



## 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

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## **AGENDA (1/2)**

- 1. President Welcome and Opening Address
- 2. Guest of Honour Opening Address
- 3. Host Welcome and Opening Address
- 4. 2024 in Review
  - 4.1 Olympic and Paralympic Games Update
  - 4.2 World Cups Update
  - 4.3 World Table Tennis Update
  - 4.4 ITTF Foundation Update
  - 4.5 ITTF Development Update
- 5. Recognitions
- 6. Roll Call of Associations Present (Confirmation of registered Associations)
- 7. Appointment of a Chair
- 8. Confirmation of the Agenda
- 9. Appointment of Scrutineers
- 10. Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held on 27th February 2024 in Busan, Korea Republic
- 11. Membership
- 12. Other Presentations
  - 12.1 London 2026
- 13. Annual General Report & Strategic Plan
  - 13.1 ITTF Group CEO
- 14. Finance
  - 14.1 Report of the Audit and Finance Committee
  - 14.2 Financial Report
  - 14.3 2023 Audited Financial Statements
  - 14.4 2024 Audited Financial Statements
  - 14.5 2025-2028 Quadrennial Forecast
  - 14.6 Confirmation of Auditors for 2026
- 15. Annual Reports from the Executive Board

15.1	President:	Petra SORLING
15.2	Deputy President	LIU Guoliang
15.3	Senior Executive Vice President	Khalil AL-MOHANNADI
15.4	Executive Vice-President - Finance	Alaa MESHREF
15.5	Executive Vice-President	Alaor AZEVEDO
15.6	Executive Vice-President	MAEHARA Masahiro
15.7	Executive Vice-President	Roland NATRAN
15.8	Executive Vice-President	Wahid Enitan OSHODI
15.9	Executive Vice-President:	Graham SYMONS

15.10 Co-Chairs of the Athletes' Commission: LIU Shiwen & Sharath Kamal ACHANTA

15.11 IOC Member (until 12-August-2024): RYU Seungmin





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- 16. Annual Reports from the Continental Federations:
  - 16.1 Africa
  - 16.2 Americas
  - 16.3 Asia
  - 16.4 Europe
  - 16.5 Oceania
- 17. Annual Reports from the SG, CC, Integrity Board and Tribunal:
  - 17.1 ITTF Secretary General
  - 17.2 ITTF Continental Council
  - 17.3 ITTF Integrity Board
  - 17.4 ITTF Tribunal
- 18. Annual Reports from Permanent Committees:
  - 18.1 Equipment Committee
  - 18.2 Masters' Committee
  - 18.3 Nominations Committee
  - 18.4 Para Table Tennis Committee
  - 18.5 Rules Committee
  - 18.6 Sports Science and Medical Committee
  - 18.7 Sustainability Committee
  - 18.8 Umpires' and Referees' Committee
- 19. Ratification of the Work Done by the ITTF Council and the Executive Board
- 20. Governance Review Report
- 21. Propositions and Resolutions
- 22. Election of ITTF President
  - 22.1 Presentation of the Candidates (10 minutes for each candidate)
  - 22.2 Election
- 23. Election of ITTF Executive Vice-Presidents

(The AGM is asked to note the presentations of the EVP candidates held on 26-MAY-2025)

- 24. Ratification of the ITTF Council Members
- 25. Appointment of Committee Members
- 26. Election of the World Table Tennis Championships Finals hosts

(The AGM is asked to note the presentations of the bids candidates held on 25-MAY-2025)

- 26.1 WTTC Finals 2027
- 26.2 WTTC Finals 2028
- 26.3 WTTC Finals 2029
- 27. Deadline for 2030 World Table Tennis Championships Finals Bids
- 28. ITTF in 2026 One Hundred Years
- 29. Next General Meeting
- 30. Any Other Business
- 31. Adjournment

#### **Proposition A-01**

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of BRA, BRN, ERI, ETH, HUN, INA, IRI, IRQ, JOR, KAZ, KGZ, KUW, LAO, LBN, LCA, LES, MDV, MGL, NEP, OMA, PLE, QAT, SUD, TUN, UAE, UGA, UZB, and YEM.

