1.16.2 If any suspension is issued under Article 1.16.1, that suspension shall be for a period and on such terms decided by the Executive Board until the next AGM.

1.16.3 Before sanctioning an Association under Article 1.16.1, the Executive Board shall:

1.16.3.1 notify the Association in writing of its intention to sanction that Association, including any proposed period of the suspension, such other terms of the sanction, and its reasons; and

1.16.3.2 give the Association at least 21 days to respond to the intended sanction, unless the Executive Board considers there is urgency, in which case this period may be reduced as it deems fit.

1.16.4 The Executive Board may decide by Two-Thirds Majority to revoke the sanction under Article 1.16.1, whether on application by the Association or on its own decision, if it is satisfied that the grounds for sanctions imposed no longer apply.

1.16.5 The sanctioned Association may apply to the ITTF Tribunal to review the Executive Board's decision-making process under Article 1.16.1.

1.16.6 Article 1.16 is in addition to and does not limit any other powers that exist under the Statutes to suspend, remove, or otherwise sanction any Association.

### **1.17 SUSPENSION, EXPULSION AND OTHER SANCTIONS BY AGM**

1.17.1 The AGM may decide by Two-Thirds Majority suspend, expel, or otherwise sanction an Association in the manner prescribed under the Statutes for a specified period if:

1.17.1.1 the Executive Board recommends any such sanction following any sanction issued by the Executive Board under Article 1.16.1;

1.17.1.2 the AGM considers that any one or more of the grounds set out in Article 1.16.1 apply; or

1.17.1.3 any sanction imposed by the Executive Board is not met to the satisfaction of the AGM.

1.17.2 If any suspension is issued under Article 1.17.1, the suspension shall be for a period (including indefinitely) and on such terms decided by the AGM, subject to the satisfaction of any sanction imposed by the AGM.

1.17.3 Before sanctioning an Association under Article 1.17.1, the Association shall be:

1.17.3.1 notified in writing at least 30 days before the relevant AGM about the intention to sanction that Association, including any proposed period of the suspension, such other terms of the sanction, and its reasons; and,

1.17.3.2 be given the opportunity to be heard at the relevant AGM.

1.17.4 The AGM may:

1.17.4.1 revoke the sanction under Article 1.17.1, whether on application by the Association or on its own decision if it is satisfied that the grounds for sanctions imposed no longer apply; or

1.17.4.2 impose any additional sanction.

1.17.5 Article 1.17 is in addition to and does not limit any other powers that exist under the Statutes to suspend, remove, or otherwise sanction any Association.

### **1.18 CONSEQUENCES OF SUSPENSION, EXPULSION OR WITHDRAWAL**

1.18.1 Any suspended, expelled or withdrawn Association shall immediately:

1.18.1.1 be suspended from its Continental Federation, if it was suspended; or cease to be a member of its Continental Federation, if it withdrew or was expelled;

1.18.1.2 forfeit and not be entitled to any right, entitlement, or benefit which it would otherwise have under the Statutes as an Association, in particular those stated under Article 1.10, except where an ITTF Sanctioned Event has been approved for the suspended, expelled, or withdrawn Association, the Executive Board may establish a relevant body to oversee the organisation of the such event and under such terms it imposes;

1.18.1.3 not identify itself as a member of the ITTF or its Continental Federation; and

1.18.1.4 not use any intellectual property relating to the ITTF, its Continental Federation, or any of their affiliates.

1.18.2 Any Official of any suspended, expelled or withdrawn Association shall immediately:

1.18.2.1 cease to hold any office within the ITTF, its Continental Federation, or any other Association; and

1.18.2.2 forfeit and not be entitled to any right, entitlement, or benefit which they would otherwise have under the Statutes, including representation, participation, or

- involvement in any capacity in any ITTF Sanctioned Event, meeting, or such other activity of the ITTF, its Continental Federation, or any other Association.
- 1.18.3 The AGM may permit Athletes affiliated with the suspended, expelled, or withdrawn Association to compete in Table Tennis events under the flag of the ITTF or such other neutral identifiers.
- 1.18.4 Under urgent or exceptional situations, the Executive Board may permit as such under Article 1.18.3, until the next AGM, during which the AGM may ratify or revoke such permission.

*Division 2: Continental Federations*

**1.19 CONTINENTAL FEDERATIONS**

- 1.19.1 There shall be five Continental Federations, one each from the geographical regions of Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania.
- 1.19.2 Continental Federations shall be supported and encouraged by the ITTF, which shall cooperate with them in all matters, provided that the statutes of the Continental Federation comply with the Statutes.
- 1.19.3 Continental Federations shall not be regarded as agents of the ITTF and shall not hold themselves out as such.

**1.20 AFFILIATION WITH THE ITTF**

- 1.20.1 The Continental Federations shall be affiliated to the ITTF according to established criteria, prescribed by the ITTF Council following a proposal from the Continental Council.
- 1.20.2 A Continental Federation's affiliation with the ITTF shall renew every 4 years, in the year after the Olympic Games, subject to entering into a specific strategic quadrennial agreement with the ITTF.
- 1.20.3 The affiliation of the Continental Federations has the following goals:
- 1.20.3.1 to increase cooperation in events and marketing as well to develop Table Tennis cooperatively;
- 1.20.3.2 to formalise the status of Continental Federations within the Statutes;
- 1.20.3.3 to qualify for development funding in accordance with the agreement stated under Article 1.20.2; and
- 1.20.3.4 to link continental events to the World Title Events to reinforce greater marketing value and ensuring the participation of the top Athletes.

**1.21 CONTINENTAL FEDERATIONS' RIGHTS**

- 1.21.1 Each Continental Federation shall have the following rights, subject to the Statutes:
- 1.21.1.1 to submit Propositions and Resolutions for consideration for inclusion in the agenda of the AGM or the ITTF Council meeting;
- 1.21.1.2 to be allowed to use the ITTF's name or logo as part of its trading name or corporate identity, upon request and subject to the Executive Board's approval;
- 1.21.1.3 to have its Continental President be a member of the ITTF Council and the Continental Council;
- 1.21.1.4 to have its championship title competition recognised as the sole continental title championships for that continent; and
- 1.21.1.5 to exercise all other rights conferred under the Statutes.

**1.22 CONTINENTAL FEDERATIONS' OBLIGATIONS**

- 1.22.1 Each Continental Federation shall have the following obligations:
- 1.22.1.1 to have its membership open to the applicable Associations whose Territory is situated within its continent except where, for reasons outside the control of Table Tennis, an Association is not accepted as a member of its appropriate Continental Federation and in such case, such Association shall have the right

- to appeal to the ITTF to assist it in securing membership or failing that, an affiliation to another adjacent Continental Federation;
- 1.22.1.2 to open its championship title competition only to the Athletes of its member Associations and any attached organisations, subject to applicable rules and regulations of such event;
- 1.22.1.3 to organise Table Tennis competitions in its continent;
- 1.22.1.4 to ensure that its Continental President and other key Officials are democratically elected or appointed in accordance with its statutes;
- 1.22.1.5 to fully comply with the Statutes and all decisions taken in accordance therewith;
- 1.22.1.6 to administer, promote and develop Table Tennis in its continent according to the Principles and Objectives;
- 1.22.1.7 to adopt statutes (including its constitution and subsidiary regulations) which comply with the Statutes;
- 1.22.1.8 to immediately notify the ITTF about any major change concerning it, such as its constitution or regulations, its President or Secretary General, its address or contact details, and provide such other information required under the Statutes; and
- 1.22.1.9 to ensure that its own members to comply with the Statutes.

### **1.23 GOVERNANCE OF CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS**

- 1.23.1 In accordance with Article 1.22.1.7, each Continental Federation's statutes must comply with the principles of good governance, and shall contain, at a minimum, provisions relating to the following matters:
- 1.23.1.1 to be neutral and prohibit discrimination in matters of race, religion, politics, and gender;
  - 1.23.1.2 to be independent and avoid any form of political interference;
  - 1.23.1.3 to ensure all relevant stakeholders comply with the Statutes;
  - 1.23.1.4 to ensure all relevant stakeholders recognise and exclusively submits to the jurisdiction and authority of the ITTF Tribunal and such other judicial powers recognised by the ITTF;
  - 1.23.1.5 to regulate matters relating Table Tennis competitions and sport integrity in its continent;
  - 1.23.1.6 to define the responsibilities of the decision-making bodies; and
  - 1.23.1.7 to democratically elect or appoint suitable candidates to its executive body.
- 1.23.2 The Continental Federation shall provide the Secretariat with a copy of its statutes and with details of any subsequent changes within 3 calendar months from the meeting at which they are made, or upon request by the ITTF.
- 1.23.3 If any inconsistency arises between the statutes of a Continental Federation and the Statutes, the Statutes will prevail to the extent of that inconsistency.
- 1.23.4 The ITTF may intervene in the governance or management of a Continental Federation in a manner the Executive Board considers appropriate if in its opinion, after enquiry and having provided a reasonable opportunity for the Association to be heard, and if approved by the Executive Board, the Association:
- 1.23.4.1 is having significant governance, administration, operational or financial difficulties;
  - 1.23.4.2 is subject to any action or proceedings to dissolve it;
  - 1.23.4.3 is involved in any conflict which prevents it from operating effectively; or
  - 1.23.4.4 is otherwise unable to fulfil its purposes.

