

## **International Hydrological Programme**

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### **CONSULTATION ON THE UPDATE OF THE STATUTES AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (ICG) OF THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAMME (IHP)**

Item 4.3 of the provisional agenda

#### Summary

The Statutes of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) have been approved by the General Conference of UNESCO at its 18<sup>th</sup> session and amended at its 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> sessions. The Rules of Procedures (RoP) of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) were approved by its Intergovernmental Council at its first session and modified in accordance with the amendment of the Council's Statutes by the General Conference of UNESCO at its 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> sessions. The IHP Council amended article 26 on 'secret ballot' at its 14<sup>th</sup> session.

IHP's Intergovernmental Council (IGC), at its 22<sup>nd</sup> session (13-17 June 2016), decided to update the Statutes and Rules of Procedure by its Resolution XII-1. For this, the IHP Secretariat proposed its revisions and launched a consultation among Member States in October 2016 for collecting their views. Member States sent then back their revisions and comments.

Furthermore, the IHP Bureau at its 56<sup>th</sup> session (20-22 February 2018) requested the Secretariat to create an informal Working Group (WG), comprised of the representatives from the Permanent Delegations of the Bureau Members, with aims to harmonizing the input received from the Member States with the applicable recommendations of the Open-Ended Group on Governance (established by the General Conference at its 38<sup>th</sup> session as per [38 C/Resolution 101](#)), leading to a draft version put forward for debate and decision by the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the IHP Council. The informal Working Group met regularly between the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the Bureau and the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the Council, with the participation of other Permanent Delegations as well. This document is the outcome of its work. It is divided in two parts: the first presents the proposed revisions to the Statutes of IHP, while the second the revisions to the Rules of Procedure of the IHP Council.



### Proposed modifications on IHP Intergovernmental Council Statutes

This part of the document contains:

1. In the first column (“Current articles”), the text of the Statutes currently in force, that is, without proposed revisions;
2. In the second column (“Revisions by IHP Secretariat”), the text of the Statutes with the revisions proposed by the IHP Secretariat in October 2016;
3. In the third column (“Revisions and comments by Member States”), the comments and revisions proposed by Member States after the consultation held in October 2016;
4. In the fourth column (“Comments”), explanatory comments on the debate/way forward;
5. In the fifth column (“Decision requested”), the decision to be debated.

#### Notes:

- **Proposed additions are in bold.**
- ~~Proposed deletions are in strikethrough.~~
- Please note that final numbering will be made after adjustments.

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<b>I.1.</b> An Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) is hereby established within the United			IHP name to be discussed in Council.	Name of IHP to be decided by the Council.  <u>Possible names:</u>  Intergovernmental Hydrological/

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Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.				Hydroscience Platform/Programme.
		<p><b>II.1.</b> The Council shall be composed of 36 Member States of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization elected by the General Conference at its ordinary sessions, taking due account of the need to ensure equitable geographical <del>and gender</del> distribution and appropriate rotation of the representatives of these States <del>from the hydrological viewpoint in the various as well as</del> and of the importance of their scientific advice to Member States, in particular decision and policy-makers, and other stakeholders in order to contribute to the Programme.</p>	<p>Agreed to maintain this wording, suggested by the Secretariat and Austria.</p>	

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		<p><b>II. 2</b> The term of office of the members of the Council shall be of four years. It shall begin immediately after the elections at the ordinary session of the General Conference until the elections at the second subsequent ordinary session.</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p><b>Note for further clarity:</b> see <a href="#">Recommendation 70 of the WG on Governance</a>.</p>	
	<p><del><b>II.3.</b> Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the term of office of one half of the members designated at the first election shall expire at the close of the first ordinary session of the General Conference following the session at which they were elected.</del></p>		<p>Agreed for deletion.</p> <p><b>Note for further clarity:</b> this article served the purpose of rotation on the very first composition of the council (in the year of 1975) to ensure rotation of Members while preserving institutional memory. 18 Members left after the first GC to facilitate the rotation, chosen by a lot, and 18 Members stayed for a 4</p>	

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	<p><del>The names of these members shall be drawn by lot after the first election by the President of the General Conference, it being understood that the outgoing members shall be replaced by members belonging to the same regional group.</del></p>		<p>year term. The article is no longer relevant as rotation is already in place.</p> <p>MOST Programme already deleted a similar article in their Statutes.</p>	
		<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p><b>II.3.</b> Members of the Council shall be immediately eligible for re-election. <b>No Member State shall serve more than two consecutive terms.</b></p>	<p>This means that there is no 3<sup>rd</sup> immediate mandate</p> <p>Oman and the Netherlands agree with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</p> <p>Egypt and Japan feel that due to requirement for expertise and experience in water-related issues, limited number of Member States have been elected to the member of the Intergovernmental Council. In this regard,</p>	<p>The number of terms will be decided by the Council.</p>