To add a new clause under 1.46.1.1. (Appointment of a Chair) as follows:

1.46. AGENDA

1.46.1. The agenda for an AGM shall include:

1.46.1.1. the appointment of a Chair

1.46.1.1.1. In any election year for the positions of ITTF President or membership on the Executive Board, no individual standing as a candidate for any of these positions shall be permitted to preside over the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

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## Rationale:

- 1. Ensuring Integrity and Impartiality: The goal is to prevent any conflicts of interest, as chairing the meeting could provide an unfair advantage in the election process.
- 2. Promoting Transparency: Prohibiting nominees from chairing the AGM ensures that the electoral process remains fair and unbiased.
- 3. Enhancing Credibility: This measure strengthens trust among member associations in the governance of the ITTF.
- 4. Protecting the Election Process: It creates a more equitable and transparent environment for all candidates.

#### **Proposition A-02**

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Continental Federation of Asia (ATTU)

To amend Article 1.60.1.

1.60. COMPOSITION

1.60.1. The Executive Board consists of:

1.60.1.1. the President;

1.60.1.2. 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;

## Proposed Amended Article:

# The Deputy President and the Vice-President for Finance shall be elected by the General Assembly during its session from among the elected members of the Executive Committee.

- The Deputy President and the Vice-President for Finance shall be elected by a simple majority of the votes cast.
- The President's right to appoint either of these positions is revoked to ensure independence and transparency in the election process.
- In the event of a vacancy in either position between two General Assembly meetings, the Executive Committee shall organize an extraordinary election to fill the position until the next General Assembly session.

#### Rationale:

## Ultimate Objective of the Amendment:

- Enhancing Transparency: Transforming the selection process for the Deputy President and Vice-President for Finance into a democratic process that ensures fairness and clarity.
- Strengthening Good Governance: Implementing practices that ensure accountability and balance of power at the highest levels of the ITTF.
- Empowering the General Assembly: Granting the General Assembly, as the ITTF's supreme authority, a central role in selecting key leadership positions.
- Reducing Individual Influence: Limiting the President's discretionary power over key appointments to safeguard the independence of leadership roles.
- Encouraging Competence: Opening the door for competition among candidates and enabling the presentation of clear work programs that align with the ITTF's vision and goals.

#### Justifications:

- 1. Ensuring Fairness: Transitioning to an electoral system that promotes impartiality and integrity in leadership selection.
- 2. Minimizing Individual Authority: Reducing the influence of the President in making significant appointments.
- 3. Aligning with International Governance Standards: Enhancing trust and transparency in line with global best practices.
- 4. Engaging Stakeholders: Increasing the involvement of the General Assembly in strategic decision-making.
- 5. Securing Continuity: Establishing a clear mechanism for filling vacant positions without disrupting ITTF operations.

## **Proposition A-03**

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Continental Federation of Europe (ETTU)

To amend Article 1.60.1.3.

1.60. COMPOSITION

1.60.1. The Executive Board consists of:

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1.60.1.3. 2 members from the Athletes' Commission from different genders and different continents; and

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#### Rationale:

To ensure diversity and global representation of athletes.

#### **Proposition A-04**

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by World Table Tennis (WTT)

To amend Article 1.60.1.

- 1.60. COMPOSITION
- 1.60.1. The Executive Board consists of:
- 1.60.1.1. the President;
- 1.60.1.2. 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;
- 1.60.1.3. 2 members from the Athletes' Commission from different genders; and
- 1.60.1.4. any IOC member connected to Table Tennis; and
- 1.60.1.5. the CEO of World Table Tennis (WTT) as an ex-officio member by a decision

of the Executive Board.

#### Rationale:

As the sole commercial rights entity of the ITTF, which ITTF has entrusts to enhance, promote, professionalise and drive the growth of Table Tennis, it is important that the entity, through its representative, is fully aligned and invested into the coordinated work of the ITTF for the betterment of the sport. This also acknowledges the essential role of WTT in the ITTF's ecosystem while ensuring that its commercial and operational leadership is represented at the governance level, to be able to provide direct input, aiding in better informed decision-making.

## **Proposition A-05**

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Association of Iraq (IRQ)

To add a new clause under 1.71.3 HONORARY PRESIDENT.