### **1.24 SANCTIONS ETC. AND CORRESPONDING CONSEQUENCES**

- 1.24.1 Articles 1.16 and 1.17 on suspension, expulsion, and such other sanctions which apply to Associations shall apply correspondingly to Continental Federations, with any necessary amendment deemed to have been made to take account of the different context.

1.24.2 Article 1.18 on consequences of suspension, expulsion, and withdrawal which apply to Associations shall apply correspondingly to Continental Federations, with any necessary amendment deemed to have been made to take account of the different context.

*Division 3: ITTF Foundation*

**1.25 ROLE**

1.25.1 The ITTF Foundation is the corporate social responsibility entity, a subsidiary of the ITTF, and a part of the ITTF Group.

**1.26 ITTF FOUNDATION'S RIGHTS**

1.26.1 The ITTF Foundation shall have the following rights:

1.26.1.1 to identify itself as stated under Article 1.25.1;

1.26.1.2 to set up one or more subsidiaries as necessary to meet its obligations under Article 1.27;

1.26.1.3 to submit Propositions and Resolutions for consideration for inclusion in the agenda of the AGM or the ITTF Council meeting;

1.26.1.4 appoint one or more representatives to attend the AGM; and

1.26.1.5 to exercise all other rights conferred under the Statutes.

**1.27 ITTF FOUNDATION'S OBLIGATIONS**

1.27.1 The ITTF Foundation shall have the following obligations:

1.27.1.1 to ensure that its statutes are not inconsistent with the Statutes;

1.27.1.2 to maintain its status as a legal entity in the territory where it is incorporated;

1.27.1.3 to promote and ensure the accessibility of Table Tennis; and

1.27.1.4 to organise events, carry out activities, or otherwise use Table Tennis to promote peace, solidarity, health, diplomacy, community development, and such other social good.

*Division 4: World Table Tennis*

**1.28 ROLE**

1.28.1 WTT is the commercial rights entity, a for-profit subsidiary of the ITTF, and a part of the ITTF Group.

**1.29 WTT'S RIGHTS**

1.29.1 WTT shall have the following rights:

1.29.1.1 to identify itself as stated under Article 1.28.1;

1.29.1.2 to exercise all rights, entitlements, benefits granted under the licence agreement with the ITTF;

1.29.1.3 to set up one or more subsidiaries as necessary to meet its obligations under Article 1.30;

1.29.1.4 to appoint one or more representatives to attend the AGM;

1.29.1.5 to submit Propositions and Resolutions for consideration for inclusion in the agenda of the AGM or the ITTF Council meeting; and

1.29.1.6 to exercise all other rights conferred under the Statutes.

**1.30 WTT'S OBLIGATIONS**

1.30.1 WTT shall have the following obligations:

1.30.1.1 to ensure that its statutes are not inconsistent with the Statutes;

1.30.1.2 to maintain its status as a legal entity in the territory where it is incorporated;

1.30.1.3 to exploit the licensed commercial rights in accordance with the licence agreement and such other agreements granted by the ITTF;

- 1.30.1.4 to promote and maintain the commercial sustainability of the licensed events;
- 1.30.1.5 to enhance, promote, professionalise, and develop the prestige and image of Table Tennis; and
- 1.30.1.6 to drive the growth of Table Tennis by developing the areas of top Athlete participation and prize money, broadcast production and content distribution, event production, presentation and fan experience, marketing and promotion, tournament hosting and event operations, competition format, calendar and structure, and Athlete management.

*Division 5: Other Associated Organisations*

**1.31 OTHER GROUPS OF ASSOCIATIONS**

- 1.31.1 A group of Associations shall, in principle, include those that share common objectives, such as promotion of Table Tennis in any of its forms or categories, organisation of competitions for specific titles or for areas united by language, history and/or culture.
- 1.31.2 Each recognised group of Associations shall have the right to organise specific competitions open to all the Associations of that group, provided that the Statutes are observed in respect of play with unaffiliated organisations.
- 1.31.3 Each recognised group of Associations shall have the following obligations:
  - 1.31.3.1 to fully comply with the Statutes and all decisions taken in accordance therewith;
  - 1.31.3.2 to administer, promote, and develop Table Tennis according to the Principles and Objectives;
  - 1.31.3.3 to adopt statutes which comply with the Statutes;
  - 1.31.3.4 to immediately notify the ITTF about any major change concerning it, such as its constitution or regulations, its President or Secretary General, its address or contact details, and provide such other information required under the Statutes;
  - 1.31.3.5 to ensure that its own members to comply with the Statutes; and
  - 1.31.3.6 to comply with any other prescribed requirements.

*Division 6: Authority of Associations*

**1.32 MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION**

- 1.32.1 An Athlete shall be regarded as resident in a Territory if their ordinary or main residence or base is in that Territory but residence shall not be solely determined based on duration stayed in that Territory.
- 1.32.2 Before accepting an Athlete into membership, an Association shall satisfy itself that such Athlete is or intends to be resident in its Territory and it shall not retain them if they terminate such residence.
- 1.32.3 Unless notified of any suspension or expulsion, Associations shall be entitled to regard any Athlete or organisation resident in the Territory of an Association and known to have been affiliated to it as eligible for participation.
- 1.32.4 Except after a genuine change of residence, no Association may make a resident in a Territory controlled by another Association a member or representative of itself without the prior permission of that other Association.
- 1.32.5 Any dispute under Article 1.32 shall be referred to the Executive Board.

**1.33 EXTENT OF AUTHORITY**

- 1.33.1 In administering and interpreting its own regulations and decisions, an Association shall have authority over:
  - 1.33.1.1 Athletes residing in its Territory, while they are in that Territory or in any other Territory;
  - 1.33.1.2 visiting Athletes, while they are in its Territory, except as provided in Article 1.34.1; and

1.33.1.3 Athletes representing it in a competition who are normally resident in the Territory of another Association, but only while they are taking part in that competition.

### **1.34 VISITING ATHLETES**

1.34.1 If a visiting Athlete is officially representing their Association or the ITTF in a Veterans event pursuant to an invitation by the visited Association, the visited Association has no right to impose any penalty on that Athlete.

1.34.1.1 The responsible management committee shall have authority over the conduct of the competition, but no subsequent penalty may be imposed on a visiting Athlete for any offence committed in connection with that competition.

1.34.1.2 The visited Association may protest to the visiting Athlete's Association or the ITTF in Veterans events about any offence, but the visiting Athlete's Association shall retain sole authority over them and the right to impose any penalty.

1.34.2 If a visiting Athlete participates in Table Tennis activities other than as an official representative of their Association, whether their visit is pursuant to an invitation by the visited Association, they shall be subject also to the authority of the visited Association, which shall have the right to impose any penalty for any offence committed in connection with such activities.

1.34.2.1 No such penalty may come into operation until at least 1 calendar month after its notification with an account of all the circumstances to the visiting Athlete's Association.

1.34.2.2 If the visiting Athlete's Association makes no appeal within 1 calendar month of being notified, the penalty may be imposed.

1.34.2.3 If an appeal is submitted within 1 calendar month, the matter shall be referred to the Executive Board and the penalty may not come into operation before the appeal has been decided.

### **1.35 PAYMENTS TO PLAYERS**

1.35.1 Except when acting under the direct instruction of their Association as its representative, an Athlete may accept any payment, reward, benefit, or allowances for playing in any competition other than the Olympic and Paralympic Games, or for exhibition or coaching.

1.35.2 Subject to Article 1.35.1, each Association shall have absolute discretion to determine and regulate its own policy for any payment, reward, benefit, or allowance in respect of Athletes and events under its jurisdiction.

### *Division 7: Unaffiliated Players and Organisations*

### **1.36 OBJECT OF REGULATION**

1.36.1 The object of this Part II, Division 7 is to regulate, but not to prevent, play between affiliated and unaffiliated Athletes.

1.36.2 Only teams and Athletes nominated by Associations may participate in World Title Events and continental championship events, but otherwise such Athlete will, when not contrary to the Statutes or to the interests of the ITTF or of the Associations, generally be permitted, provided that due application is made.

