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ATTENDANCE LIST FOR THE ITF EGM ON 6 MAY 2022

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Mr Klaus Bardeli, General Secretary

ALG - Fédération Algérienne de Tennis

Mr Mohamed Soufiane Yousfi, President

Mr Hamza Khelassi, General Secretary

ARG - Asociación Argentina de Tenis

Mr Gaston Brum, President

ARM - Armenian Tennis Federation

Mr Gevork Karamanoukian, Chief Executive Director

AUS - Tennis Australia

Ms Jacqueline Mangan, General Secretary

Mr Craig Tiley, Executive Officer

AUT - Österreichischer Tennisverband

Mr Thomas Schweda, General Secretary

BAH – The Bahamas Lawn Tennis Association

Mr Perry Newton, President

BAR - Barbados Tennis Association Inc.

Ms Marie-Jeanne Symmonds, General Secretary

BEL - Fédération Royale Belge de Tennis

Mr Gijs Kooken, General Secretary

BLR - Belarus Tennis Association

Mr Siarhei Rutenka, President

BRA - Confederação Brasileira de Tenis

Mr Eduardo Frick, Manager

CAN - Tennis Canada

Ms Jennifer Bishop, Chairman

Mr Michael Downey, Chief Executive Officer

CHI - Federación de Tenis de Chile

Mr Sergio Elias, President

CHN - Chinese Tennis Association

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CRO - Croatian Tennis Association

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Ms Katerina Kramperova, International Secretary

DEN - Dansk Tennis Forbund

Mr Henrik Thorsoe Pedersen, President

ECU - Federación Ecuatoriana de Tenis
Mr Danilo Carrera, President

EGY – Egyptian Tennis Federation
Mr Hassan El Aroussy, Vice President

ESA - Federación Salvadoreña de Tenis
Ms Vanessa Andrade, President

ESP - Real Federación Española de Tenis
Mr Jordi Tamayo De Winne, Vice President

EST - Estonian Tennis Association
Mr Allar Hint, General Secretary

FIN - Suomen Tennisliitto
Mr Teemu Purho, Chief Executive Officer

FRA - Fédération Française de Tennis
Ms Nathalie Dechy, International Relations Manager
Mr Gilles Moretton, President

GBR - The Lawn Tennis Association
Mr David Rawlinson, President
Ms Sandi Procter, Deputy President

GEO - Georgian Tennis Federation
Mr Aleksandre Metreveli, Vice President

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GRE - Hellenic Tennis Federation
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Mr Hjortur Thor Grjetarsson, President

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Mr Avraham Perets, President

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Mr Loc Leng Ung, President

MAR - Fédération Royale Marocaine de Tennis
Mr Aziz Laaraf, First Vice President

MAS - Lawn Tennis Association of Malaysia
Mr Encik Mirzan Mahathir, President

MDA – Moldova Republic Tennis Federation
Mr Ceslav Ciuhrii, President

MEX - Federación Mexicana de Tenis
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MGL - Mongolian Tennis Association
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MKD - Tennis Federation of North Macedonia
Mr Goran Rafajlovski, Vice President

MLT - Malta Tennis Federation
Mr Mark Camilleri, Deputy President
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MNE - Montenegrin Tennis Association
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MRI - Mauritius Tennis Federation
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Mr Nasser Al Khelaifi, President
Mr Tareq Zainal, General Secretary

RSA - Tennis South Africa

Mr Gavin Crookes, President

RUS - Russian Tennis Federation

Mr Yakov Shatkin, President

SGP - Singapore Tennis Association

Mr Gilbert Ng, Executive Director

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SRB - Serbia Tennis Federation

Mr Dusan Orlandic, Chief Executive Officer

SUI - Swiss Tennis

Mrs Ruth Wipfli Steinegger, Vice President

SVK - Slovak Tennis Association

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SWE - The Swedish Tennis Association

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TPE – Chinese Taipei Federasyonu

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UAE – Tennis Emirates

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UKR – Ukrainian Tennis Federation

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URU – Asociacion Uruguay de Tenis

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USA – United States Tennis Association

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UZB – Uzbekistan Tennis Federation

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Mr Hichem Riani, General Manager

COSAT - Confederacion Sudamericana de Tenis

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Mr Rafael Westrupp, President

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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING – 6 MAY 2022

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

ITF President, David Haggerty, convened the meeting at 12:00 GMT and welcomed the ITF Honorary Life Counsellors, National Association delegates, and other attendees.

The President observed that the Extraordinary General Meeting (“**EGM**”) was the first to be held in 49 years and evidenced the historic significance that has necessitated its occurrence.

