

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Grand Four Wings Convention Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand
Monday 21st August 2023 – 09h00 to 12h00 ICT

MINUTES

EB members in attendance:

SÖRLING Petra	President
LIU Guoliang	Deputy President
MESHREF Alaa	Executive Vice-President - Finance
AL-MOHANNADI Khalil	Senior Executive Vice-President
AZEVEDO Alaor	Executive Vice-President
MAEHARA Masahiro	Executive Vice-President
OSHODI Wahid	Executive Vice-President
SYMONS Graham	Executive Vice-President
LIU Shiwen	Athletes Commission (AC) Co-Chair
RYU Seung-Min	IOC Member

Apologies:

NATRAN Roland	Executive Vice-President – Finance
ACHANTA Sharath Kamal	Athletes Commission (AC) Co-Chair

Staff in attendance:

DAINTON Steve	ITTF Group CEO
CALIN Raul	ITTF Secretary General
BROWN Michael	ITTF Group CFO (sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.3)
MAH Dylan	ITTF Head of Legal & Corporate Affairs (sections 6.4.1, 11.6)

Guests:

RIPOLL Enric	Chair of ITTF Integrity Board
CARPENTER Kevin	Head of ITTF Integrity Unit

1. Welcome and Opening

1.1. President's opening remarks

Ms SÖRLING welcomed the EB colleagues to Bangkok, Thailand, and expressed her pleasure to see the members in attendance, noting apologies from Mr ACHANTA who would be arriving to Bangkok in 2 days' time, and from Mr NATRAN, who has been admitted to hospital following a viral infection. Ms SÖRLING expressed her best regards for Mr NATRAN and wished him a smooth recovery.

The EB noted the short time available for a long agenda, determining certain areas of priority for discussion, as follows: (i) information from Mr BESSAH Mounir on the AGM, (ii) following on the financial situation and discussions that arose at the last meeting of the EB in Durban, (iii) the ITTF Strategic Plan, and (iv) CEO's progress report.

Ms SÖRLING was pleased to see the progress since the last meeting of the EB in Durban and expressed her hope that everyone would enjoy the ITTF Summit in Bangkok and have the opportunity to have fruitful discussions and meet with the Membership.

1.2. Welcome words from TTAT

Ms SÖRLING noted that these welcome words from TTAT would be conducted in the AGM.

1.3. Roll Call

It was completed, with the mentioned apologies of Mr ACHANTA and Mr NATRAN.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The EB noted that the Integrity Unit will do their report in person, at 11 am, as Mr RIPOLL and Mr CARPENTER are present in Bangkok for the Summit.

Ms SÖRLING additionally wished to note for Any Other Business that a letter from the Japanese Table Tennis Association and Mr MAEHARA had been received on the 8th of August and will be followed up after the EB meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting

3.1. Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting

Ms SÖRLING welcomed feedback, comments, and remarks for the two minutes of the Meetings held in Durban on 22nd May 2023 and 28th May 2023; and (ii) the online meeting of the EB which was conducted online on 19th July 2023.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI mentioned that following the last meeting in Durban, a smaller group of discussion with Mr OSHODI, Mr CALIN and Mr MAH was held with respect to the matter with Swiss Table Tennis. Mr CALIN indicated that some progress has been made, and it will be reported in point 11.6 of the agenda.

The EB had no further comments on the minutes. Therefore, they were approved.

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The Executive Board adopted the Minutes of the EB Meeting held on 22nd May 2023 and 25th May 2023 in Durban and the Minutes of the EB meeting held on 19th July 2023, which was conducted online.

3.2. Business arising from the Minutes

Ms SÖRLING noted that any follow-up business of the EB meetings has been regularly updated to board on Monday.com, which all EB members are able to access. Ms SÖRLING opened the floor to any comments or remarks on the action plans on Monday.com.

Mr DAINTON opined that the use of the Monday.com board has allowed for big improvement on the decisions and actions to be made from previous meetings as it has provided a more systematic method of operation, and more items have been followed up on a regular basis.

Mr AZEVEDO opined that while good, there are too many platforms that the EB is utilising, and that it would be better to have a singular planner to do so. Mr AZEVEDO suggested using a planner, and to create a habit of checking in with the planner weekly.

Ms SÖRLING noted Mr AZEVEDO's comment and agreed that there are many different tools and platforms. Ms SÖRLING was pleased to note that a new solution was in progress, and that the EB plan to implement this new system in place next year, to replace OnBoard and Monday.com with one tool with everything in place. Ms SÖRLING noted that it is the same system that the IOC is using.

Mr CALIN added that this software and platform would also allow for the ITTF Continental Council meetings to be managed on the platform.

4. CEO Report / Strategic Plan

4.1. Current Business and Status Updates

Mr DAINTON was invited to present his report and updates.

The EB noted the report of the Group CEO, who addressed the updates within the ITTF and WTT. Mr DAINTON noted that since the EB meeting in Durban, there has been a lot of work done with consideration to the financial situation of the ITTF and that many difficult decisions had to be

made to reduce costs and recalibrate the ITTF. Mr DAINTON reported that the ITTF had undergone a hiring freeze and has been in deep discussions surrounding the group structure to look at becoming more cost-effective and efficient.

Mr DAINTON was pleased to present the updates to the EB within ITTF and WTT. Mr DAINTON noted first and foremost that the Managing Director, Mr Matthew POUND would be relinquishing his role with WTT and would be returning to Australia in October. Mr DAINTON noted Mr POUND's contribution to the ITTF and WTT for the past 10 years and expressed his very best wishes and thanks to Mr POUND for his future endeavours and for his help in growing table tennis for the ITTF.

Mr DAINTON noted that a few of the consultancy agreements with consultants would be terminated once they have expired, one of the main consultancy contracts being that with Mr Philippe LE FLOCH. In other matters, Ms FUKUHARA Ai has recently been engaged in personal legal matters and has suggested putting focus on these matters until they have been concluded. Ms FUKUHARA has since been on unpaid leave to resolve these issues. Mr DAINTON expressed his best wishes to Ms FUKUHARA to resolve the issues.

Mr DAINTON further noted another 2 or 3 staff contracts within WTT which have not been renewed while the group structure is being assessed. Mr DAINTON noted a similar situation with ITTF where the probation period for 2 or 3 staff contracts had ended, and the contracts were terminated, including Education and High Performance. It was highlighted that the future of the development and education management would need long consideration and discussion with members of the EB. The major recalibration of the staff structure has provided the ITTF Group with a clear distinction between executive and institutional activities.