1.36.3 An Athlete affiliated to an Association shall not take part in any competition, exhibition, or coaching:

1.36.3.1 in the Territory of another Association, unless the body under whose auspices the activity takes place is affiliated to and in good standing with the Association of the visited Territory, except with the prior permission of that Association or the ITTF in Veterans events;

1.36.3.2 in a territory not having an Association or whose governing organisation is not affiliated to the ITTF, except with the permission of the Executive Board, unless

- the ITTF Council has previously given permission for the governing organisation to be included temporarily in the appropriate Continental Federation pending an application for membership; and
- 1.36.3.3 organised by an unaffiliated body, unless permission for the event has been given by the Executive Board, except as provided in Article 1.36.7.
- 1.36.4 The Association controlling the Territory in which a player is resident shall be responsible for ensuring that they comply with Article 1.36.3.
- 1.36.5 A player resident in a Territory which has no Association or whose governing organisation is not affiliated to the ITTF shall not take part in any competition, exhibition, or coaching in the territory of any Association, except with the permission of the Executive Board, unless the ITTF Council has previously given permission for the governing organisation to be included temporarily in the appropriate Continental Federation pending an application for membership.
- 1.36.6 The Executive Board may permit any Table Tennis event to be organised by an unaffiliated body provided that:
- 1.36.6.1 the organising body has undertaken to comply with the applicable ITTF Regulations;
- 1.36.6.2 the organising body has undertaken not to include any affiliated Athlete in the event, except with their Association's consent;
- 1.36.6.3 the organising body has undertaken not to include unaffiliated Athlete in the event, except with the Executive Board's consent;
- 1.36.6.4 the application to organise that event is supported by the Association, if any, controlling the Territory in which the event is to take place; and
- 1.36.6.5 the supporting Association has accepted responsibility for ensuring that the organising body observes the requirements Article 1.36.6.
- 1.36.7 Where an Association is prepared to accept responsibility for the conduct of any event organised in its Territory by an unaffiliated organisation, no special permission is required, but that Association shall notify the Secretariat, which will advise all other Associations that the event is in order.
- 1.36.8 Where no organising Association is available, the ITTF Executive Board may allocate any event to any unaffiliated body which shall cooperate with the Association controlling the event's Territory.

### **Part III: Bodies**

#### *Division 1: General Meetings*

### **1.37 ROLE AND COMPOSITION**

- 1.37.1 The AGM is the supreme governing body of the ITTF and consists of the assembled representatives of the Associations.

### **1.38 POWERS**

- 1.38.1 The AGM has the powers set out in the Statutes, in particular to:

- 1.38.1.1 amend this Constitution and the Laws;
- 1.38.1.2 elect, suspend, or remove the President and the Executive Vice-Presidents (including the Deputy President);
- 1.38.1.3 ratify, suspend, or remove any Continental President or Continental Representative;
- 1.38.1.4 appoint, suspend, or remove the ITTF Tribunal members;
- 1.38.1.5 appoint, suspend, or remove, in odd numbered years, the full and corresponding members of Committees and Commissions, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee; except for the Nominations Committee which shall be appointed in even numbered years by the Executive Board;
- 1.38.1.6 revoke any granted honorary titles;



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- 1.38.1.7 award or revoke the hosting of the WTTC Finals;
- 1.38.1.8 determine the subscription fee for Associations;
- 1.38.1.9 delegate any of its powers to the ITTF Council or to the Executive Board, on the request of at least one-quarter (1/4) of the Associations not in arrears;
- 1.38.1.10 ratify the work done by the ITTF Council and the Executive Board since the last AGM; and
- 1.38.1.11 deal with any matter normally delegated to another ITTF body or decided upon by this body.

### 1.39 DELEGATES

- 1.39.1 Each Association may appoint 2 Delegates to represent it at the AGM.
- 1.39.2 Each Delegate shall either be a citizen of their appointing Association, as evidenced by their passport, or shall have their main residence in the Territory controlled by their appointing Association for no less than 12 months before the relevant AGM. Delegates belonging to the same state unity, with the same kind of national passport, must have their main residence for at least 12 months before the relevant AGM in the Territory controlled by their appointing Association.
- 1.39.3 The Executive Board may grant exceptions to Article 1.39.2 on a case-by-case basis under special circumstances.
- 1.39.4 The ITTF will cover the cost of travel and accommodation for one Delegate from each Association not in arrears to attend the AGM the year of elections of the Executive Board members according to the guidelines approved by the Executive Board.

### 1.40 ATTENDANCE

- 1.40.1 The Delegates may attend the AGM with the right to speak and vote.
- 1.40.2 The Executive Board members, ITTF Council members, ITTF senior staff, Honorary Presidents, Personal Honorary Members and President's Advisory Commission members may attend the AGM with the right to speak but not to vote.
- 1.40.3 All members of Committees and Commissions may attend the AGM as observers, without the right to speak or vote, unless they represent an Association.
- 1.40.4 The ITTF Tribunal Chair, Committee Chairs, Commission Chairs, Commissioners, as expert advisers, may attend the AGM with the right to speak but not to vote.
- 1.40.5 The AGM Chair may allow any appropriate guest to attend and speak at the AGM, under any special circumstance.
- 1.40.6 No representation by proxy or letter (or other written means) is permitted.

### 1.41 PLACE, DATE, AND TIME

- 1.41.1 An AGM shall be held at the place, and date decided by the AGM three years in advance, and in exceptional circumstances at such other place, date, and time as the Executive Board may determine.
- 1.41.2 An AGM can be convened remotely (wholly or partly) if considered appropriate.

### 1.42 NOTICE OF AGM

- 1.42.1 The notice of the AGM, giving details of the place, date and time and the business to be transacted, shall be sent by post, e-mail, or such other appropriate means to:
  - 1.42.1.1 each Association;
  - 1.42.1.2 the Executive Board members;
  - 1.42.1.3 the ITTF Council members;
  - 1.42.1.4 the ITTF senior staff;
  - 1.42.1.5 the Honorary Presidents;
  - 1.42.1.6 the Personal Honorary Members;
  - 1.42.1.7 the President's Advisory Commission members;
  - 1.42.1.8 the Chairs of Committees, Commissions, the ITTF Tribunal, and the Integrity Board; and
  - 1.42.1.9 the Commissioners.

1.42.2 The notice of the AGM shall be sent within 2 calendar months of the AGM.

### 1.43 NOTICE OF BUSINESS

1.43.1 Details in writing of Propositions and Resolutions to be considered at an AGM must reach the Secretariat within 4 calendar months of the AGM.

1.43.2 The notice of the actual deadline for the receipt of business, Propositions, and Resolutions shall be sent to all persons entitled to propose such matters by the Secretariat within 6 calendar months of the AGM.

1.43.3 Propositions and Resolutions, other than changes to this Constitution or the Laws, which are not duly submitted but which, in the opinion of the Executive Board, relate to the business at hand or an emergency may be admitted by a Two-Thirds Majority vote at the AGM.

### 1.44 REVIEW OF PROPOSITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

1.44.1 Upon receiving any submitted Proposition or Resolution, the Secretariat shall review such document with the assistance of any relevant and qualified person and notify the Proposer of any Advised Change within 14 days of the deadline to submit Propositions and Resolutions.

1.44.2 The Secretariat shall notify the Proposer of any Advised Change under Article 1.44.1:

1.44.2.1 if, in its opinion, the reviewed Proposition or Resolution meets one or more grounds stated in Article 1.44.8; or

1.44.2.2 for any other appropriate reason.

1.44.3 Upon receiving any Advised Change, the Proposer may accept, refuse, or clarify any Advised Change (whether fully or partly) within 7 days after being notified under Article 1.44.1.

1.44.4 If any Advised Change is not accepted or the Proposer fails to respond to any Advised Change by the deadline stated in Article 1.44.3, that Proposition or Resolution shall be deemed a Qualified Proposal.

1.44.5 The Secretariat shall notify the Executive Board of all Qualified Proposals, stating the reasons for making the Advised Changes, and recommend whether the Executive Board should refuse to include any Qualified Proposal in the agenda of the AGM.

1.44.6 Upon being notified under Article 1.44.5, the Executive Board shall consider all Qualified Proposals with the Secretariat's recommendations and any other submitted Proposition or Resolution.

1.44.7 If the Executive Board decides not to include any Qualified Proposal or any other submitted Proposition or Resolution in the agenda of the AGM, whether by being satisfied with the Secretariat's recommendation or for such other reasonable basis, the Secretariat shall notify the relevant Proposer of the Executive Board's decision and stating the reasons for such decision within 3 calendar months of the AGM.

1.44.8 The Executive Board may refuse to include any Proposition or Resolution in the agenda of the AGM, if, in its opinion, the Proposition or Resolution:

1.44.8.1 is incomprehensible;

1.44.8.2 is substantively lacking in rationale or otherwise made in bad faith;

1.44.8.3 is likely to have the effect of reversing a decision taken at the immediately preceding AGM; or

1.44.8.4 is likely to substantially prejudice the interest of the ITTF or Table Tennis, whether financially, reputationally, or in such other manner.

1.44.9 Any Proposer who is not satisfied with the Executive Board's decision under Article 1.44.7 may apply to the ITTF Tribunal for a review of the Executive Board's decision-making process.

### 1.45 DEADLINES

1.45.1 Notwithstanding any deadline set out regarding the AGM, the Executive Board may vary such deadline under urgent or exceptional circumstances.