The President invited the meeting to hold a minute of silence for all those affected by the war in Ukraine.

The President acknowledged and thanked the many nations that supported the immediate and decisive action the ITF took by suspending Russia's and Belarus' membership and withdrawing them from the 2022 team competitions including the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup, Junior, Wheelchair, Senior and Beach Tennis team competitions. He noted that the ITF continue to closely monitor the situation, analyse what other international federations are doing and hold discussions with the other tennis stakeholders.

The President explained that in accordance with the ITF Constitution, the EGM is convened with the sole purpose of considering the matters on the agenda and no other matters can be raised or brought before the EGM.

The President observed that there are 119 of the 213 Member Nations registered to attend the meeting.

The President noted those Members whose subscriptions were in arrears but who had registered to attend the EGM as observers with no speaking or voting rights in accordance with Article 18(e)(2) of the ITF Constitution:

Angola	Madagascar
Azerbaijan	Mauritania
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Peru
Botswana	Seychelles
Congo	Somalia
Democratic Republic of Congo	Trinidad & Tobago
Comoros	Uganda
Ethiopia	Yemen
Lebanon	

The President informed the meeting that the credentials for delegates empowered to vote on behalf of their National Association had been verified, as required under Article 18(e)(1). He stated that the Quorum had been established pursuant to Article 18(b) with 67 Class B Nations in the meeting who hold 338 of the total of 478 shares.

The President acknowledged the presence of the ITF's Honorary Life Counsellors: Stuart Smith, Lucy Garvin and Ismail El Shafei. He also acknowledged an apology from the Pakistan Tennis Federation.

The President informed the Meeting that the Board of Directors (**Board**) had appointed Richard Bush, Partner at Bird & Bird law firm to perform the role of Parliamentarian to assist him with the smooth running of the meeting. There were no objections to the appointment.

The President informed the meeting about the voting procedures.

The Meeting conducted two test votes.

In accordance with Article 18(f) of the Constitution, the President asked the Meeting to vote on the three nominations for Scrutineers who would scrutinise voting during the EGM:

1. Stuart Smith - ITF Honorary Life Counsellor - Great Britain
2. Christer Sjöö - Sweden
3. Ayda Uluc - Turkey

The Meeting approved the nominations with a vote in favour of 99.12%.

The President informed the Meeting that Mr Stuart Smith was on-site in London with Lumi and would liaise with Lumi and the other scrutineers during any voting.

The President reminded the Members that, pursuant to Article 18 (j) of the Constitution, with regards to any motion in the agenda, delegates may only address the Council once, and for a maximum of three minutes.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTIONS

The President explained the background behind the Board of Directors Resolutions, being the full-scale military invasion of the sovereign state of Ukraine by the Russian Government, supported and facilitated by the Belarusian Government over two months ago. As a result, the international community condemned the invasion by imposing wide-ranging international sanctions.

He went on to acknowledge the IOC statement which condemns Russia and Belarus for their violation of the Olympic Truce and recommendation that international sports federations do not invite or allow the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes or officials in international competitions. He noted that this statement supplemented the IOC's prior recommendation that all sporting events or competitions be prevented from taking place in Russia or Belarus.

Noting that the IOC recognises each international federation is an independent organisation responsible for making its own decisions, the President explained that the Board gave due regard to the IOC's position without being restricted or controlled by it.

Noting there is a fundamental principle that Sport and Politics should not mix, the President acknowledged the extraordinary and unprecedented circumstances that have resulted in numerous countries and organisations taking action to exclude the Russia and Belarus from the world stage. For tennis, and sport more broadly, to ignore those realities would have been extremely damaging to the ITF's reputation as a leader and advocate for peace.

The President informed the meeting that the Board had suspended the Russian Tennis Federation (**RTF**) and the Belarus Tennis Federation (**BTF**) from ITF membership with immediate effect and until further notice, pending ratification by the Council at this EGM.

He explained that the Board considered such action was proportionate and necessary due to the gravity of the circumstances and the grave contravention of the principles and values of unity and peace upon which the international tennis community is based. By virtue of Russia's and Belarus' actions, the international standing of tennis as a world sport would be seriously damaged if RTF's and BTF's memberships were not suspended. Furthermore, the reputation and standing of the ITF both in the international tennis community, international sporting community and the world at large would be brought into dispute if suspensions were not imposed.

He explained further that the opinion of the Board was strongly in favour of suspending the RTF's and BTF's memberships. This echoed the views expressed by those members who had reached out to the ITF since the 24th of February when the invasion occurred. However, he noted that as a membership organisation, the power to decide upon membership status rests with the Members.