Ms SÖRLING commended Mr DAINTON for the difficult decisions with regard to the staff structure and noted that since this issue about finances, creating a leaner staff structure, and having a more precise focus on the business side had been brought up in Durban, the EB has felt heard with Mr DAINTON's efforts as there are clear steps that have been taken. Ms SÖRLING emphasised the earlier conversations had in Singapore where the ITTF should foster a culture focused on the athletes in communication, engagement, and regulation of the sport. This requires clarity of the ITTF staff structure, which should always be calibrated and re-calibrated. This should also be at the forefront of discussions with the Continental Council (CC) on the Master Continental Agreements (MCA). Ms SÖRLING further noted that discussions on development must be held before any changes to the MCA are discussed. Ms SÖRLING expressed her hope that the rest of the EB is pleased to see the changes being made.

Dr AZEVEDO addressed the EB, noting that there is a \$1million that has been saved as a result of the work that has been done, however, against a budget of around USD40 to USD50 million, these savings are not enough. Dr AZEVEDO opined that more activities and services should be cut and queried whether any other plans were in place.

Ms SÖRLING noted Dr AZEVEDO's comments and emphasised that the USD1million mentioned is a theoretical number and not an exact number. It would be a few months before the full exact amount of savings can be announced.

Mr DAINTON concurred with Ms SÖRLING, noting that the HR changes made are still subject to the completion of some contracts, which would only be finished in a few months' time once the notice period and other contractual obligations have been completed. In addition, to the HR changes made, it was noted that the management has found other expenses that could be easily taken away which would not impact ITTF's activities and development. A bigger impact in the financial situation of the ITTF will only be seen in the next Financial Year. Mr DAINTON noted that Mr BROWN will present more on ITTF finances later, and that the presentations and financial forecasts by Mr BROWN are typically done very conservatively. Mr DAINTON reiterated the importance of Dr AZEVEDO's comments and expressed that the WTT Board has been pushing to move from a loss-making position to a profit-making one, which requires a massive reduction

in cost and increase in investment. Mr DAINTON noted that some of the significant changes to be made could be scaling down or varying TV Production, operations, event hosting costs, and other areas. Mr DAINTON noted that there have been many comments requesting that prize money for events shall not be touched; however, in order to solve the cash flow problems for the time being, some variation may be needed. Mr DAINTON noted that since the WTTTC Finals in Durban, he has been looking in depth into the WTT Finances and expressed confidence that in 2024, WTT can move to a profit-making position. The HR changes shall ease this transition.

Mr DAINTON highlighted other items he wished to address to the EB, noting a foundation governing board meeting in Leipzig, the ITTF's participation in the Olympic Esports Week in Singapore which Dr AZEVEDO attended, and the official opening of the ITTF/WTT's new office at South Beach Road in Singapore which was attended by Ms SÖRLING. Mr DAINTON also noted how it was pleasing to see that following the WTTTC Finals in Durban, WTT was able to continue hosting events in the continent. Mr DAINTON thanked Mr OSHODI for his help in the WTT Contender, Nigeria, and also mentioned the event in Tunisia, which was a testament to where WTT events have been able to go. Mr DAINTON also noted other events being held in the Americas, with thanks to Dr AZEVEDO for his support and help, a good sign for the global reach of WTT events.

Mr DAINTON noted that the event calendar remains a constant pressing issue which is reviewed on a day-to-day basis. Within the 2023 calendar, there remain 1 or 2 more events not finalised, the main concern being the Men's Finals which have been extensively discussed with Abu Dhabi. Mr DAINTON noted that contingency plans for the Men's Finals are currently being discussed with World Sports and Mr LIU in the event that Abu Dhabi is unable to host the Men's Finals. Aside from the Singapore Grand Smash, other Grand Smash event agreements have not been finalised. Since the WTTTC Finals in Durban, WTT has added 1 or 2 more events in China, and shall be confirming an event in Türkiye. The end of 2023 event calendar is still full of other major events, including a continental multi-sport games and continental championships, giving a full calendar for athletes. Mr DAINTON noted that Mr Mikael ANDERSSON shall be presenting an update for 2024 during the meeting with the Continental Council. Mr DAINTON noted that the WTT is getting a lot of good events and is close to answering and providing something concrete for athletes. Mr DAINTON noted that some of the moving pieces may be addressed and solved here during the ITTF Summit in Bangkok with the different Member Associations. Mr DAINTON noted some difficulties for 4 Grand Smash events in 2024 as it is an Olympic year where the athletes are more concerned with training and preparing for the Olympics.

Mr DAINTON presented further good news, noting that since the WTTTC Finals in Chengdu in 2022, a decision had been made to bring the World Cups series back, noting that this has been long-awaited. Mr DAINTON noted two major points of consideration for the World Cup – that there should be a Mixed Team World Cup rather than a World Team Cup, and that this had been proposed by the Swedish table tennis association at the ITTF AGM in Houston in 2021. Mr DAINTON noted that he, Ms SÖRLING and Mr LIU will be leaving for Chengdu on Friday after the ITTF Summit for further discussions with the Chengdu Municipal Bureau as they have expressed interest in hosting a World Cup series for several years. Mr DAINTON noted that the rules and regulations would need to be considered and brought before the council at the ITTF Summit in Busan in 2024; however, he expressed that if a trial event can be showcased in Chengdu for the World Cups, it would be a good start. Mr DAINTON noted that individual single events discussions should be restarted with the different partners next year and that Japan is keen to host a World Cup series event in 2024. Mr DAINTON noted that further discussions will need to be held on that. It was further noted that Macau has been keen to add a World Cup in addition to their yearly hosting of a WTT Champions event, therefore hosting two big events every year. Mr DAINTON expressed hope for a good start to the World Cup's return.

Ms SÖRLING added that it is symbolic for the ITTF to be going back to Chengdu, remembering that when the WTTTC Finals were held there in 2022, the former chair of the Athletes' Commission, Mr Zoran PRIMORAC Zoran was pushing for the return of the World Cups. It was noted that there was good listening in that meeting and now, the EB is able to deliver on that.

Ms SÖRLING expressed that this was a positive outcome and that she is happy to see the progress. It was further noted that additional questions on the format and mode of play would need to be addressed; however, if a trial run can be made this year, it would be easier to figure out the format from there.

Mr DAINTON acknowledged Ms SÖRLING's comment and added that there is also a keen sense from Chengdu to open an international training centre, which would link to the value in-kind (VIK) contract with World Sports. Mr BROWN would be able to provide further updates on that with the context of the process and items with the auditors to be ironed out. However, WTT is committed to finding solutions for training options with respect to the VIK contract. One of them will be connected to this World Cup and Chengdu.

Mr DAINTON closed off his report, noting that much work has been done since the EB meeting in Durban, but it has been an exciting time for a refresh and restart. Mr DAINTON wished to thank Ms SÖRLING for her support and help, and that the ITTF is now moving to a place where there is more security and safety in its finances. Mr DAINTON opened the floor to any comments or questions to his report.