**1.46 AGENDA**

- 1.46.1 The agenda for an AGM shall include:
  - 1.46.1.1 the appointment of a Chair;
  - 1.46.1.2 a roll call of the Associations present;
  - 1.46.1.3 any appointment of scrutineers;
  - 1.46.1.4 any confirmation of the Minutes of the previous AGM;
  - 1.46.1.5 any consideration of applications for membership;
  - 1.46.1.6 the receipt of the Strategic Plan of the ITTF and the Annual General Report, including reports from the Executive Board members, Continental Presidents, Continental Council, Audit and Finance Committee, Chairs of the Permanent Committees, ITTF Tribunal, Integrity Board, CEO, and Secretary General;
  - 1.46.1.7 the receipt of the financial report, the audited statement of accounts for the previous year, the consideration of the next year and quadrennial estimate of income and expenditure, and the appointment of the ITTF's auditors;
  - 1.46.1.8 the consideration of Propositions and Resolutions and the reports of the Committees or Commissions that have studied them;
  - 1.46.1.9 if applicable, the election of the President and Executive Vice-Presidents
  - 1.46.1.10 if applicable, the appointment the members of the applicable Committees, Commissions, and the ITTF Tribunal;
  - 1.46.1.11 any consideration of arrangements for future WTTC Finals;
  - 1.46.1.12 the ratification of the work done by the ITTF Council and the Executive Board since the last AGM;
  - 1.46.1.13 any announcement of the place and date of the next AGM; and
  - 1.46.1.14 the consideration of any other business.

**1.47 SPEAKING AT THE AGM**

- 1.47.1 The AGM Chair shall decide how many speakers will be permitted to speak on each Proposition and Resolution.
- 1.47.2 No speaker may speak more than once for each Proposition and Resolution, except that the Proposer shall have the right of reply.
- 1.47.3 Notwithstanding Article 1.47.1, the AGM Chair may, at their discretion, allow a speaker to speak more than once to answer a query arising from their original statement.
- 1.47.4 When the AGM decides that the vote shall be taken on any Proposition or Resolution, it shall be voted on immediately, without further discussion, except the motion "that the question now be put" or any words to that effect.
- 1.47.5 A motion once decided may not be rediscussed and revoted, unless the AGM Chair is satisfied that not doing so may significantly prejudice the interest of the ITTF.
- 1.47.6 Any motion to challenge the AGM Chair's decision under Article 1.47.5 must be made in good faith and be taken immediately after that decision.

**1.48 VOTING AT THE AGM**

- 1.48.1 Each Association present not in arrears shall have 1 vote.
- 1.48.2 Questions shall be decided by a Simple Majority vote except:
  - 1.48.2.1 any change to this Constitution, suspension or expulsion from membership, Propositions and Resolutions under Article 1.43.3, and revocation of the award of the WTTC Finals require a Two-Thirds Majority vote;
  - 1.48.2.2 any change to the Laws requires a three-quarter majority of the votes cast; and
  - 1.48.2.3 the dissolution of the ITTF requires a four-fifth majority of the votes cast.
- 1.48.3 If there is an equality of votes on any administrative or financial matter the AGM Chair shall have a casting vote. If there is an equality of votes on any other matter, that motion shall fail, and the AGM shall proceed with the next business.
- 1.48.4 Voting other than in elections shall be by a show of hands, electronic or online means, roll call, or secret ballot, as decided by the AGM on a proposition by the AGM Chair.
- 1.48.5 Each Continental President shall nominate 2 persons from their continent, for approval by the AGM, to form a list of scrutineers.

1.48.6 For each vote requiring scrutineers, including elections, names shall be taken from the list in alphabetical order, omitting the representative of any Association having a particular interest in the item, which is the subject of the vote.

#### **1.49 ELECTIONS**

1.49.1 Where there are more candidates for a position than the number of vacancies, if a Simple Majority is not reached, additional ballots will be required. In such a case, the candidate obtaining the lowest number of votes will be eliminated.

1.49.2 If there is a tie for the lowest number of votes, a further vote shall be held to determine who amongst them will be eliminated.

1.49.3 Consecutive ballots will be taken until the election is decided.

1.49.4 At an election, any ballot paper shall be considered valid only if the number of votes cast on this ballot tallies with the number of vacancies.

#### **1.50 MINUTES AND DOCUMENTS**

1.50.1 Minutes and relevant documents shall be kept for the AGM and published in an appropriate manner.

1.50.2 The Secretariat may make any minor correction it deems necessary to the publication version of any notices and relevant papers relating to the AGM, such as correction to grammatical, formatting, organisation, and references.

#### **1.51 IRREGULARITY**

1.51.1 Any irregularity, error or omission in notices, agendas and relevant papers for an AGM and any other connected error shall not invalidate the AGM or prevent the AGM from considering its business, provided that:

1.51.1.1 the AGM Chair determines in their discretion that it is still appropriate for the AGM to proceed despite the irregularity, error, or omission; or

1.51.1.2 a motion to proceed is put to the AGM to proceed and is carried by a Two-Thirds Majority.

#### **1.52 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

1.52.1 An EGM may be convened either by a Resolution at the previous AGM or within 10 weeks of receipt by the Secretariat of a requisition in writing submitted by not less than 1/4 of the Associations not in arrears, representing at least 2 continents, or in exceptional circumstances, by decision of the Executive Board.

1.52.2 The notice for any EGM shall be sent within 1 calendar month of the EGM.

1.52.3 The requisition for an EGM shall specify the business for which the EGM is to be convened and no other business, except the confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM or EGM will be conducted at that EGM.

1.52.4 The provisions that apply to the AGM will apply to the EGM correspondingly, unless otherwise stated in the Statutes (i.e., with any amendments deemed to have been made that are necessary to take account of the different context).

1.52.5 Any references to the term "AGM" in the Statutes shall be taken to include "EGM"  
Division 2: ITTF Council

#### **1.53 ROLE**

1.53.1 The ITTF Council is a legislative authority of the ITTF empowered to deal with all ITTF Regulations, except this Constitution and the Laws, amongst other responsibilities stated under this Constitution.

#### **1.54 COMPOSITION**

1.54.1 Subject to this Article 1.54, the ITTF Council consists of:

1.54.1.1 the President;

1.54.1.2 the Executive Vice-Presidents;

1.54.1.3 the Athletes' Commission Chairs or their appointee;

1.54.1.4 the Continental Presidents; and

1.54.1.5 up to 32 Continental Representatives elected or appointed by each Continental Federation and ratified by the AGM.

1.54.2 Any Continental Federation whose Continental President is also an Executive Board member may appoint another member of their highest executive body to the ITTF Council, subject to ratification by the AGM.

1.54.3 IOC members being Athletes or Officials of any Association or any Continental Federation shall become ex officio ITTF Council members.

1.54.4 The number of Continental Representatives for each Continental Federation shall:

1.54.4.1 be proportionate to the number of the Associations that are members of that Continental Federation and not in arrears; and

1.54.4.2 shall not exceed 32.

1.54.5 Continental Representatives shall each be from a different Association.

1.54.6 If the AGM does not ratify the appointment of any Continental Representative, that person shall not be an ITTF Council member and such position on the ITTF Council will remain vacant until the next AGM, where the relevant Continental Federation may nominate another suitable person duly elected or appointed for that AGM's consideration.

## **1.55 POWERS**

1.55.1 The ITTF Council has the powers set out in the Statutes, in particular to:

1.55.1.1 receive and consider reports from Commissioners, and Commissions;

1.55.1.2 appoint the Chairs of Permanent Committees and Commissions in odd numbered years and on the recommendation of the Executive Board, except the Chair of the Nominations Committee who shall be appointed by the Executive Board in even numbered years and the Athletes' Commission Chairs who shall be elected by the Athletes' Commission;

1.55.1.3 appoint the members of the Audit and Finance Committee;

1.55.1.4 appoint all the members of the Integrity Board with voting rights;

1.55.1.5 consider Propositions and Resolutions regarding ITTF Rules and Regulations, other than this Constitution and Laws;

1.55.1.6 award or revoke the hosting of the WJTTC, WPTTC, and WVTTC;

1.55.1.7 approve any administrative and technical leaflets of the ITTF;

1.55.1.8 determine the number of full and corresponding members of each Committee; and

1.55.1.9 delegate any of its powers to the Executive Board.

## **1.56 RIGHT TO ATTEND ITTF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

1.57 The ITTF Tribunal Chair, the ITTF Integrity Board Chair, the Chairs of Committees and Commissions, and the Commissioners, may attend the ITTF Council meetings as expert advisers, without the right to vote but with the right to speak.

## **1.58 PLACE AND DATE OF ITTF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

1.58.1 The ITTF Council shall meet at the place and date decided during the last ITTF Council meeting and in exceptional circumstances or if not decided during the last ITTF Council meeting, at such place and date as the Executive Board may determine.

1.58.2 The ITTF Council shall otherwise conduct its business by correspondence (including through electronic or online means).

1.58.3 Any ITTF Council meeting may be convened remotely (wholly or partly) if considered appropriate.

## **1.59 ITTF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

1.59.1 The agenda for the ITTF Council meeting shall be sent to all its members within 1 calendar month of such meeting.

1.59.2 At its meeting, the ITTF Council shall review all Propositions and Resolutions submitted to it following the review process stated under Article 1.44 (with the necessary changes

to suit the context of the ITTF Council meeting) and, where appropriate, refer them for consideration by Committees.

