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Subject: Appointment as Chairperson of the AETF Umpire Committee

Dear Dr. de Vries,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the All Europe Taekwon-Do Federation (AETF), I am honoured to officially confirm your appointment as **Chairperson of the AETF Umpire Committee** for the term **2025 to 2029**.

Your long-standing dedication to Taekwon-Do, spanning more than 25 years, and your exceptional experience as an international umpire and national committee chair, have distinguished you as a respected and highly capable official within the global Taekwon-Do community. The AETF Board deeply appreciates your unwavering commitment to fairness, integrity, and the continuous development of officiating standards.

Your consistent presence at European and World Championships, your leadership in mentoring new umpires, and your dedication to education-based officiating perfectly align with the goals of the AETF Umpire Committee. We also recognise your transparency and candour regarding your availability and believe that with a strong, collaborative team in place, your guidance will remain vital to the committee's success.

As Chairperson, your responsibilities will include:

- Overseeing the development and delivery of umpire education and certification programs;
- Setting and maintaining high officiating standards across all AETF events;
- Collaborating with the Tournament, Athletes, and Coaches Committees on competition matters;
- Leading a team of appointed committee members to ensure effective coverage and shared responsibilities;
- Contributing strategic insight to support the advancement of fair and consistent judging throughout Europe.

We look forward to your leadership and are confident that your knowledge and experience will elevate the work of the AETF Umpire Committee in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Master Stephen Ryan
Secretary General
All Europe Taekwon-Do Federation