Mr RYU addressed the EB, expressing that a Mixed Team World Cup event is an amazing idea, with the aim to extend the ITTF medal programme at the Olympic Games. Mr RYU queried whether this would be for the next Olympic Games in 2028 or for 2032, to add more events and what are the major challenges of the calendar at the early stage to fix.

Mr CALIN noted that the IOC will confirm the LA28 sport program soon, and that the Continental Council is the body in charge to propose the events for the future Olympic Games.

There being no other comments, the EB moved on to item 4.2 of the agenda.

4.2. Strategic Plan

Mr DAINTON presented on the strategic plan of the ITTF, noting that the EB is ready for the AGM to approve the strategic plan on Thursday. Mr DAINTON noted that a survey had been put out about 3-4 weeks ago to all the Members and stakeholders giving an opportunity for feedback, and since then the ITTF has received some positive feedback from that. Mr DAINTON noted that this would also be on the agenda for the summit for any further feedback or questions. The entire process has been conducted online in the spirit of sustainability.

Ms SÖRLING added that the EB is used in the Strategic Plan, as it is based on the initial plan from 2018 adapted to the new times. With COVID-19, some activities have been delayed and some adjustments were needed. Ms SÖRLING expressed confidence in all the work the EB has done together with the staff and member associations and hoped that this roadmap would be a good first step.

Mr DAINTON wished to thank all the persons who had provided positive ideas and comments in the last couple of days and since the WTTTC Finals in Durban. While it is a tough time to change and recalibrate, at the end of the day, this is in the best interests of ITTF and table tennis at this time. Mr DAINTON hoped to continue receiving full support from the EB as more difficult changes continue to be rolled out.

5. Operations

5.1. Finances

Mr BROWN was invited to present on the Finances. Ms SÖRLING noted that Mr BROWN has been given 20 minutes for his presentation including time for question and answers since there are many other items to cover on the agenda. Ms SÖRLING noted that the financial forum was held online a few days prior and that the link to this forum shall be sent out to the EB.

Mr BROWN provided an overall audit update which had been alluded to in the finance forum the previous week. There is still one final item to finalise with the auditor relating to the specific

accounting treatment for the investment received into WTT. Mr BROWN expressed hope that this item could be closed off today or tomorrow in time for the signed consolidated statements for the AGM on Thursday. Mr BROWN noted that several calls with audit partners had been made in the past 2 weeks to find the best way forward. In addition, and just as a brief update, the Audit and Finance committee (A&FC) had a meeting on the 28th of July with the primary topic being the audited financial statements. While there was still one topic on the investment's accounting treatment, all other aspects of the audit have been completed. A&FC has approved the Financial Statements pending this last item. Mr BROWN noted several recommendations from auditors from the previous meeting to improve internal controls – and that another report shall be prepared with respect to this matter for the next EB meeting.

5.1.1. Update on 2022 Financial Results and Audit

Mr BROWN went through the financial statements noting that a more detailed presentation was made for the financial forum with respect to the asset class treatment of the investment into WTT. Mr BROWN noted that he has been liaising with different audit partners on this and noted the rough 20% overall increase in the balance sheet from the prior year to the current year for the overall assets. Mr BROWN noted that in looking into the liabilities and equity, an increase in unrestricted funds around can be seen amounting to around USD14.5m, which is a healthier reserve balance. Mr BROWN noted that unrestricted funds are not pure cash funds but include the VIK training services from the investment.

Mr BROWN presented on the Profit and Loss accounts (P&L) noting that the bottom line was just short of USD3m, an improvement from AGM approved loss of USD3.3m, of about 10%. Mr BROWN noted a significant growth in the revenues, contributing to the growth in expenses. With a total increase in income of about 82%, whereas total expenses increase was around 65% which saw around 25% improvement of bottom line, 2022 was short of 3m loss vs 2021 with 4m loss.

5.1.2. Forecast 2023 and budget 2024

Mr BROWN presented on the 2023 and 2024 finances.

In 2023 it was decided during the last EB meeting in Durban – when looking at the variations of the ITTF budget, the ITTF AGM approved a USD490K loss. However, the EB meeting in March saw that loss at around USD1.5m, which has since reduced today to USD800k. Mr BROWN noted that the ITTF is working hard to try and reduce that to a lower amount compared to the ITTF AGM approved budget while acknowledging limited opportunities to generate revenue towards the end of the year.

Mr BROWN noted that WTT's budget is event-driven and related and that assumptions have been made based on the calendar events of the year. Mr BROWN noted some events are not due to happen in Q4, and so provided a brief overview of how WTT is progressing. This now sees a WTT loss grow just short of USD3m to USD4m. Mr BROWN noted that WTT is working on ways to reduce that to get back to AGM-approved, if not a better state.

Mr BROWN presented on the overall consolidated statements noting that the AGM had approved a rough estimate of USD3m loss, which has since ballooned out to USD4.8m. The WTT board continues to monitor and find ways to reduce the loss, conscious that as each day goes by, WTT is potentially losing opportunities to reduce various expenses.

On the ITTF side, finances are doing better than forecast – with a large chunk in relation to continental development and relationship support, which tends to happen towards the end of the year. Mr BROWN's presentation is still based on version four of the budget, and he noted that the last two quarters are important to see how to reduce these amounts.

On WTT's forecast – as of 30 June, WTT is USD1m dollars ahead of the original budget, with events changing in Q4, which significantly impacts the budget. Depending upon the

events that take place, Mr BROWN expressed hope to have good news in the coming weeks for events in Q4, which will provide a better indication.

Mr BROWN presented on the cash flow situation. Following the conversations in Durban where it was discussed that WTT is looking into different options for investments in table tennis; obtaining lines of credit through the bank; potentially taking bank loans, and the sale of ITTF property in Switzerland – there has been a back and forth with the bank the last two months or so. However, WTT is more or less at a stage now where various documents have been signed to have a line of credit. It is noted that this is not a long-term solution, but the preferred approach as put forward by the delegated group. Mr BROWN noted that the line of credit would hopefully be enacted within the next week or two, and that more significant measures for reducing cost would be done for this and future years.

For a 2024 update: Mr BROWN noted the main difference would primarily be whether investment is received into WTT or not and presented on the budgeted amounts with the assumption of investment received. Mr BROWN additionally prepared a slide for the event the investment doesn't come in and noted that WTT has the ability to still be profitable in that event, however it would mean a reduction in various expenses. Mr BROWN noted that without investment – WTT would need to cut back on various expense lines. Estimating USD10m less in revenues if no investment is received, which would then require various adjustments to expenses needed then. Unfortunately, this would also mean that it would not be possible to deliver events and prize money at the same way they have been the last couple of years if investment is not achieved and WTT would need to scale back on these items. Mr BROWN noted that there is still a lot of work in progress to give a full overview on how detailed the breakdown will have to be. If there is less revenue WTT will need to find a reduction in expenses, which will impact in look and image of events, and impact the finding of a full calendar of events as well.