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			strict term-limit of consecutive mandates could have negative impact. And also, the recommendations from the Governance WG says "To promote diversity and inclusivity, voluntary term-limits of two consecutive mandates are recommended for IIBs which currently do not have term limitations for membership." Therefore, we should have more flexibility on term-limit.	
<p><b>II.4.</b> The Council may make recommendations concerning its own membership to the General Conference.</p>				
	<p><b>II.5.</b> The persons appointed by the Member States as their representatives</p>		Agreed	

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	<p>on the Council shall preferably be experts in the field covered by the Programme, taking due account of gender balance and chosen among those persons who are playing a major part in the implementation of the activities related to the Programme in the said Member States.</p>			
<p><b>III.1.</b> The Council shall be responsible, within UNESCO's field of competence, for planning the International Hydrological Programme, defining its priorities and supervising its execution and in particular for:</p>				Name to be considered
			Agreed	



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	<p><b>III.1. (a.)</b> guiding and supervising from the scientific and from the organizational point of view the implementation of the Programme, including the <b>allocation of its budget and</b> relevant activities of the <b>Field Regional Offices</b> as well as their coordination with headquarter;</p>			
<p><b>III.1. (b)</b> studying proposals concerning developments and modifications of the Programme and also plans for its implementation;</p>				
<p><b>III.1. (c)</b> recommending scientific projects of interest to Member States and assessing</p>				

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priorities among such projects;				
III.1. (d) coordinating international co-operation of the Member States in the framework of the Programme;				
III.1. (e) making any necessary proposals for coordinating the Programme with those conducted by all the international organizations concerned;				
III.1. (f) assisting in the development of regional and national projects related to the Programme;				

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<p><b>III.1 (g)</b> taking any practical or scientific measures that may be required for the successful implementation of the Programme.</p>				
		<p><b>Turkey:</b></p> <p><b>III.1 (h)</b> Providing, in its areas of specialization, its formal input to the Mid-term Strategy C/4 and the draft Programme and Budget C/5 documents of UNESCO and to their implementation</p>	<p><b>Note for further clarity:</b> see <a href="#">Recommendations of the WG on Governance.</a></p>	
<p><b>III.2.</b> In performing its functions, the Council shall rely as much as possible on the activities of the National Committees</p>				

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<p>established by Member States in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 6 of resolution 18 C/2.232 and foster by all means their active participation on the Programme.</p>				
		<p><b>Austria:</b></p> <p><b>III.3</b> The Council shall make full use of facilities offered by the agreements or working arrangements between UNESCO, water-related Centres and Institutes under the auspices of UNESCO, UNESCO Chairs, <b>the United Nations and other organizations, unions,</b></p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p><u>Explanation:</u> The wording should be the same as is in VII.2, because as it is worded now “and other international organizations”, there could be a misunderstanding. Water related institutes/Chairs are not of an intergovernmental nature. It would be easier to include all the entities enumerated in VII.2 instead of having the reference to this paragraph.</p>	

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		<b>commissions and associations, including those of the United Nations system</b> as decided by the Council.		
<p><b>III.4.</b> The Council may consult on scientific questions all appropriate international non-governmental organizations with which UNESCO maintains official relations.</p> <p>The International Council of Scientific Unions, its unions and associations, may give advice to the Council on questions of a scientific or technical nature.</p>			Might need to change ICSU's name to ISC	
<p><b>III.5.</b> The Council shall, whenever possible,</p>			Name to be considered	

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<p>attempt to co-ordinate the <b>International Hydrological Programme</b> with other international scientific programmes, in particular those of UNESCO.</p>				
		<p><b><u>Turkey:</u></b></p> <p><b>IV.1.</b> The Council shall normally meet in plenary <b>ordinary</b> session once every two years. <del>Extraordinary sessions may be convened under the conditions specified in the Rules of Procedure.</del> <b>The Council may meet in extraordinary session at the request of the Director-General, or at the request of the simple majority</b></p>	<p>Agreed on including Turkey's amended proposal</p> <p><b>Note for further clarity:</b> see <a href="#">Recommendation 81 of the WG on Governance.</a></p>	