1.59.3 The Chair of the ITTF Council meeting shall be the President or in their absence, the Deputy President. If both are absent, the ITTF Council members present shall elect one of their members as Chair for that meeting.

1.59.4 Every question at an ITTF Council meeting shall be decided by a Simple Majority and if there is an equality of votes, the Chair shall have a casting vote.

1.59.5 Voting shall be by a show of hands, electronic or online means, roll call, or ballot, as decided by the ITTF Council meeting on a proposition by the Chair.

1.59.6 The ITTF may pay a proportion of the travel costs of the ITTF Council members attending ITTF Council meetings, the proportion being decided from time to time by the Executive Board.

1.59.7 Proposers may be invited to speak in the same way as stated under Article 1.47.

1.59.8 A written motion that is signed or consented to by electronic mail or other generally acceptable electronic communication means by a Simple Majority will be valid as if it had been passed at an ITTF Council meeting. Any such motion may be made up of several documents in substantially similar form, each signed or consented to by one or more ITTF Council members.

### *Division 3: Executive Board*

#### **1.60 ROLE**

1.60.1 The Executive Board is the executive body of the ITTF.

#### **1.61 COMPOSITION**

1.61.1 The Executive Board consists of:

1.61.1.1 the President;

1.61.1.2 8 Executive Vice-Presidents of which one shall be designated by the President as Deputy President and another one shall be designated to be responsible for finances;

1.61.1.3 2 members from the Athletes' Commission from different genders; and

1.61.1.4 any IOC member connected to Table Tennis may be an ex-officio member by a decision of the Executive Board.

#### **1.62 POWERS**

1.62.1 The Executive Board has the powers set out in the Statutes, and in particular to:

1.62.1.1 appoint the CEO;

1.62.1.2 appoint the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Commissioners, and members of Working Groups and such other bodies not appointed by the AGM or ITTF Council;

1.62.1.3 award or revoke the hosting of the Continental Para Championships;

1.62.1.4 determine the terms of reference for all Committees, Commissions, Working Groups, and such other body as established from time to time;

1.62.1.5 approve any major internal organisation rules and documents of the ITTF, including policies, guidelines, and notices;

1.62.1.6 approve the ITTF strategic plan to be submitted to the AGM;

1.62.1.7 approve the opening and closing bank accounts of the ITTF and appoint their signatories;

1.62.1.8 employ the funds of the ITTF as may be expedient in the interest of Table Tennis;

1.62.1.9 approve the remuneration of the President or any elected Official, if applicable and in such case, such decisions shall be minuted with specific mention of the names and amounts and shall be reflected in the annual statement of the accounts;

- 1.62.1.10 review all applications for new membership and make recommendations on acceptance;
  - 1.62.1.11 submit Propositions and Resolutions to the AGM or to the ITTF Council;
  - 1.62.1.12 define the use of the ITTF name and logo;
  - 1.62.1.13 impose sanctions in accordance with the Statutes;
  - 1.62.1.14 notwithstanding any other provisions within the Statutes, decide on all other current or urgent business in exceptional circumstances which cannot be decided by the appropriate body promptly, and take all actions and make all orders it deems necessary;
  - 1.62.1.15 decide on any matter not reserved to another body by the Statutes or applicable law; and
  - 1.62.1.16 assume all powers which are not expressly attributed to another body within the ITTF.
- 1.62.2 The powers vested in the Executive Board shall be exercised by way of a Simple Majority vote by the Executive Board.
- 1.62.3 Despite Article 1.62.2, unless otherwise expressly provided under this Constitution, the **Executive Board may delegate any of its powers to any of its members or other persons within ITTF expressly or impliedly, and any such delegation of power may be revoked (fully or partially) by the Executive Board at any time.**

### 1.63 DUTIES

- 1.63.1 The Executive Board members shall always:
- 1.63.1.1 promote the principles of the ITTF and advance its objectives;
  - 1.63.1.2 act in good faith and carry out their responsibilities in the best interests of the ITTF and the Associations as a whole;
  - 1.63.1.3 comply, and ensure that the ITTF complies with applicable laws, the Statutes, and decisions of any judicial body;
  - 1.63.1.4 not engage in any act of dishonesty, gross misconduct, or wilful neglect of duty;
  - 1.63.1.5 not do anything (by act or omission) that is likely to bring the ITTF or Table Tennis into disrepute or that is contrary to the best interests of the ITTF or Table Tennis;
  - 1.63.1.6 exercise care, diligence and skill that any reasonable Executive Board member would exercise in the same circumstances;
  - 1.63.1.7 disclose to the Executive Board and the Integrity Unit the nature and extent of any interest that they have (or any person connected with them has) in a transaction or proposed transaction of or involving the ITTF as soon as they become aware of such interest or such transaction and refrain from making an opinion and voting on any connected resolution;
  - 1.63.1.8 maintain confidentiality as to the communications and affairs of the Executive Board and confidential information (except as needed to be disclosed through its meeting minutes) and not disclose it to any other person, unless for the benefit of the ITTF, as agreed by the Executive Board, or as required by law or the Statutes; and
  - 1.63.1.9 make reasonable efforts to attend and actively participate in all Executive Board meetings.

### 1.64 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS OUTSIDE MEETINGS

- 1.64.1 The Executive Board shall meet during the period of the WTTC Finals and otherwise when convened by the President or by a Simple Majority vote.
- 1.64.2 The quorum for any Executive Board meeting shall be more than 50% of the members of the Executive Board then in office and entitled to vote.
- 1.64.3 Executive Board meetings may be conducted remotely through, without limitation, telephone or videoconference.

1.64.4 Each Executive Board member present and entitled to vote shall have one vote, provided that any Executive Board member having a conflict of interest on any motion shall not vote on that motion.

1.64.5 Unless otherwise specified in this Constitution, motions of the Executive Board require a Simple Majority of its members then in office and entitled to vote to be passed. In the event of an equality of votes, the President will have the casting vote.

1.64.6 Motions of the Executive Board may be passed by correspondence, without conducting any physical or remote meeting, and the use of electronic mail and other generally acceptable electronic communication means is permissible for such purposes.

1.64.7 A written motion that is signed or consented to by electronic mail or other generally acceptable electronic communication means by a Simple Majority will be valid as if it had been passed at an Executive Board meeting. Any such motion may be made up of several documents in substantially similar form, each signed or consented to by one or more Executive Board members.

1.64.8 Unless specified otherwise above, the Executive Board may regulate the conduct of its meetings and all other matters concerning its meetings through its terms of reference or relevant document.

### **1.65 VACANCIES IN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

1.65.1 If the President resigns or is unable to continue in office, they shall be replaced by the Deputy President.

1.65.2 The President may remove the designation of the Deputy President and the Executive Vice-President for Finances, provided that:

1.65.2.1 the removal is not made in bad faith;

1.65.2.2 written notice of the intended removal of designation, including the reasons for such removal; and

1.65.2.3 that Deputy President or the Executive Vice-President for Finances has the opportunity to present their case to the President within a reasonable period (not less than 48 hours).

1.65.3 The President's decision under Article 1.65.2 may be reviewed by the ITTF Tribunal on application by the affected Deputy President or Executive Vice-President for Finances.

1.65.4 Any vacancy arising in the role of Deputy President or in the Executive Vice-President for Finances shall be filled by an Executive Vice-President as appointed by the President.

1.65.5 Any vacancy arising in the posts of any Executive Vice-Presidents during the first 3 years of the running term of office shall be filled by Simple Majority vote at the next AGM for the remaining years of the running term.

1.65.6 If one of the Athletes' Commission Chair roles is vacant, it shall be filled by one of the Deputy Chairs elected by the Athletes' Commission.

### **1.66 SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

1.66.1 The Executive Board may, by Two-Thirds Majority, pass a motion to suspend any Executive Board member, subject to such terms it deems appropriate, if that member:

1.66.1.1 is charged with commission of a criminal or a disciplinary offence, such as violation of the ITTF Code of Ethics or breach of the rules of an Association or Associated Organisation and in the Executive Board's reasonable opinion, there is a real risk that the integrity of the Table Tennis or public confidence could be seriously undermined; or

1.66.1.2 is, in the Executive Board's reasonable opinion, in breach of one or more of their duties under Article 1.63.

1.66.2 If a suspension pursuant to Article 1.66.1 is imposed, such suspension will remain in place pending the outcome of such charges before the ITTF Tribunal or such other judicial body.



1.66.3 The Executive Board may by Two-Thirds Majority pass a motion to remove any Executive Board member before the end of their term of office, subject to such terms it deems appropriate, if that member:

1.66.3.1 is clearly, in the Executive Board's reasonable opinion, in serious, repeated, or continuous breach of one or more of their duties under Article 1.63; or

1.66.3.2 fails to meet the terms imposed by the Executive Board for lifting a suspension imposed under Article 1.66.1.