Mr BROWN concluded his presentation, and the floor was open for comments.

Dr MESHREF thanked Mr BROWN for his presentation and Mr DAINTON for the actions that have already been taken. It was noted that having a positive response to the EB decisions makes the EB feel comfortable that we are on the right track, or what the EB has determined is the right track. Dr MESHREF noted that the financial presentation was positive, showing a definite huge increase in revenue due to a lot of effort and investment, and that there was just the need to fix the World Sports VIK contract with the auditor. It was noted that this is not part of the EB's job and is a job for the staff. Dr MESHREF noted an increase in event expenses at the same time and an increase in salary and acknowledged that HR is trying to cut expenses. However, he opined that if we look at cutting expenses in detail, then we can get immediate results quickly to fix the overall image quickly as well. Dr MESHREF opined that he is usually not very happy with loans and lines of credit but acknowledged that if it is a must, the EB will have to approve, of course, on the advice if this is the only way to go – it should be the last resort. He further opined that if costs are diligently reduced, we might pass this without taking a line of credit. When looking at the finances, it was noted that a USD1.8m expense had been attributed to IT and opined that this might be too much for the ITTF. Dr MESHREF suggested that this should be looked into to reduce costs. It was further noted that travel expenses could also be managed better, and so could TV production as well. With enough minor reductions, you can have a big sum saved without reducing the quality that much. Dr MESHREF expressed hope that the potential investment turns out positive and wished to be informed of any news once Mr BROWN hears of it.

Ms SÖRLING noted that investors will want to have something in return, and it is important for the ITTF / WTT. As the ITTF is at the beginning of its journey with WTT, we do not want to give anything too cheap. As regards the comment on the loans, Ms SÖRLING concurred with Dr MESHREF, noting that loans are only short-term. Without further reductions, the

ITTF will be at that point repeatedly. However, it was noted that in the past, the ITTF also had to take loans before the Olympic Games year. However, Ms SÖRLING noted that if the ITTF / WTT is going to the bank, it is still better after making reductions that will look more positive. Ms SÖRLING added a comment on the audit – noting that while the EB would like to go to the AGM with an audited financial report, it is a unique situation when a potential new investor is coming in. From experience, Ms SÖRLING noted that the last audit is the most complicated one and that once a new auditor comes in, you don't want anything that makes you look bad to be shown. Ms SÖRLING noted the challenging job with the last audit, and AGM has already decided on a new auditor – at the same time, a new investor would be coming in. Ms SÖRLING expressed hope that Mr BROWN will do his very best to settle these matters.

Mr BROWN addressed Dr MESHREF's comments and noted that it was in 2012 that ITTF had taken out some line of credit before the Olympic Games, while this time around, it is a little bit early than the past due to the amount of investment to grow WTT. The ITTF continues to look into every line we can. Regarding the IT expenses comment, the ITTF has seen a rough USD30K saving per month. Some are quicker, and some take a few months before we realise the cost saving. Looking at where we have to make immediate reductions vs long run reductions, using the example of the HR restructuring, such cost reductions may not be evident now, but later cost savings will be evident. Mr BROWN noted that the ITTF is conscious of looking at these matters on a daily basis to streamline where possible.

Dr AZEVEDO suggested to be more aggressive in cuts and opined that US1m reduction in costs is not enough in this situation. By looking at the figures, even if ITTF receives USD10m more, there would still be more deficit since more tournaments will be organised as a result.

Mr BROWN noted that an increase or higher revenue is the ability to do more, not directly related to having more events, but keeping current events at the same quality. It was further noted that the key part of the presentation is to show that the business can be profitable. Still, if we're already profitable then the seeking of investment is different from a third party looking to invest in the company as well. Investors shall look at the revenue line.

Dr AZEVEDO opined that to continue, something must be done and referred to further cuts. Dr AZEVEDO opined that prize money is very important and should not be touched in terms of reductions as far as possible. Something has to be done and the tournaments must be compared against each other.

Mr DAINTON thanked Mr BROWN for his presentation and opined that the takeaway is a clear message from the WTT Board and the ITTF EB that the staff need to be more aggressive to turn around the finances to be in a positive state. Whether that is a reduction in all other facets, whether that is less staff travelling to events, whether there is a reduction in IT, whether we can have more events that keep the same level of Prize Money, but maybe slightly less per event, re-looking at the contracts related to TV production, event expenses etc as we discussed last time –Singapore Smash 2023 was a disappointing result. It was further noted that there would need to be more detailed monitoring relating to each of the financial items. If the ITTF manages to get an unbelievable offer from an investor, this approach can be reconsidered, but until then, we have to make aggressive moves.

Ms SÖRLING noted the important message from Mr Dainton. With no further comments or questions on Mr BROWN's presentation, Ms SÖRLING noted that the other items from 5.2 to 5.8 would be for information only and opened the floor for any questions or remarks.

5.2. Information & Technology
Report was noted

5.3. Education
Report was noted

Dr AZEVEDO addressed item 5.3 and queried on any updates for education and protocol.

Mr DAINTON noted that he had touched on education during his presentation on the staff structure, however, education has definitely been a lacking part of the ITTF's work in the past couple of years. Mr DAINTON noted that discussions with Dr MESHREF (as part of his portfolio for education) must be had to talk about development connected with MCAs, as well as the plan for para development. Mr DAINTON noted that this would be connected to the new staff structure, and further noted that progress should be worked on and presented at future meetings.

Dr AZEVEDO noted his discussion with Ms Polona CEHOVIN and indicated that a meeting should be held to change the strategy for education, probably including meetings with Germany and China and other countries that have an education system very established, instead of creating a new one.

Ms SÖRLING concurred with Dr AZEVEDO, noting that it is not necessary to reinvent the wheel if there is an already good and established system. But it would be even better that we are aligned and already working on it. Ms SÖRLING further noted that education is one of those matters often brought up by member associations that they want more and want the ITTF to be more aggressive in this area.

5.4. HR
Report was noted

5.5. Sustainability
Report was noted

5.6. Communications
Report was noted. Dr MESHREF addressed item 5.6. Dr MESHREF opined that the wording in the communications report at Para 4 – "shortcomings of the LOC" – could not be viewed very positively and that better wording should be used.

Ms SÖRLING acknowledged Dr MESHREF's comment and noted that this wording should be changed.

5.7. Protocol
Report was noted

5.8. Others
5.8.1. Equipment

5.8.2. Home of Table Tennis
Mr DAINTON provided a brief update on item 5.8.2. As regards to the Home of Table Tennis, certain documents would be passed to Mr CALIN containing some discussions with Mr MAEHARA on the Home of Table Tennis project in Singapore. The next phase is to await the conditions that Singapore will offer and if that will be good or not. Mr DAINTON noted that Singapore has become increasingly expensive in the last year, which would need to be considered seriously for the future. It was further noted that there has been interest received from Lausanne to have a Home of Table Tennis after seeing the news related to Singapore – and Lausanne have been reaching out for meetings to discuss this. Mr

DAINTON noted that a number of international federations have been moving out of Switzerland in recent years, and that Switzerland would also be an expensive location.