- 1.70.3.1. 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.
- 1.70.3.2. This title can be revoked by a Simple Majority vote of the AGM or by a decision of the ITTF Tribunal.
- 1.71.3.1. Any former President of the ITTF may be granted the title of "ITTF Honorary President" for a term of eight years, following a simple majority vote by the AGM. The privileges associated with this title shall be determined by the Executive Board and may be adjusted from time to time.
- 1.71.3.2. The title of "ITTF Honorary President" may be revoked under any of the following circumstances: A simple majority vote by the AGM, failure to attend the AGM, or a decision by the ITTF Tribunal.

#### Rationale:

- 1. Promoting Diversity and Representation: The proposal aims to ensure fair representation of different continents in leadership roles.
- 2. Global Perspective: Leaders from diverse geographical backgrounds can better understand and address the needs and interests of all regions.
- 3. Greater Inclusivity: This approach fosters inclusiveness and ensures decision-making reflects a wide range of priorities and viewpoints.
- 4. Balanced Governance: The proposed model ensures leadership balance, strengthening the unity of the ITTF as a global organization.

## **Proposition A-06**

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by World Table Tennis (WTT)

To add Article 1.81. and renumber the subsequent articles.

# 1.81. BETTING INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER

1.81.1. The Betting Integrity Commissioner shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

1.81.2. The term of office of the Betting Integrity Commissioner shall coincide with that of the Executive Board.

#### Rationale:

Based on an annual study by Sportradar in 2024, table tennis ranks no.3 in the list of sports involved in match-fixing with a high volume of suspicious matches. Lack of regulation and rise of garage leagues has tarnished the sport's reputation and heavily impacted its commercial value negatively. More focused regulation efforts should be put in place to address the issues arising from illegal betting and corruption in our sport, with a dedicated team focused on this area

## **Proposition A-07**

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Association of Uganda (UGA)

To amend Article 1.71.1.

#### 1.71. PERMANENT COMMITTEES

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

#### Rationale:

There is nothing more important today to most of our Countries than the need for more development financing and other resources. For many years we have not had a dedicated attention to the marketing efforts of our Sport and indeed most countries are not aware of the overall strategy or plan being used to grow the finances of our Sport. Most countries are even not aware of what they need to do to contribute to the financial growth of the Sport. We have also never had any Marketing Session to plan together how to make our Sport more financially powerful for the benefit of all our Countries.

This Gap needs to be closed by having a permanent Marketing Committee that reports to the AGM on all the above areas aimed at getting more development financing and other resources for all our Countries. All our countries need to also follow this very important aspect closely and to get regular reports on the progress.

Our countries also need to make contributions to this strategy and we all contribute to the growth of the financial welfare of our Sport for our own benefit.

The ITTF Executive Board has tried to rely on the "Business and Development Unit" but this has not working out as well as we had all hoped. With a Constitutionally established Marketing Committee, more attention will be given to this very important aspect of our Sport by AGM authority and it will most likely be handled much better.

## **Proposition A-08**

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Continental Federation of Oceania (ITTF-Oceania)

To amend Article 1.79. replacing the Gender & Diversity Commissioner with a new Permanent Committee.

- 1.79. GENDER AND DIVERSITY COMMISSIONER
- 1.79.1. The Gender and Diversity Commissioner shall be appointed by the Executive Board.
- 1.79.2. 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.
- 1.79.3. The term of office of the Gender and Diversity Commissioner and the gender and diversity representatives shall coincide with that of the Executive Board.

## 1.79. GENDER EQUITY DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

- 1.79.1. The Gender Equity Diversity & Inclusion Committee shall be composed of at least 6 members, including:
- 1.79.1.1. one representative from each continent appointed by the ITTF Council;
- 1.79.1.2. at least one independent individual appointed by the Executive Board, and
- 1.79.1.3 at least 50% of the Gender Equity Diversity & Inclusion Committee shall be female
- 1.79.2. The terms of office of the Gender Equity Diversity & Inclusion Committee shall coincide with that of the Executive Board.

#### Rationale:

The global sport of table tennis prides itself on being a sport for all, for life. Further growth can be achieved if the sport is more diverse and inclusive. To demonstrate that ITTF is serious about its objectives, it is proposed that the current Gender, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce should be disbanded, and, in its place, a new Permanent Committee be established. While the Taskforce has made some initial positive steps, a formal structured Committee with robust Terms of Reference is needed to champion change.