The President acknowledged that Tennis Europe had suspended both the RTF and BTF from its membership in its March Annual General Meeting.

The President informed the Meeting that the Board recommended the Council:

- i) ratify the suspension of the membership of the Russian Tennis Federation until further notice; and
- ii) ratify the suspension of the membership of the Belarus Tennis Federation until further notice.

The President invited the RTF to comment on the proposal.

Yakov Shatkhin, President of the Russian Tennis Federation, addressed the Meeting and thanked the Members. He stated that the main task of sports governing bodies is to develop their sports. Acknowledging the cooperation between the RTF and wider tennis community, he highlighted the importance of tennis in Russia. Mr Shatkhin described the negative consequences suspension would have on the RTF and tennis in Russia and expressed their opposition to the suspension and removal of Russia from the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup competitions, preventing Russia from defending its titles. He concluded by stating his hope was that the ITF and its Members take a fair decision for the prosperity of tennis.

The President invited the Ukrainian Tennis Federation to comment on the proposal.

Mr Zukin, General Secretary of the Ukrainian Tennis Federation, began by acknowledging the invasion of Ukraine by Russia along with the support of Belarus. He described many of the significant effects it has had on the people of Ukraine, including the deaths of over 55,000 people and the displacement of over six million Ukrainians. He asked for the ITF to implement the heaviest sanctions by suspending the membership of the RTF and BTF as well as excluding all individual players. He stated that discrimination is justified in these circumstances as the invasion has put Ukrainian tennis in a far worse position comparatively. Mr Zukin supported the decision of the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club and asked that the ITF follow in their steps to protect the reputation of tennis. He asked the delegates to suspend the RTF and BTF and to consider individual sanctions on their athletes. He concluded by thanking the European tennis federations for their support of those Ukrainian tennis players who have been displaced by the war.

The President invited the Belarusian Tennis Federation to comment on the proposal.

Mr Siarhei Rutenka, President of the Belarusian Tennis Federation, greeted the Meeting. He acknowledged the long-standing cooperation between the BTF and the wider tennis community which has resulted in many successes of Belarusian tennis players. He expressed the BTF's opposition to the suspension as it would have particularly detrimental effects on youth tennis in Belarus. He noted that Belarus has always abided by the principles of the ITF constitution. He explained that the impact of the pandemic has also had a detrimental effect on tennis in Belarus and their athletes have already suffered as a result. He noted that from 1 April 2022, Belarus was not a part of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. He asked the delegates to make their decision based on the interests of sports and not politics. He concluded by acknowledging the cooperation between the BTF and the ITF over the last 30 years and thanked the ITF and the Members.

The President invited the other Members to speak on the matter.

Hjortur Thor Grjetarsson, President of the Iceland Tennis Federation, asked the RTF and BTF if they oppose and condemn the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

There were no further comments from the delegates.

The President invited the Meeting to vote on the two resolutions.

Resolution 1. Ratify the suspension of the membership of the Russian Tennis Federation until further notice; and

Resolution 2. Ratify the suspension of the membership of the Belarus Tennis Federation until further notice.

In the matter to ratify the suspension of Membership of the Russian Tennis Federation, the vote was 79.94% in favour and the motion was therefore passed.

In the matter to ratify the suspension of Membership of the Belarus Tennis Federation, the vote was 81.01% in favour and the motion was therefore passed.

The President thanked the Members for their input and acknowledged the tough decision made to suspend members of the tennis family. He asked the Members to continue to consider how they can support the Tennis Plays for Peace campaign and asked them to join him in wishing for a timely resolution to the war.

The President addressed the decision that the Lawn Tennis Association and Wimbledon have taken in banning Russian and Belarusian players from competing in Wimbledon, LTA, ATP and WTA, ITF WTT tournaments and other tour events.

The President identified the steps that the ITF have taken with suspension of the RTF's and BTF's membership by suspending their teams but allowing Russian and Belarusian tennis players to compete in individual competitions under a white or neutral flag. He informed the Meeting that the ITF, ATP and WTA tours as well as the Grand Slam tournaments are in discussions as to the consequences of the LTA and Wimbledon's decision, and will communicate the results of those discussions as necessary. He asked that any nations considering a similar ban contact the ITF as soon as possible, to ensure there is an open dialogue, especially regarding whether any such ban can apply to ITF tournaments.

PADEL TENNIS

The President introduced the final topic for the EGM with an update on Padel Tennis, including its history, perspectives and facts about Padel Tennis and for the Members to be invited for their comments and feedback.