Ms SÖRLING thanked all for their comments. There being no other comments or queries, item 5 was closed, and the meeting adjourned for a 10-minute coffee break.

6. Athletes

6.1. Athletes Commission Report

The meeting reconvened after a 10-minute coffee break.

Ms LIU was invited to address the EB with the Athletes Commission Report. Ms LIU noted that the Athletes Commission (AC) had submitted a report during the meeting of the EB in Durban. Since then, there are 2 points that Ms LIU wished to address. Firstly, the 2024 Calendar – it is crucial for athletes to prepare, especially for the Olympic Games, and it would be imperative for the ITTF to confirm the event calendar for 2024. Secondly would be on the Star Contender and cancellation of the limitation of entries for high ranked players. It was noted that that 2023 has not seen 4 Grand Smash events, which high-ranking players had hoped to have in order to have an opportunity to take part in events and have more chances to compete. Following opinions gathered by the AC, this remains one of the main concerns of the athletes. Every adjustment to event regulation will affect players of different ranking; this is one matter still in discussion and lower ranked players, especially those between WR40-50, are still in active discussion on how these different rules will affect them.

Ms SÖRLING thanked Ms LIU for her report and active work. It was noted that there is ongoing communication with the players on these issues, and work is in progress.

Dr MESHREF thanked the AC for the very two important items mentioned and wished to follow up on the discussion held in Durban regarding finance. He opined that the mindset has changed to a cost-saving one and that there needs to be work in progress regarding the requests from the athletes which are repeatedly being brought up in several previous meetings. Dr MESHREF expressed hope that the ITTF can follow up on these points since athletes have been asking several times for these changes. This would be especially important with the Olympic Games coming up.

Mr DAINTON added that while he was in Beijing last week, good discussions were held with Mr LIU on two key points: (1) finances and (2) rules and regulations, which need to be worked on. It was noted that Mr LIU recommended that follow-up meetings with key stakeholders and the WTT board and some of those persons who are interested in the rules and regulations should be held to make sure that WTT has the whole year's event calendar up and running, and that adjustments can be made to make sure we have a fair and equitable approach before the Olympic Games and for the Olympic Games.

Dr AZEVEDO concurred on hosting follow-up meetings for the calendar and opined that if there are no eight WTT Champions events and four Grand Smashes a year, maybe in the future, the points for Grand Smash events can be moved to the points given for attending other tiers. At least players would be able to earn the same points any given year.

Ms SÖRLING concurred with Dr AZEVEDO, noting that the calendar has always been an issue, but expressed her gratitude that the proposals are moving forward. Ms SÖRLING noted that the rest of the items under item 6 (items 6.2 to 6.5) are for information only and expressed that any comments be written in for these other items. Ms SÖRLING congratulated the ITTF for participating in the Olympic Esports week and opined that table tennis has a bright future as an eSport.

The remaining items 6.2 to 6.5 were noted for information only. The EB moved to 11.6 of the Agenda for an Integrity Unit update from Mr CARPENTER and Mr RIPOLL.

6.2. Entourage
Report noted for information only.

6.3. High Performance
Report noted for information only.

6.4. Table Tennis Sport / Innovation
Report noted for information only.

6.5. Others

6.5.1. Eligibility

6.5.1.1. Refugees

6.5.2. Gender Identity and Sex Variations
Dr AZEVEDO addressed item 6.5.2. and requested for any additional information.

Mr CALIN noted that the first draft of the Gender Identity and Sex Variation matter is in progress but not ready for EB; Mr CALIN expressed hope to have this report ready for December. The final version should be ready for the next meeting or online meeting.

7. Events

7.1. World Title Events

7.1.1. WTTTC Finals Durban 2023 final report

Mr DAINTON was invited to present the report on the WTTTC Finals Durban. Mr DAINTON noted that the team has been asked to make a more comprehensive report of the WTTTC Finals in Durban, which should be ready by the next meeting of the EB; this report would provide details to give future WTTTC Finals events more insight into how to better prepare for their WTTTC event.

7.1.2. WTTTC Finals Busan 2024 update

Mr DAINTON noted that everything is going well for the WTTTC Finals in Busan 2024, noting that there had been an on-site inspection conducted a few weeks prior. Mr DAINTON congratulated Mr RYU and the team for their hard work and in finding sponsors. Mr DAINTON expressed his anticipation and excitement for the event.

7.1.3. WTTTC Finals update Doha 2025

7.1.3.1. Confirmation of dates

Mr DAINTON noted that the last discussion noted the dates for the WTTTC Finals in Doha 2025 to be held from 17th – 27th May 2025 and requested confirmation from Mr AL-MOHANNADI.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI confirmed that these were the dates confirmed by QTTA. Ms SÖRLING put these dates before the EB for confirmation.

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The Executive Board approved the dates for the WTTTC Finals in Doha 2025. The dates of the event shall be from 17th – 27th May 2025.

7.1.3.2. Confirmation of the official name of the event

Mr DAINTON noted that the communications team together with Mr CALIN have worked to have a consistent approach on the naming convention of title events and deferred to Mr CALIN to provide comment on this item 7.1.3.2.

Mr CALIN noted that 'ITTF' should be on the title, and noted that traditionally, WTTC events have been named with the city, "ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals Doha 2025".

Ms SÖRLING noted that this was not a change to the naming convention, but a clarification, and this should remain the way all World Title events are named.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI queried how this naming convention would be with a presenting sponsor or title sponsor.

Mr CALIN noted that if there is a title sponsor, it would go at the beginning, and a presenting sponsor would go at the end. However, "ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Doha 2025" shall always be in the middle. This structure shall be sent to QTTA.

Ms SÖRLING put the official name of the WTTC 2025 before the EB for approval.

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The Executive Board approved the official name of the WTTC Finals, Doha 2025.

- 7.1.4. WYTTC Nova Gorica 2023
Report was noted for information only.
- 7.1.5. World Masters Table Tennis Championships Rome 2024 update
Report was noted for information only.
- 7.1.6. Others
 - 7.1.6.1. World Championships Finals 2026 – bid update
 - 7.1.6.2. World Youth Championships 2025 – bid update

Mr DAINTON presented on items 7.1.6.1 and 7.1.6.2. together.

With respect to the WTTC 2026 bid, it was noted that there have not been too many changes since the last meeting. Mr DAINTON noted that Mr CALIN would be going through the process for bids of the 2026 WTTC later, and that the EB would need to ratify that these bids would be going for decision at the AGM. Mr DAINTON noted that the shortlisted bids are from Bangkok and London. Online inspections had been conducted.