## **Proposition A-09**

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of ALG, BRA, BRN, DJI, ERI, ETH, HUN, INA, IRI, IRQ, JOR, KAZ, KGZ, KUW, LBN, LCA, MDV, MGL, NEP, OMA, PLE, QAT, SOM, SUD, TUN, UAE, UGA, and YEM.

To add a new clause under 1.86.6.

"In the event that the ITTF President is elected from a specific continent, the positions of ITTF Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and Secretary General shall each be occupied by individuals originating from distinct continents. Under no circumstances shall more than one individual holding these three leadership positions be from the same continent."

#### Rationale:

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- 2. Global Perspective. Leaders from diverse geographical backgrounds can better understand and address the needs and interests of all regions.
- 3. Greater inclusivity: This approach fosters inclusiveness and ensures decision-making reflects a wide range of priorities and viewpoints.
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#### **Proposition A-10**

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Board

The expulsion of the Pengurus Pusat Persatuan Tenis Meja Seluruh Indonesia (PPPTMSI) from the ITTF Membership and the recognition as a new ITTF Member Association in Indonesia, the Indonesia Pingpong League.

#### Rationale:

The sport of table tennis has suffered for over eight years in Indonesia, with repeated reports of internal disputes about its governance, complaints from athletes, associations of athletes, the Indonesia Olympic Committee, and the Indonesia Ministry of Sports.

The ITTF and the ATTU have tried to assist in resolving the problems and concur with the Indonesia Olympic Committee's analysis that the longstanding governance disputes within Indonesian Table Tennis between the different parties remain unresolved, with no indication of a settlement in sight.

Therefore, the ITTF and the ATTU fully support the Komite Olimpiade Indonesia's position that our sport needs a fresh start in Indonesia, hence, this proposition.

## **Proposition A-11**

(3/4 majority required)

Proposed by the Equipment Committee

To amend 2.1.

#### 2.1 THE TABLE

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2.1.4 The playing surface shall be uniformly dark coloured and matt, but with a white side line, 2 cm wide, along each 2.74 m edge and a white an end line, 2 cm wide, along each 1.525 m edge; these lines shall be of the same colour and clearly different from the colour of the playing surface.

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2.1.6 For doubles, each court shall be divided into 2 equal half-courts by a white centre line of the same colour as the side lines, 3 mm wide, running parallel with the side lines; the centre line shall be regarded as part of each right half-court.

#### 3.2 EQUIPMENT AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

3.2.1 Approved and Authorised Equipment

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3.2.1.5 If the lines on the table surface are not white but of another colour, the ball shall be white only.

3.2.1.6 The net tape of the net assembly shall be of the colour of the side lines.

#### Rationale:

Following the WTT corporate design, the colours of the lines on the table surface and the colours of the net tape should be incorporated into the ITTF Statutes. Furthermore, the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games demonstrated that tables with coloured lines can better present the sport. To ensure consistency across the entire ITTF Statutes, the addition of 3.2.1.5 and 3.2.1.6 is presented to the AGM as per 1.38.1.11.

#### **Resolution A-12**

(Simple majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Board

To introduce fresh new ITTF Statues for the next centenary that reflect more accurately the modernisation and advancements of our sport and the world that we live in today and in the future.

#### Rationale:

The current ITTF Statutes was first introduced in 1926, almost 100 years ago, and relevant to those times. Throughout the years, parts of it have been amended according to needs, although the general framework and regulations remain the same. With the modernisation and advancement of the world today and the development and growth of our sport in recent years, new Statutes that more accurately reflect the world we live in today and in preparation for the future are integral to better promote, represent and continue to grow our sport for future generations.

#### **Resolution A-13**

(Simple majority required)

Proposed by the Member Association of Türkiye (TUR)

Para table tennis is one of the most universal Para sports in the world. Since its inclusion in the 1960 Rome Paralympic Games, it has been featured in every edition of the Games. Currently, it ranks as the third-largest sport in terms of athlete participation, surpassed only by Athletics and Swimming. To ensure this intense competition continues fairly, the classification system should be updated and strengthened. However, classes should not be merged.

#### Rationale:

Merging is being considered in the Para Table Tennis Classification.