The President invited Mr Kelly Fairweather, Chief Executive Officer of the ITF to present on Padel Tennis.

Mr Fairweather observed that over the last few years, a number of impacts on sport have propelled tennis and the variations thereof into the active lifestyles of people around the world. Variations of traditional sports can be seen to grow in a number of other sports. The ITF has been monitoring the development of variations of tennis. He noted that digital technology will also bring additional opportunities and risks to the sport of tennis. He acknowledged that Members have expressed concern about other racquet sports benefitting from the development and investment in facilities by tennis federations.

Mr Fairweather described the similarities and differences between tennis and Padel Tennis. He noted that there is the potential for public misunderstanding regarding the governance of Padel Tennis which has the potential to harm the image of tennis and the ITF. He gave an example of a player who has been banned from tennis for a corruption offence who now competes in professional Padel Tennis.

Mr Fairweather described the various stages of the Olympic recognition process to the Meeting. He noted that the International Padel Federation ("FIP") was granted Observer Status in 2018 on the condition that the FIP resolve a number of outstanding issues within a 12-month period, in particular, working in cooperation with the ITF to resolve any rivalry issues. In 2019, the ITF and

FIP entered an MoU to engage in open dialogue and develop Padel Tennis in ITF Member nations and the Olympic family.

Mr Fairweather informed the Meeting that as a result of FIP's failure to resolve a number of the issues conditioned to their Observer Status, in July 2021, the ITF and FIP terminated the MoU. Despite the ITF's attempts to cooperate with the FIP, there has been no acknowledgement of ITF attempts to engage. The FIP's Observer Status expired in January 2022 as the FIP had not met the conditions imposed by the GAISF in 2018.

Mr Fairweather noted that a number of ITF Member nations are now also members of FIP. He informed the meeting of the results from an ITF survey in which 65 National Associations confirmed that Padel Tennis existed in their country. He observed that in some cases, FIP did not recognise some National Associations despite them having the recognition for the governance of Padel Tennis by their respective national sporting bodies and/or the International Olympic Committee.

Mr Fairweather identified four key strategic drivers that the ITF could bring to support Padel Tennis being: 1) ITF is an Olympic recognised governing body; 2) existing resources for global development; 3) the ITF's global network of nations, regions and clubs and other Olympic stakeholders; 4) the ITF's and its Members' expertise that will aid the professionalising Padel Tennis.

Mr Fairweather concluded by reiterating that the ITF seeks collaboration with the FIP and Padel tours, and encourages ITF Members to grow and develop Padel Tennis within their nations.

Noting that a task force had been developed to investigate the possibilities presented by Padel Tennis, the President invited the Members to provide any comments or ask questions.

Giorgio Di Palermo read a statement on behalf of Angelo Binaghi, President of the Italian Tennis Federation. He acknowledged that the Italian Tennis Federation is a dual affiliated member of the ITF and FIP and fully supports both federations in their respective remits, being tennis for the ITF and Padel Tennis for the FIP. He considered the ITF's actions as interference in Padel Tennis which he believes is damaging to the ITF's reputation. He observed that the FIP recently passed a resolution which formally rejected the ITF's interference into Padel Tennis and any dispute between the ITF and FIP. He asked that the ITF and the tennis community focus on the development of tennis.

Michael Downey, Chief Executive Officer of Tennis Canada addressed the Meeting and highlighted that it is important that the ITF's review of other alternate formats extend beyond Padel Tennis and must consider Pickle Ball which has a significant following in North America. He noted that Pickle Ball makes use of tennis courts and tennis clubs are introducing it into their clubs.

Hassan El Aroussy, Vice President of the Egyptian Tennis Federation, informed the Meeting that a separate federation is now recognised by the Egyptian Ministry of Sports. He observed that it is late for the Egyptian Tennis Federation to govern Padel Tennis in Egypt. He concluded by stating that it is important for there to be cooperation between the two federations.

Lars Gjedaker, President of the Norwegian Tennis Federation, addressed the Meeting and commented on the recent FIP Annual General Meeting and the subsequent letter that was sent out following the AGM. He informed the Meeting that Norway was not impressed by the process conducted by FIP nor the proposal and resolution. He observed that the letter was sent out with unanimous support, and it stated that Norway supported the resolution. He informed the Meeting that Norway does not in fact support the FIP's resolution or letter.