1.66.4 Before suspending or removing any Executive Board member pursuant to Article 1.66, the Executive Board shall provide that member with:

1.66.4.1 written notice of the proposed suspension or removal, including the reasons for such proposal; and

1.66.4.2 the opportunity to present their case to the Executive Board within a reasonable period (not less than 48 hours).

1.66.5 Any Executive Board member who is suspended or removed pursuant to Article 1.66 shall automatically be suspended or removed (as applicable) from any position which they hold ex officio in relation to their membership in the Executive Board.

1.66.6 This Article 1.66 is in addition to and does not limit any other powers that exist under the Statutes to suspend or remove any Executive Board member from office.

1.66.7 Any Executive Board member who is suspended or removed pursuant to Article 1.66 may appeal such suspension or removal to the ITTF Tribunal.

#### *Division 4: ITTF Tribunal*

### **1.67 ROLE AND COMPOSITION**

1.67.1 The ITTF Tribunal is the primary judicial body of the ITTF and is composed of up to 8 members.

1.67.2 The ITTF Tribunal shall have a Chair, a Deputy Chair, and up to 6 other members.

### **1.68 ITTF TRIBUNAL REGULATIONS**

1.68.1 The organisation of the ITTF Tribunal and the procedures before it shall be regulated through the ITTF Tribunal Regulations.

#### *Division 5: Integrity Unit*

### **1.69 ROLE, COMPOSITION, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

1.69.1 The ITTF Integrity Unit is an operationally independent unit of the ITTF with the following responsibilities:

1.69.1.1 to investigate and prosecute infringement of the matters relating to compliance, discipline and integrity before the ITTF Tribunal or such other competent and recognised judicial body;

1.69.1.2 to educate Table Tennis Parties on integrity matters; and

1.69.1.3 to otherwise protect and uphold the integrity of Table Tennis.

1.69.2 The Integrity Unit shall be supervised by the Integrity Board and shall consist of the Head of Integrity and such other officers necessary for the Integrity Unit to carry out its responsibilities.

1.69.3 The Integrity Unit shall be directly accountable to the AGM.

### **1.70 ITTF INTEGRITY REGULATIONS**

1.70.1 The Integrity Unit shall be organised, carry out its duties, and exercise its powers in accordance with the ITTF Integrity Regulations.

#### *Division 6: Honorary Positions*

### **1.71 BACKGROUND CHECKS**

1.71.1 To obtain or maintain their honorary positions under this Part III, Division 6, any individuals may be subject to annual checks, including the completion of conflict-of-interest declarations, and remain available for background checks as required by the Integrity Unit.

1.71.2 If any individual seeking to obtain or maintain their honorary position fail to comply with Article 1.71.1, the Integrity Unit may take further actions pursuant to the ITTF Integrity Regulations.

### **1.71.3 HONORARY PRESIDENT**

1.71.3.1 Any past President of the ITTF shall be automatically bestowed the title of "ITTF Honorary President" with a set of privileges decided by the Executive Board from time to time.

1.71.3.2 This title can be revoked by a Simple Majority vote of the AGM or by a decision of the ITTF Tribunal.

### **1.71.4 PERSONAL HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

1.71.4.1 A person who has given long, outstanding service to the ITTF may, on retirement, be appointed a Personal Honorary Member for their lifetime by the AGM on a recommendation by the ITTF Council.

1.71.4.2 Personal Honorary Members shall be entitled to attend the WTTTC Finals, with free hospitality, and to attend the AGM with the right to speak but not to vote. Personal Honorary Membership can be revoked by decision of the ITTF Tribunal.

## *Division 7: Committees, Commissions, etc.*

### **1.72 PERMANENT COMMITTEES**

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

1.72.2 The number of persons serving as full and corresponding members on each Committee shall be determined by the ITTF Council a year before the nomination of Committee members.

1.72.3 Committees shall generally meet during the period of the AGM and shall otherwise conduct their business by correspondence.

1.72.4 Any Committee may set up sub-committees of its members to deal with specific areas of work and any reports or recommendations of such sub-committees shall be subject to endorsement by the full Committee before publication or submission to the AGM or the ITTF Council.

1.72.5 Each Committee shall consider activities of Continental Federations (and any of their regional bodies) in their respective fields and shall advise the Continental Federations (and any of their regional bodies) through the Executive Board on ideas for further development.

1.72.6 A member of a Committee who does not, within a reasonable specified period, express in writing an opinion on a written proposal circulated by or on behalf of the Chair of that Committee shall be considered to have agreed to any resulting recommendation submitted in the name of the Committee.

1.72.7 The Chair of each Committee shall submit to the ITTF Council an annual report of the activities of their Committee, drawing attention to any recommendation that that Committee wishes to make, but any acceptance of such report shall not be deemed as acceptance of any recommendation made thereunder.

1.72.8 A Committee may act on behalf of the ITTF Council, but the extent and duration of this authority shall be specified by the ITTF Council and shall be reviewed by the next ITTF Council meeting.

1.72.9 Provided that sufficient female nominations are made for a Committee or Commission, at least 25% of the number of full members of that Committee or Commission shall be selected out of female nominees.

### **1.73 ATHLETES' COMMISSION**

1.73.1 The Athletes' Commission shall be composed of:

1.73.1.1 10 elected members;

1.73.1.2 any number of existing IOC Athletes' Commission members from Table Tennis; and

1.73.1.3 up to 2 appointed members to ensure diversity.

### **1.74 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

1.74.1 The Nominations Committee shall be composed of at least 6 members determined and appointed by the Executive Board including:

1.74.1.1 individuals from nominations received from Associations in even numbered years;

1.74.1.2 one Executive Vice-President;

1.74.1.3 all Continental Presidents; and

1.74.1.4 such other person that the Executive Board deems qualified.

1.74.2 The Nominations Committee shall:

1.74.2.1 verify the qualification and validity of nominations for office according to the ITTF Electoral and Appointment Regulations;

1.74.2.2 supervise the allocation of nominees to Committees, Commissions, and such other key positions; and

1.74.2.3 recommend to the AGM or the ITTF Council the composition of Committees, Commissions, and such other key bodies.

### **1.75 AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

1.75.1 The Audit and Finance Committee shall be composed of at least 3 independent members plus one ITTF Council member appointed by the ITTF Council, the Executive Vice-President in charge of Finances and one ITTF management staff (without voting rights).

1.75.2 The terms of office of the Audit and Finance Committee shall coincide with that of the Executive Board.

### **1.76 SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

1.76.1 The Sustainability Committee shall be composed of at least 6 members including:

1.76.1.1 one representative from each continent appointed by the ITTF Council; and

1.76.1.2 at least one independent individual appointed by the Executive Committee.

1.76.2 The terms of office of the Sustainability Committee shall coincide with that of the Executive Board.

### **1.77 INTEGRITY BOARD**

1.77.1 The Integrity Board shall be composed of at least 3 independent members (each with voting rights) appointed by the ITTF Council, one member of the ITTF Executive Board (without voting rights) and the ITTF Head of Integrity (without voting rights).

### **1.78 CONTINENTAL COUNCIL**

1.78.1 The Continental Council is a body appointed by the Executive Board to address key issues concerning the Olympic and Paralympic Games, World Title Events, and continental affairs.

## APPENDIX 2: PROPOSITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

1.78.2 The Continental Council shall consist of the members of the Executive Board and the Continental Presidents (or their appointed representative).

1.78.3 The Continental Council shall have the following duties:

1.78.3.1 plan, control, and supervise Table Tennis events in the Olympic and Paralympic Games;

1.78.3.2 co-opt and call upon relevant technical experts, representatives for the PTT Committee, and the Olympic and Paralympic Games organisers to join one or more Continental Council meetings on an as-needed basis, as decided by the Executive Board;

1.78.3.3 liaise with the IOC, IPC, National Olympic and Paralympic Committees, and Associations on all matters concerning Olympic and Paralympic competitions;

1.78.3.4 enforce the eligibility Regulations and affirm the eligibility of Athletes for Olympic and Paralympic events;

1.78.3.5 appoint juries, technical representatives, and all match officials for the Olympic and Paralympic Table Tennis events;

1.78.3.6 ensuring that the Table Tennis events at Olympic and Paralympic Games comply with the letter and the spirit of the Olympic Charter and IPC Handbook respectively;

1.78.3.7 initiate and review proposals for the Table Tennis events at the Olympic and Paralympic Games;

1.78.3.8 provide input and strategic guidance related to the building of the international calendar of events;

1.78.3.9 draft and submit of proposals for qualifying systems and pathways for entry into Olympic and Paralympic and World Title Events applying to all Continental Federations and designated qualification pathways;

1.78.3.10 co-opt and call relevant technical experts, representatives of major World Title Events organisers to join one or more Continental Council meetings as requested by the Executive Board;

1.78.3.11 propose development programmes and high-performance related initiatives to support the future overall development orientations of the ITTF, giving specific consideration to the promotion of gender equity, youth development and Associations' rights and duties in cooperation with Continental Federations; and

1.78.3.12 discuss all other matters of common interest to the Continental Federations and the ITTF.