Mr DAINTON noted that the shortlisted 2025 Youth World Championships bids are from Bahrain and Romania. Online inspections had been conducted a few weeks ago.

Mr DAINTON noted that the ITTF Council would do the Youth Champs selection, and the World Champs selection would be put before the AGM.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI noted that, with respect to the WTTC 2026 bids, the bids received have been on the basis that there will be 40 competing teams. However, since the last meeting of the EB, there has been a proposal to increase this number to 64 teams, which would then be put forward at the AGM. Mr AL-MOHANNADI added that with respect to the Youth Championships in 2025, it would be good to have an agreement wherein both Romania and Bahrain could host the event in successive years.

Mr DAINTON acknowledged Mr AL-MOHANNADI's comments. (i) WTTC 2026: Mr DAINTON concurred with Mr AL-MOHANNADI that the number of teams was a big concern. While it is noted that both countries have agreed that they would be able to host 64 teams, London has said that it would need to increase the number of days of the event. Mr DAINTON further expressed concern that if a decision is made to increase the number of teams participating for the WTTC in 2026, more finances will need to be contributed for the event. Mr DAINTON highlighted that there was no problem with increasing the number of teams,

but proposed that this increase should only take effect from the WTTC event in 2028 to allow the ITTF and the next host more time to prepare for such event, and put everyone in a more comfortable position to organise such event. (ii) Youth Championships 2025 and 2026: Mr DAINTON noted Mr AL-MOHANNADI's suggestion and expressed that this should be for the ITTF Council to decide and not the EB.

With respect to the Youth Championships 2025 and 2026, Mr CALIN proposed that a recommendation of the EB could be made to give preference for the other bidder to host the Youth Championships in 2026.

Mr WAHID concurred with Mr CALIN.

Ms SÖRLING put before the EB the proposal for the EB to recommend to the ITTF Council on how to move forward with the Youth Championships 2025 bids.

Mr DAINTON noted that it would be good to clarify this topic of the Youth Championships in 2025 and 2026 with the Continental Council and on the number of teams for the WTTC.

With respect to the topic of the number of teams at the WTTC Finals, Mr CALIN noted four letters being received, and that the ITTF EB would need to decide how to proceed.

Ms SÖRLING noted that WTTC Finals 2026 is around the corner, and the EB would need to keep note of the financial contribution needed for that. Ms SÖRLING noted that it would not be for the EB to vote upon, but for the EB to give recommendations.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI concurred that it would be important for the EB to solve these issues and suggested that it would be good to sit down with these individuals for further discussion over the next few days of the ITTF Summit.

Mr OSHODI noted that finances are the main problem for the Members and expressed hope to speak with the delegates from the Associations and that discussions on this could be held with the Continental Council during the meeting later.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI and Dr MESHREF concurred with Mr OSHODI.

7.1.6.3. World Masters Championships 2026 – bid update
Report was noted for information only.

7.1.6.4. World Para Championships 2026 – bid update
Report was noted for information only.

7.1.6.5. World Cups
Report was noted for information only.

7.2. Olympic and Paralympic Games

Ms SÖRLING noted that the report was for information only but invited comment from Dr AZEVEDO and Mr CALIN.

The EB noted that one bid received for the World Singles Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games was pending of virtual inspection, and once it is conducted, the EB will be invited to choose the host.

7.3. Star Awards
Report was noted for information only.

7.4. World Ranking

Mr OSHODI highlighted that the report is from the meeting for the proposition on World Ranking (WR) issues. The main item of concern being the world team ranking in anticipation of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. There have been no specification or modification. Mr OSHODI noted other issues discussed surrounding the ranking regulations. This was addressed during the last meeting of the EB, where it was decided that the EB would refrain from making any changes prior to the Olympic Games. Mr OSHODI opined that the WR is back under control, and a holistic review shall be conducted, with the WR working group breaking into subcommittees and coming back at the end of 2024 – after the Olympic Games – with an interim report. The EB can then vote on changes to be made to WR regulations after the Olympic Games.

Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr OSHODI and the team for their hard work. She concurred that it would be good to use the team before the Olympic Games to assess any changes that should be made to WR regulations, and for such changes to be decided upon after the Olympic Games.

Dr MESHREF acknowledged Mr OSHODI's report and rationale for not changing the WR regulations before the Olympics. However, he opined that it is unfair that there are not enough tournaments to compete. For instance, WTT has not held four Grand Smash events, and so with that there are not enough ranking points, and not extending the validity of ranking points either which seems to be unfair.

Mr OSHODI acknowledged Dr MESHREF's comments and noted the thin line and authority of the working group and what WTT can do. The working group cannot control what WTT does and can only look at WR points. Mr OSHODI concurred that the players should be able to play as much as possible and that the working group's only complaints are from players within the Top 20. Mr OSHODI noted that he has been in discussions with Mr ACHANTA on the Athletes Commission and this has been the same complaint. WTT will need to look into the regulations as well. Ms SÖRLING noted that the EB would not have all the answers to the meeting and that there needs to be a fair solution for the players. It was noted that the solution is somewhere in between WTT and the WR working group, and at the end of the day, WTT is for the ITTF. For athletes, it does not matter where the event is, but that their career is on the line. It is important for the EB to work on that.

Mr CALIN noted that one decision for the EB today is in relation to the World Team Ranking for seeding at Paris 2024 Olympic Games. A proposal was put forward to use the WTR as existing without any special modification.

Mr OSHODI noted that the WR working group is agreeable to this proposition.

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The Executive Board approved that the world team ranking at seeding for the Paris Olympic Games should be used without special modification.

Mr CALIN noted the second decision to be take is in relation to the WR to be used for the Olympic Games draw. It was suggested to use 16th July 2024 for the Olympic Games seeding.

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The Executive Board approved 16th July 2024 as the WR for seeding at the Olympic Games.

8. World Table Tennis

8.1. Investment Update

With respect to item 8.1, Mr DAINTON noted that the ITTF was expecting a proposal from an investor in the next couple of days and that it would follow with more negotiation and discussion. Mr DAINTON added that it was a good sign that a well-respected investor such as this one is looking at table tennis. Mr DAINTON noted that the question would be whether it is the right

time, and a good offer. This would still need to be looked into. However, Mr DAINTON reiterated that regardless of having an investor, the ITTF Group will need to make structural changes.

8.2. Calendar

With respect to item 8.2, Mr DAINTON noted that Mr ANDERSSON Mikael will give more detail at the Continental Council meeting later.

9. Development

Report was noted for information only.

Dr MESHREF highlighted one comment on 'Assistance' and noted that many associations need equipment, so this item needs to move faster.