David Rawlinson, President of the Lawn Tennis Association ("**LTA**"), addressed the Meeting and advised the Meeting that the LTA was in a similar situation to Norway and did not sign the resolution issued by the FIP which stated that the LTA supported the FIP resolution. He expressed

the LTA's disappointment in the conduct of the FIP and reiterated that the LTA does not support the resolution and is writing to the FIP to inform them of their mistake.

Roger Davids, President of the Dutch Tennis Federation ("**KNLTB**") acknowledged that they are a dual affiliated member of both the ITF and FIP, which puts them in a difficult position. He stated that the KNLTB supports FIP as the international federation for Padel Tennis. He observed that after a friendly merger between the KNLTB and Dutch Padel federation saw growth in Padel Tennis from 25,000 players to over 150,000 over the last three years. The KNLTB supports a positive dialogue between ITF and FIP to resolve any issues and is happy to assist where possible.

Nasser Al Khelaifi, President of the Qatar Tennis Association ("**QTA**"), began by stating that the QTA is a proud member of ITF and supports multiple racquet sports in Qatar, including Padel Tennis. He informed the Meeting that the QTF supports the independent governance of Padel Tennis by FIP and opposes any interference by the ITF or other federations. QTF supports the recent resolution of the FIP. Mr Al Khelaifi further stated that FIP has been cooperative and is in touch with the IOC to arrange meetings.

The President responded to Mr Al Khelaifi's comments by informing the Meeting that despite ITF's attempts to arrange meetings, there has been no response from FIP to the ITF or GAISF. He is hopeful that a meeting can be arranged to support the original intention of the ITF, which is to work in cooperation with FIP.

Wilson Tay, General Manager of the Singapore Tennis Federation ("**SFT**"), informed the Meeting that the government of Singapore is receiving increasing numbers of requests to repurpose tennis courts for Pickle Ball and Padel Tennis. He informed the Meeting that the SFT supports collaboration between ITF and FIP.

Jordi Tamayo De Winne, Vice President of the Spanish Tennis Federation ("**RFET**"), acknowledged the difficulty in the matter and gave his thanks to the ITF Board for their work so far. He informed the Meeting that from 2017, RFET has tried to have a positive and good faith relationship with FIP but has had difficulty cooperating with FIP. RFET supports the strategy of the ITF and a merger between ITF and FIP as it will be good for the growth of Padel Tennis and tennis.

Henrik Pederson, President of the Danish Tennis Federation ("**DTF**"), noted that the DTF wants the ITF to support Padel Tennis. He informed the Meeting that the DTF has had national responsibility for Padel Tennis since 2016. He explained that over 25% of tennis clubs have Padel Tennis courts and he expects that within 18 months, over 50% of clubs will have Padel Tennis courts. He observed that DTF's membership has been the fastest growing in Denmark over the last five years and considers that Padel Tennis has contributed to this growth. He considers both tennis and Padel Tennis to complement each other. He explained that it is the obligation of the DTF to take care of Padel Tennis and believe that the ITF should likewise take care of Padel Tennis. He informed the Meeting that the DTF applied to become a member of FIP over two years ago and has still not received any official response despite numerous enquiries. He stated that the DTF is unimpressed by FIP's governance and development of Padel Tennis and asked for the ITF to support the development of Padel Tennis.

Rafael Westrupp, President of COSAT and the Brazilian Tennis Federation ("**CBT**"), acknowledged the difficult matter that the Meeting had to address at the beginning of the meeting regarding the invasion of Ukraine. He stated that open discussion is critical to the success of sport and explained that the CBT supports the ITF in its efforts to seek dialogue and solutions with regards to Padel Tennis.

Gijs Kooken, General Secretary of the Belgium Tennis Federation ("**RTBF**"), noted that the RTBF is a member of both the ITF and FIP. He informed the Meeting that Padel Tennis is the number 4 sports in Belgium after only six years. He noted that tennis is number two. He stated that there is a strong synergy between Padel Tennis and tennis. He stated that he was not impressed with FIP's management of their recent resolution. He observed that ITF would be able to provide

great support to Padel Tennis. He informed the Meeting that the RTBF supports collaboration between the ITF and FIP.

Conclusion

The President thanked all the delegates for their comments and feedback. Noting that the ITF had set up a task force for Padel Tennis, he expressed the hope that the ITF and FIP can arrange a meeting. He invited any Members that have feedback or comments to contact either himself, Kelly Fairweather or Luca Santilli.

The President thanked the scrutineers, ITF staff, Lumi and Council for their contributions to the EGM. He informed the Meeting that the ITF will advise the time and venue of the 2022 AGM in the usual manner.

EGM CLOSED AT 13:47 GMT.