1.78.4 The Continental Council shall meet on a set yearly schedule approved by the Executive Board and at other times when convened by the President.

1.78.5 One or more ITTF management staff, as appointed by the President, shall attend all meetings of the Continental Council and shall draft its minutes and reports.

1.78.6 The meetings of the Continental shall be minuted with a yearly report submitted to the AGM.

### **1.79 TECHNICAL COMMISSIONER**

1.79.1 The Technical Commissioner shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

1.79.2 One technical representative who is not from the same continent as the Technical Commissioner may be nominated by each Continental Federation and appointed by the Executive Board.

1.79.3 The term of office of the Technical Commissioner and the technical representatives shall coincide with that of the Executive Board.

### **1.80 GENDER AND DIVERSITY COMMISSIONER**

1.80.1 The Gender and Diversity Commissioner shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

1.80.2 One gender and diversity representative who is not from the same continent as the Gender and Diversity Commissioner may be nominated by each Continental Federation and appointed by the Executive Board.

1.80.3 The term of office of the Gender and Diversity Commissioner and the gender and diversity representatives shall coincide with that of the Executive Board.

**1.81 YOUTH COMMISSIONER**

1.81.1 The Youth Commissioner shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

1.81.2 One youth representative who is not from the same continent as the Youth Commissioner may be nominated by each Continental Federation and appointed by the Executive Board.

1.81.3 The term of office of the Youth Commissioner and the youth representatives shall coincide with that of the Executive Board.

**1.82 PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMISSION**

1.82.1 The President may appoint a President's Advisory Commission to advise them on various matters.

1.82.2 Members of the President's Advisory Commission shall be invited to attend the AGM as observers, and they will have a set of privileges decided by the Executive Board from time to time.

1.82.3 The term of office of the President's Advisory Commission shall coincide with that of the Executive Board.

**1.83 OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

1.83.1 The Executive Board may appoint other Commissions, Commissioners, Working Groups, or such other bodies as needed from time to time.

**1.84 GOVERNANCE OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS ETC.**

1.84.1 Unless provided under the Statutes, Committees, Commissions, Commissioners, Working Groups, and such other similar bodies shall be governed by their respective terms of reference or such other relevant document, as determined by the Executive Board.

**1.85 APPLICATION OF ELECTORAL AND APPOINTMENT REGULATIONS**

1.85.1 The election or appointment of individuals to the ITTF Council, Executive Board, Committees, Commissions, Integrity Board, ITTF Tribunal or such other key bodies or key individual roles (such as Commissioners) are subject to such terms as specified in the ITTF Electoral and Appointment Regulations.

*Division 8: Executive Staff*

**1.86 MANAGEMENT STAFF**

1.86.1 The Executive Board shall appoint management staff on agreed terms and conditions and in accordance with the management plan approved by the ITTF Council from time to time.

1.86.2 The CEO shall be appointed by the Executive Board and shall be responsible for the direction and supervision of the ITTF's professional structure and programmes.

1.86.3 The CEO shall appoint a staff member to serve as coordinator of each Committee.

1.86.4 The CEO shall employ such other staff as are deemed necessary following the Executive Board's approval, taking into consideration the ITTF annual budget and according to the ITTF's open recruitment policy.

1.86.5 The Secretary General shall be responsible for carrying out the duties of the Secretariat, including:

1.86.5.1 publishing the English standard text of the Statutes;

1.86.5.2 encouraging the publication of the Statutes in other languages and to check the accuracy of such publications; and

1.86.5.3 be responsible for the publication of any notices and relevant papers relating to key meetings as required by the Executive Board.

**Part IV: Governance**

*Division 1: Eligibility for Office*

**1.87 NOMINATIONS**

1.87.1 Nominations for President, Executive Vice-Presidents, and members of the ITTF Council or Committees may be made only by the Association of which the nominee is a member or Official;

1.87.2 If the nomination under Article 1.87.1 is withdrawn after the nominee has been elected or appointed, they may be removed from their post only by a Two-Thirds Majority vote of the body entitled to elect or appoint them, unless otherwise stated in the Statutes.

1.87.3 Nominations for President, Executive Vice-Presidents, members of the ITTF Council and Committees should be made by 90 days before the date of the AGM where the elections or appointments are to be held.

1.87.4 No more than 1 person from an Association may be nominated for the Executive Board and no person may be nominated for more than 1 post of the Executive Board.

1.87.5 A nominee of an Association that is in arrears shall not be eligible for election or appointment.

**1.88 LIMITATIONS ON OFFICE**

1.88.1 All ITTF Council members (including Executive Board members) shall serve for a 4-year term and shall be eligible for appointment not more than twice in the same role. After 3 full terms, any member shall have one term of waiting period before being eligible to be elected or appointed for the same role.

1.88.2 No person may serve at the same time as a member of more than one Committee and no more than 4 such posts may be occupied by Officials nominated by one Association.

1.88.3 No member of the Executive Board may serve on a permanent committee.

1.88.4 Any person connected in any way with the manufacture, sale, or endorsement of Table Tennis equipment or with consultation on such equipment:

1.88.4.1 shall not be eligible as a member of the Executive Board, except any Athletes' Commission Chair; but

1.88.4.2 may serve on a Committee but shall withdraw from a meeting or abstain from voting on an issue if so requested by a majority of the members of the meeting that they are attending.

*Division 2: Disputes and Appeals*

**1.89 JUDICIAL BODIES OF THE ITTF**

1.89.1 The following bodies shall have judicial powers:

1.89.1.1 the ITTF Tribunal;

1.89.1.2 the AGM;

1.89.1.3 the ITTF Protest Panel and the Board of Appeal of Classification of the IPC for PTT Classifications matters; and

1.89.1.4 the CAS, to the extent provided under the Statutes.

**1.90 DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

1.90.1 Unless otherwise expressly stated, final decisions made by the ITTF under the Statutes may be appealed exclusively to the ITTF Tribunal which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the ITTF Tribunal Regulations.

1.90.2 Any appeals of the ITTF Tribunal's decision to the CAS shall be in accordance with the ITTF Tribunal Regulations.

1.90.3 The CAS shall have no jurisdiction to decide any case or hear any appeal concerning PTT Classification matters.

*Division 4: Conflict of Interest*

**1.91 DUTY TO DECLARE AND AVOID CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

1.91.1 Table Tennis Parties shall avoid any conflict of interest (as defined in the ITTF Code of Ethics). Any type of conflict of interest shall be declared, and each person shall take action to remove him/herself from the situation where a conflict may arise.

1.91.2 The ITTF Conflict of Interest Policy will set out the procedure for identifying and managing conflicts and potential conflicts of interests or duty affecting all persons involved in the ITTF and its business.

*Division 5: Changes to Rules*

**1.92 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO STATUTE**

1.92.1 Any proposed change to any Statute may be submitted as a Proposition to:

1.92.1.1 the AGM or the ITTF Council by Associations, the Executive Board, Continental Federations, ITTF Foundation, WTT, Committees, Commissions, the ITTF Integrity Unit, and the ITTF Tribunal; and

1.92.1.2 to the AGM by the ITTF Council.

**1.93 POWERS TO AMEND STATUTES**

1.93.1 Any amendment to this Constitution or the Laws may be made only by the AGM.

1.93.1.1 Any amendment to any Rules or Regulations may be made only at an ITTF Council meeting, except any amendments to the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules (or any other Regulations), which can be made also by the Executive Board, if necessary, to maintain compliance with the requirements of the WADA (or such other international sport governing body to which the ITTF is a member to).

1.93.1.2 Details of all rule change Propositions shall be published in the agenda of the meeting at which they are to be considered.

**1.94 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE TO STATUTE**

1.94.1.1 The effective date of each change to the Statutes shall be specified.

1.94.1.2 If there is no effective date is stated for any change to the Statutes, the change shall take effect from 1st January of the following year after a decision is taken, except that the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules (or any other Regulations) shall take effect on such date directed by the WADA (or such other international sport governing body to which the ITTF is a member to) and/or approved by the Executive Board.

*Division 6: Savings Provision*

**1.95 RESIDUAL POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

1.95.1 Where a matter arises for which provision has not been made in the Statutes, in accordance with Articles 1.62.1.15 and 1.62.1.16 the Executive Board may provide for the matter as it deems appropriate.

**Part V: Administrative Matters**

*Division 1: Administration*

**1.96 OFFICE**

1.96.1 The Head Office of the ITTF shall be proposed by the Executive Board and shall be in a place appointed by resolution of the AGM or in exceptional circumstances, of the ITTF Council.

**1.97 LANGUAGES**

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1.97.1 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, Russian, and Spanish.

1.97.2 Representatives shall be entitled to address meetings of the ITTF in their own language, subject to their provision of interpretation into one of the working languages fixed for use at that meeting.

### *Division 2: Financial Provisions*

#### **1.98 ACCOUNTS**

1.98.1 The financial year of the ITTF shall be from 1st January to 31st December.

1.98.2 The Executive Vice-President for Finances shall ensure that an annual statement of accounts be prepared, which shall be audited by professional auditors, and that a yearly and quadrennial estimate of income and expenditure be presented.