Ms SÖRLING concurred with Dr MESHREF and noted this was a common concern she had received when connecting with delegates in Durban – equipment and education.

10. ITTF Foundation

Report was noted for information only, and that Mr OLVECH Leandro of the ITTF Foundation would be arriving in Thailand today.

11. Governance

11.1. Members

11.1.1. Russia / Belarus update

Mr CALIN noted that the conditions of participation forms for Russian and Belarusian players are ready and provided the athletes from Russia and Belarus sign them, they could compete again.

Dr AZEVEDO queried whether the Para Athletes status will be clear soon, and Ms SÖRLING noted that the IPC would let members decide in Bahrain at the General Assembly in relation to Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

11.1.2. Membership – 227 Activation Task Force

Ms SÖRLING noted that this could be discussed at the Continental Council meeting later, however the floor was open for the EB to raise any issues to be discussed before that meeting.

Dr AZEVEDO noted that there should be included within this activation task force, ways to have more countries involved in Para TT. It was noted that currently there are not more than 50 countries involved in Para TT.

Ms SÖRLING concurred with Dr AZEVEDO, noting that the IPC president had also brought this up. It is important for the ITTF to focus on where it can increase and make members more active, and how to measure that. When looking at continents, para events are very European dominated, so there is a need to make sure that there is a global para community. This is not to say that there are not strong members in other continents.

11.2. Continental Council

Report noted for information only.

11.3. Committee Updates

The EB noted the proposal from the nominations committee and noted that the EB has the prerogative to propose names of committee chairs to the ITTF Council at the meeting on Wednesday. Within the package of documents, there is the full list of nominees from the associations, proposed names from committee members, and the EB would have to make a

decision on the chairs. Mr CALIN went through the list and explained that Sustainability is a new committee.

Mr MAEHARA raised a comment on the Equipment Committee, noting that there are several large table tennis equipment managers in Japan. Mr MAEHARA opined that it would be good to include a Japanese member in the Equipment Committee to communicate better and allow the ITTF to maintain better relationships with these equipment manufacturers.

Mr CALIN acknowledged Mr MAEHARA's comments and noted that the EB duty is proposing the Committee Chairs to the ITTF Council.

Ms SÖRLING acknowledged Mr MAEHARA's comment and noted that this would be addressed after a vote has been taken on proposal from the nominations committee.

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[The Executive Board approved a proposed list of Chairs for the ITTF Council.](#)

Ms SÖRLING noted the diversity within the committees and noted the importance of having the regions active. Ms SÖRLING remarked that the ITTF should always look of course to competence, but that it was good to see diversity as well.

Mr CALIN addressed Mr MAEHARA's specific question from earlier. It was noted that the EB does not have a say on the Nominations for Committees Members, as this is a prerogative of the Nominations Committee. Mr CALIN explained that the ITTF Constitution specifies that a minimum of 25% of members have to be female if nominations are received. As such, the names of two women have been included in the list, both of them being from Asia. It was noted that Dr MESHREF and Mr OSHODI recommended that ITTF EB could appoint the Japanese member as a special advisor, co-opted by the EB and this would not be in contravention of the procedures of the Nomination Committee.

Ms SÖRLING noted that there have been appointed special advisors in the past. Ms SÖRLING then put before the EB for approval: the appointment of HASEGAWA Atsushi (JPN) as special advisor for the equipment committee.

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[The Executive Board approved the appointment of HASEGAWA Atsushi \(JPN\) as special advisor for the equipment committee.](#)

Mr CALIN reported on the meeting held the previous evening with Mr OSHODI, Dr MESHREF, and the Nominations Committee Chair, Mr AL-MULLA, in which the committees were reviewed, noting that there was an inconsistency with the ITTF Constitution in the Sustainability Committee, where there would be one member from each continent. It was agreed to encourage the missing Continents (Americas and Oceania) to propose a member that can be co-opted for the rest of the mandate.

In relation to the URC, after having hired Ms Tina CROTTA as Match Officials Manager, the first ever staff to focus specifically on Technical Officials, it was counter-intuitive to increase the size of the URC, particularly when the Council decided a reduction the previous year.

Ms SÖRLING noted that the EB should be ready to move on in this area as well and thanked Mr CALIN for his contribution in solving this important matter. Ms SÖRLING expressed hope that all the members in the nominations committee have been updated and that communication remains very important.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI raised the issue of Swiss Table Tennis. Mr CALIN noted that for the ease of communication, he would discuss with Swiss Table Tennis. A meeting was called in July wherein

Mr CALIN explained the severity of the case to Swiss Table Tennis representatives and shared that DTTB had paid a compensation to the ITTF in relation to the “DTTB Letter” case. Mr CALIN noted that following the meeting, Swiss Table Tennis had clearer idea on why a financial compensation was requested by the ITTF besides the public apology. It was agreed that once the proposed draft of apology is ready, it should be shared with the affected person, Mr AL-MOHANNADI, for his approval.

Ms SÖRLING noted that this issue with Swiss Table Tennis is indeed more severe than the issue with DTTB and looked forward to a progress report at the next meeting.

11.3.1. Terms of Reference

Report noted for information only.

11.4. Working Groups Update

Report noted for information only.

11.5. Gender Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (GEDI)

Report noted for information only.

11.6. Integrity/Safe Sport

Ms SÖRLING welcomed Mr RIPOLL and Mr CARPENTER, noting that Integrity is an important area. This would be the first time Mr CARPENTER and Mr RIPOLL would be presenting their report before the EB in person.

Mr RIPOLL wished to thank the EB for their support and expressed that the steps taken by the ITTF in 2021 to constitute the Integrity unit has been a clear indication of protecting integrity and the sport. Mr RIPOLL expressed his happiness to contribute to clean sport and the safeguarding of table tennis. Being able to attend the ITTF Summit and the EB meeting in person, Mr RIPOLL welcomed any and all questions to the report of the Integrity Unit.

It was noted that Mr CARPENTER is operating a one-man show at the moment but is in the process of hiring an intern to help with match fixing cases. Mr RIPOLL noted the concern of the prioritisation of integrity cases and how long they are being solved, and that Mr CARPENTER has a system in place, but the main issue is time management. Before the ITTF Summit in Jordan last year, the Integrity Unit had a one-man board as well, but now there is a full board, and the unit can initiate a comprehensive review of the integrity regulations and do a proper job. Mr RIPOLL noted that unfortunately the unit is still lacking in resources to address the number of integrity cases, and that sometimes due to unforeseen and more pressing cases, Mr CARPENTER has to move from case to case. Mr RIPOLL noted that while he wishes to assist Mr CARPENTER with his workload, it would be a breach in regulations, and therefore this is a vicious cycle. Mr RIPOLL expressed that he was happy to meet the EB in Jordan in 2022 and noted that while the idea and hearts of the ITTF and EB are with clean sport, the integrity unit does require more resources, and encouraged the ITTF to continue working to find these resources in order to promote a culture of safe and clean sport.

