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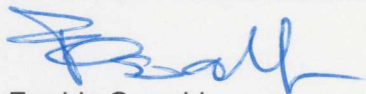
Apology for the attention of ITTF

The current STT Central Committee hereby comments on correspondence from its then ZVA member Georg Silberschmidt starting in February 2021 addressed to BoD members, National Associations, Committees and the press and its activities up to and including aggressive verbal accusations against Mr. Khalil Al-Mohannadi, now ITTF Senior Executive Vice President, on the occasion of the ITTF AGM at the end of Nov 2021. The current STT Central Committee also clearly states that this action took place on behalf of third parties and without the knowledge and authorisation of the STT bodies responsible at the time.

The current STT Central Committee strongly condemns the actions of Georg Silberschmidt and in particular his unsportsmanlike conduct and notes with regret, that the hierarchically higher supervisory body had tolerated and concealed this behaviour. The current STT Board of Directors and the current management hereby apologise to the ITTF, all authorities involved in this matter and especially to Mr. Khalil Al-Mohannadi, ITTF Senior Executive Vice President. We regret the turbulence caused and the resulting costly personal and legal expenses necessary to resolve the dispute.

We would like to thank the Integrity Unit and the ITTF Secretary General who have helped us to find a solution to this affair and thank them for accepting our apologies from the bodies and authorities concerned and especially from Mr. Al-Mohannadi. In order that this case can be finally settled in an amicable manner and on balance of all claims in the interests of the sport of TT, the STT hereby also agrees to make a financial contribution to the ITTF in accordance with its circumstances, in addition to the obvious apologies. Of course, we also agree that our apologies will be published publicly. In addition, the STT will also publish these apologies on its homepage and communicate them to the TT trade press.

For the STT Central Committee



Freddy Oswald
President a.i.



Urs Schärler
Member

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Apology to Khalil Al-Mohannadi

Dear ITTF Senior Executive Vice President Mr. Al-Mohannadi

Between February and November 2021, our former ZVA member Georg Silberschmidt made various aggressive comments to you on behalf of third parties and without the knowledge and approval of the STT bodies responsible at the time, and made false statements about your behaviour, which were met with incomprehension by the current STT Central Board and cannot be tolerated in the name of the STT in retrospect. We condemn this unsportsmanlike behaviour in the strongest possible terms! We also find it incomprehensible how the higher hierarchical supervisory body was able to tolerate and conceal this behaviour.

The current STT Central Committee hereby officially apologises to you, dear Mr. Khalil Al-Mohannadi. We deeply regret the turbulence caused and the costly personal and legal expenses incurred in settling the dispute. We would therefore be pleased if you could accept this sincere apology.

As you are aware, and so that this case can be finally settled in an amicable manner and on balance of all claims in the interests of TT sport for all parties involved, the STT also agrees, in addition to the apologies, to make a financial payment exclusively to the ITTF in accordance with its circumstances. Of course, we also agree that this apology will be published publicly. In addition, the STT will also publish this apology on its homepage and communicate it to the TT specialised press.

With friendly sporting greetings

For the STT Central Committee



Freddy Oswald
President a.i.



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