1.98.3 The bank accounts of the ITTF shall be held at banks appointed by resolution of the Executive Board.

1.98.4 The power of signature on the ITTF bank accounts shall be restricted to the Trustees and the ITTF operational staff and decided by the Executive Board. Individual signatures on any ITTF bank account shall be avoided.

#### **1.99 TRUSTEES**

1.99.1 The President, Deputy President, and Executive Vice-Presidents shall be Trustees for the purpose of purchasing, selling, leasing or otherwise dealing with any freehold or leasehold property or other assets required by the AGM or the ITTF Council for the purposes of the ITTF.

1.99.2 The Secretary General shall be Trustee for the purpose of registration and management in the city of Lausanne, the Chamber of Commerce of the Canton de Vaud, and the Swiss Federal Administration, with joint power of signature with any of the individuals listed in 1.99.1

1.99.3 The Trustees shall be authorised to use the funds of the ITTF in the purchase of such property and assets and shall stand possessed thereof and of the proceeds of sale thereof upon trust for the ITTF in such manner as the ITTF Council may from time to time direct.

1.99.4 The Trustees shall comply with any laws, statutes, and requirements of the countries in which such trust property may be situated which relate to the purchase, sale and management of such property and the duties of Trustees in connection therewith.

1.99.5 The Trustees and their estates and effects shall be fully indemnified by the ITTF against all personal risk and expense arising due to their appointment as Trustees, subject to the Statutes.

1.99.6 The Trustees shall cease to act in such capacity upon ceasing to hold office as President, Deputy President, Executive Vice-President, or Secretary General.

1.99.7 A set of minutes signed by the President and a member of the management staff shall be conclusive evidence of a decision of any ITTF body.

### *Division 3: Dissolution*

#### **1.100 DISSOLUTION**

1.100.1.1 The ITTF shall not be dissolved other than at an EGM specially convened for the purpose.

1.100.1.2 The balance of funds in hand at the time of dissolution shall be divided equally among the Associations not at that time in arrears.



## APPENDIX 2: PROPOSITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

### PROPOSITION A-02 – WITHDRAWN

**Proposition A-02**

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

**(2/3 majority required)**

**Proposed by the Member Associations of BAN, BRN, IRI, JOR, LBN, NEP, SRI & YEM**

To add **1.4.2.2** to the ITTF Constitution:

#### **1.4.2 HONORARY PRESIDENT**

1.4.2.1 Any past President of the ITTF shall be automatically bestowed the title of “ITTF Honorary President” with a set of privileges decided by the Executive Committee from time to time. This title can only be revoked by a majority vote of the AGM or by a decision of the ITTF Tribunal.

**1.4.2.2 The ITTF Honorary President should not hold any other position within ITTF or any ITTF Member Association.**

*Rationale:*

*The ITTF Honorary President should be far from any conflict of interest or involvement in any dispute within ITTF and should be the voice of peace and cannot be involved in any election process to protect this high position of ITTF Honorary President.*

### PROPOSITION A-03 – WITHDRAWN

**Proposition A-03**

**Effective immediately**

**(2/3 majority required)**

**Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee**

To suspend the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) if elections in the TTFI are not held before 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022, and a formal communication including the names of the new TTFI Executive Board members is received by the ITTF no later than 16th November 2022.

*Rationale:*

*While the ITTF understands the difference between a Government Interference and Judicial intervention, the Committee of Administrators established by the High Court of Delhi in February 2022 has been in place for over eight months, assuming attributions which are the competence of the elected officials of TTFI. After consultation with the IOC, the ITTF EC proposes to the AGM to suspend the TTFI until its Executive Board is restored or until new elections are called, so to ensure that democratically elected representatives of the General Assembly are running the TTFI business.*

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### PROPOSITION A-04 – PASSED

**Proposition A-04**

Effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

(3/4 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Equipment Committee

To amend Law 2.3.3. of the ITTF Handbook:

2.3.3 The ball shall be made of ~~celluloid or similar~~ plastics material and shall be white or orange, and matt.

*Rationale:*

*To update the wording of the Law to the already approved technical specification/restriction in the Ball Manual M3, chapter 2.2.*

### PROPOSITION A-05 – DEFEATED

**Proposition A-05**

Effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

(3/4 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Association of HKG

To amend Law 2.4.2. of the ITTF Handbook:

2.4.2 ~~At least 85% of the blade by thickness shall be of natural wood; an adhesive layer within the blade may be reinforced with fibrous material such as carbon fibre, glass fibre or compressed paper, but shall not be thicker than 7.5% of the total thickness or 0.35mm, whichever is the smaller.~~ The blade shall be made of one or more layers of natural wood or other solid materials, without cavities and not compressible.

*Rationale:*

- 1. It is believed that a recent technical study by the industry on different racket blade materials reported that there is no significant difference to performance with racket blades of different materials.*
- 2. Racket blade is currently not a piece of authorized equipment.*
- 3. There is no guideline or mechanism to detect or monitor the current rule at a competition.*
- 4. The current rule on percentage of the blade being natural wood is arbitrary.*
- 5. Allowing the blade to be made of materials other than wood encourages innovative ideas from developers and manufacturers to look for new materials that may be less costly or longer lasting.*
- 6. The requirement of using predominantly wood as the material is not environmentally appropriate and allowing other materials would also be in line with the IOC's sustainability requirement for sports equipment.*
- 7. All other rules in connection with the blade (shape, size, weight, covering, and continuity) would remain unchanged with the current proposal.*

**RESOLUTION A-06 – DEFEATED**

**Resolution A-06**

(simple majority required)

Proposed by the Member Association of IRI

Text 1:

**Net in the game can have disadvantageous effects for several reasons:**

**Time:** According to item 2.9.1.1 the repetition of the net leads to a let and is unlimited as you can see in the video, a player netted 5 times in one service, and this will affect the length of the game and cause tension

**Psychological:** if the ball hits the net during the service, there is an interruption the match and if this action repeated again, the opponent is confused in terms of concentration and mentality.

Sometimes, failure to recognize the net in time causes the players' rights to be lost. In the continuation of the match, it may cause tension between the umpire and the player.

**Moral:** The opponent may not be able to receive well and cleverly, before the umpire announcement, raise his hand to mark the let after the first reception to make an interruption. Sometimes the umpire and assistant umpire do not see the net. This also makes tension between the umpire and the player.

**Physically:** In addition, in many national and some international competitions, there is often no assistant umpire, and this makes judging difficult. Umpire should concentrate on the service so much which cause difficulty in his judgment and has the negative effects on his judgment in continuation of the match.

Text 2:

**Remove time-out Removal of time out from matches:**

According to items 3.4.4. in Handbook, the player can be informally guided by the guidance of his coach in various situations during the rally which has been added to the handbook after the time out law. Therefore, the time-out discussion will have a negative advantage and will increase the game time and cause interruption. It would be better to remove the time-out.

*Rationale1:*

*Like some other sports, (Badminton, and Volleyball) it is suggested to remove the net from the let subgroup. Because by removing Net, many of the mentioned cases will be solved. And in long games which lead to expedite system, it helps not to increase the time of the game.*

*Rationale 2:*

*It is suggested that the time-out should be removed from the entire game and two minute should be reduced from the game time, considering that the players can get help at any time. As a result, it will be attractive for television and media broadcasting and attract the audience.*

*Removing time-outs and nets from matches has an effect on not prolonging the playing time (especially defensive players, which leads to the expedite system).*

**RESOLUTION A-07 – WITHDRAWN**

**Resolution A-07**

(simple majority required)

**Proposed by the Member Association of ENG**

Table Tennis England, supported by the other Home Nation Associations from Great Britain (Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Scotland and Wales) and with the support of British Para Table Tennis, request that the ITTF award Table Tennis England 'preferred bidder status' for the 2026 World Team Championships and 2026 World Para Championships in order that it can seek funding and compile the best bid to host these events in the ITTF Centenary back in the city where it all began, London.

Table Tennis England, in collaboration with the Home Nation Associations listed will present to the 2023 ITTF AGM the details of the London bid for evaluation and decision. The bid will showcase the first ever integrated World Championships in a World Class venue in the city of London, showing the whole world the inclusivity of our wonderful sport in the 100th year of the ITTF.

*Rationale:*

*The first World Championships was held in 1926 in London, the birthplace of the ITTF in the same year.*

*Table Tennis England, which celebrated its own centenary in 2021/22, has been in discussion with the ITTF since 2019 concerning how best to maximise the impact of the 2026 Centenary World Championships.*

*We now request that the ITTF AGM grants the status of preferred bidder for the Championships to London.*

*This is a similar principle to that adopted by the International Olympic Committee towards the City of Brisbane, Australia, which went on to be awarded the 2032 Olympic Games.*

*Such a status would allow Table Tennis England to present the optimal bid to stage the 2026 World Championships and celebrate the centenary in the city where it all started.*

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