Mr CARPENTER wished to thank the EB for their support and for the opportunity to address them in person. From his perspective, Mr CARPENTER feels privileged to be in the Integrity Unit and to help the ITTF keep the sport safe, fair and clean. Mr CARPENTER noted that the ITTF is playing catch-up compared to other international federations, and as much as it is a privilege to be in his position, it also has proved somewhat frustrating as there is a great deal the integrity unit can do to protect the sport, and that is what he has been trying to do the past 2 years. Mr CARPENTER noted the two areas of priority are betting and integrity issues, which he will be addressing at the summit. He notes that the public do not make distinctions between what is ITTF and ITTF events and what isn't. Mr CARPENTER noted that there are a lot of people willing to help, but not for free, and the sheer volume of information and data from betting operators and individuals are reaching the Integrity Unit all the time, but the unit is not able to analyse and be proactive to target players or tournaments. Mr CARPENTER hopes that the intern he will

be hiring can help in the interim but stressed that full time staff and budget is needed to engage a specialist.

It is noted that the core of the unit is to create a safe sport. Mr CARPENTER noted the four live cases that he is working on currently and which have been provided in his report. The information has been redacted for confidentiality. Mr CARPENTER noted that more cases are coming as he receives news of rumours all the time – ranging from bullying to sexual harassment. Unfortunately, individuals are unable to rely on law enforcement and thus come to the Integrity Unit for help. Mr CARPENTER notes that he has had to turn away some cases, and feels sorry for doing so, as he does not have the resources to progress on the investigation. Mr CARPENTER echoed Mr RIPOLL's comments that the Integrity Unit requires more resources. It was noted that case number four in the report was something that Mr CARPENTER had worked on for four days, outside of his schedule, as it was an important case that involved police. As a result, he also had to put aside other cases he had scheduled to work on. Mr CARPENTER expressed that he understands the ITTF staff do not have the expertise to deal with such matters and is glad that they turn to the Integrity Unit to do so. Mr CARPENTER noted that for the time being anti-doping is outsourced and he has not been able to progress further on education. Mr CARPENTER expressed hope that in 2024, more of the education for players on fair play and ethics and other integrity issues can be rolled out.

Ms SÖRLING wished to thank the Integrity Unit for their report and all their hard work and commiserated with Mr CARPENTER on having to drop cases or other work when sudden urgent integrity related matters came in. With the Integrity Unit, it is good to have an independent arm to deal with such matters. Ms SÖRLING noted that education of the athletes is very important and that betting, while a form of income, also poses a threat. Financially, the ITTF wishes to be stronger in order to support the work and resources needed by the Integrity Unit.

Dr AZEVEDO thanked the Integrity Unit for the report and suggested that the case numbers should be put on the website for transparency. Dr AZEVEDO noted that some clubs go to the ITTF but wondered whether national jurisdictions could be involved.

Mr CARPENTER noted (i) Tracking of Cases: that it is currently a manual process and hoped to be able to incorporate a software to do so automatically, to be on the integrity page of the website. This, however, requires time which Mr CARPENTER expressed he does not have at the moment, but noted that this would be important for accountability and transparency. (ii) National Cases: under the regulations, the Integrity Unit has the power to take over an investigation. However, for the time being, Mr CARPENTER would only do so if the request comes in from the national federation and if it is something serious. He otherwise does not have the capacity and would turn it away. If the case was purely national and does not involve international links or players, Mr CARPENTER would ask the national federation to deal with it. In the future Mr CARPENTER hopes he can help more, and work with the High Performance and Development team to educate national federations on building their integrity knowledge. But he would need to first finish writing the course.

Ms SÖRLING noted that Mr CARPENTER and Mr RIPOLL would be around for the ITTF Summit for more discussion and thanked Mr CARPENTER and Mr RIPOLL for addressing the EB.

11.7. One Hundred Years

Report noted for information only.

11.8. Others

11.8.1. Propositions and Resolutions for the Council and AGM

Report noted for information only.

11.8.2. ITTF Summit 2023

Ms SÖRLING noted that, following the evaluation from last year, it was noted that members want more activation and less reporting at the ITTF Summit. As such, the ITTF have organised more workshops.

Mr CALIN suggested to invite Mr BESSAH to provide more information on the ITTF Summit during the meeting of the Continental Council as well.

Ms SÖRLING agreed and noted that Mr BESSAH shall provide more information during the meeting with the Continental Council.

11.8.3. ITTF Summit 2024, 2025 and 2026

Report noted for information only.

12. IOC Member Report

Mr RYU was invited to provide more information on this item.

It was noted that the IOC Athletes Commission election shall be happening in Paris next year, the nomination deadline would be 1 September 2023. Secondly, the OCA Athletes Commission election shall be held in Hangzhou during the Asian Games. Ding Ning is one of the candidates. Mr RYU encouraged support for Ding Ning's nomination. Finally, a global international athletes forum shall be held in October. Unfortunately, Mr ACHANTA and Ms LIU have expressed that they shall be unable to attend.

With respect to the Global International Athletes Forum, Mr CALIN noted that Mr ACHANTA and Ms LIU have recommended Ms Elizabeta SAMARA to represent the ITTF Athletes Commission at this forum, pending her schedule.

There being no other comments, the EB moved to item 13.

13. Other Business

13.1. IMGAs report

Report noted for information only.

13.2. WADA report

Report noted for information only.

13.3. ASOIF update

Report noted for information only.

Ms SÖRLING opened the floor to any other business and noted the letter from JTITA shall be recorded under Any Other Business for the EB to work on a reply.

Mr LIU addressed the EB, expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to meet them all at the second ITTF Summit. Mr LIU noted that he has been following attentively the meeting agenda items discussed and expressed hope that in the next four days for more opportunities to meet and discuss with the Members will appear. Mr LIU reflected on the work done by the CEO since the meeting in Durban, and the work undertaken by the Integrity Unit. Mr LIU acknowledged the other reports such the world ranking group and events group, hoping these two groups will work closely. From the meeting, Mr LIU also noted the different needs and stages of the continents and mentioned that he would be committed to focusing on how to support each of the continents, how to make the system work better in order to develop table tennis worldwide. Mr LIU mentioned the relationship between ITTF and WTT and how to make them work together for the benefit of Table Tennis worldwide and looked forward to the next few days of the ITTF Summit.

14. Next Meetings

It was confirmed that the next EB meeting will be held on 6-7 December in Lausanne, Switzerland.

15. Adjournment

Ms SÖRLING thanked all the EB colleagues for their cooperation. The meeting was adjourned at 12h20 ICT.

Petra SÖRLING
ITTF President

Date

Raul CALIN
ITTF Secretary General

Date