



**International Table Tennis Federation  
CEO's Office**

To:  
Mrs Sandra Deaton  
Table Tennis England Chairman

Mrs Sara Sutcliffe, MBE  
Table Tennis England CEO

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Sandra, Dear Sara,

2020 has for sure been one of the toughest years in our living memory and we are hopeful that 2021 will be slightly better even if we are off to a difficult start. I wanted to reach out to you to continue the discussions we have had on several issues and most importantly the 2026 WTTTC Championships and the Celebrations of the 100 Years of the ITTF.

As you recall the 100 years of the ITTF is a project that was initiated by our Deputy President, Mr. Khalil Al-Mohannadi and backed by the ITTF Executive Committee. Whilst we still need endorsement from our AGM, the ITTF Executive Committee is still fully backing this project and together under your strong, progressive and professional leadership at Table Tennis England, which was personified during the hosting of the World Team Cup in London in February 2018, we hope to continue this dialogue with you both.

London is where the ITTF was born in 1926, and if together we can find the way to have the time-honored World Table Tennis Championships in London in 2026, this, we believe will be a historic and symbolic moment that will be not only a wonderful legacy for the ITTF, but also for Table Tennis England.

I am also pleased that discussions are ongoing for a World Table Tennis Event that could serve as the leadup to that event. Sara, it would be great if we can find time in the next few weeks to touch base on how to make this happen

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Also, and whilst we may not have agreed on all of the topics, we appreciate Sandra your representation and approach during the 2020 ITTF Board of Directors meeting. The rationale given to one of the propositions was truly correct, professional and finally the right outcome was achieved.

Finally, I wish you luck for the entire 2021, we know it will still be a challenging year, but at the ITTF we are sure with your professionalism, strong governance approach and ultimately the strong desire for the sport of table tennis to grow in England we will come out of it at the end of 2021 in an even more strong position. Let's keep the dialogue to ensure the 100 years of ITTF and future WTT events continue so that once the more difficult days are over, we can together get straight back into the real reason we love this sport – to play table tennis, make table tennis events and to ensure our sport becomes more and more popular.

Best Regards,



Steve Dainton  
ITTF CEO