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		<p><b>of its members, or by the decision of its Bureau.</b></p> <p>The Council shall hold ordinary sessions at least once and not more than twice every two years</p>		
<p><b>IV.2.</b> Each Council member shall have one vote, but it may send as many experts or advisers as it deems necessary to sessions of the Council.</p>			<p>Agreed to maintain original paragraph</p>	
<p><b>IV.3.</b> The Council shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.</p>				
		<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p>	<p><b>Explanation from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</b></p>	

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		<p><b>V.1.</b> The Council may establish, <b>as appropriate, committees</b> including at <b>regional/sub-regional level</b> to examine the implementation of certain major orientations of the Programme and to prepare appropriate recommendations to the Council.</p> <p><b>Regional/sub-regional committees may be set up on the initiative of and by mutual agreement among Member States of the same region/or sub-region, sharing a common hydrological interest.</b></p>	<p>The idea to establish sub regional committees aims to allow countries as the islands for instance (Caribbean and Pacific Islands) to facilitate to meet often and to consult and work together.</p> <p><b>Already taken care by article VIII.1</b></p>	



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<p><b>V.2</b> The Council may establish working groups of specialists to examine specific projects. These working groups, whose members shall serve in a personal capacity, may include nationals of Member States of UNESCO, which are not represented on the Council.</p>		<p><b>-Turkey</b> proposes to place this paragraph as <b>V.2</b>.</p>		
		<p><b><u>Turkey:</u></b></p> <p><b>V.3.</b> The Council shall define the terms of reference and tenure of each committee <b>and working groups</b> thus established.</p>	<p>Agreed with Turkey's suggestion</p>	
		<p><b><u>Group Vb:</u></b></p> <p><b>V.4.</b> In the composition of</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	

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		committees and working groups, appropriate geographical distribution, <b>gender balance</b> and adequate representation of regions where the problems occur might be sought.		
	<p><b>VI.1.</b> At the beginning of each ordinary session, following a session of the General Conference at which elections to the Council have been held, the Council shall elect a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons.</p>	<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p><b>VI.1.</b> At the beginning of each ordinary session following an ordinary session of the General Conference at which elections to the Council have been held, the Council shall elect a Chairperson, four Vice-Chairpersons <b>and a rapporteur</b></p>	<p>The issue of rapporteur is to be decided by the Council; it is understood that the rapporteur will be one of the Bureau Members and thus representative of his country and not serving in a personal capacity</p> <p><b>Uganda and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</b> do not agree with the Chairperson becoming a Vice-Chairperson for an additional term as ex-</p>	<p>The Council has to decide on the rapporteur (<a href="#">recommendation 67 of the WG on Governance</a>) and the timing of the elections (recommendation 70): do we use the IFAP, MOST model and hold an extraordinary session right after the GC to elect the Bureau?</p>

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	<p>These, with the Chairperson of the previous Bureau, who shall be an <i>ex-officio</i> member <b>remaining in office as Vice-Chairperson for his/her respective electoral group for one additional term</b>, shall constitute the Council's Bureau. The composition of the Bureau so formed shall reflect an equitable geographical distribution <b>taking due account of gender balance.</b></p>	<p><b>for 2 years. They are eligible for two additional years. These shall constitute the Council's Bureau.</b> The composition of the Bureau so formed shall reflect an equitable geographical distribution <b>taking due account of gender balance.</b></p> <p>The members of the Bureau who are representatives of Member States of UNESCO shall remain in office until a new Bureau has been elected. <b>If the Chairperson ceases to represent a State Member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no</b></p>	<p>officio, as proposed in the IHP Secretariat's modification.</p> <p>To prepare a para on the use of the <i>ex-officio</i> term.</p> <p><b><u>Turkey's additional comment:</u></b></p> <p><b>New para:</b> (For the following paragraphs as a reference, check Article VIII of the <a href="#">MOST Statutes</a> as adopted at the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the GC)</p> <p>Whenever the membership of the Council is modified by the General Conference in accordance with Article II.2 of the Statutes, the Council shall elect a Chairperson, four Chairpersons and a Rapporteur, on the basis of equitable geographical representation and to the extent possible gender equality, appropriate</p>	<p>Does the <i>ex-officio</i> function remains?</p> <p>The Council has to decide on what happens to a Bureau Member that ceases to be a Council Member.</p>

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		<p><b>longer hold office, his/her Member State shall designate a suitably qualified replacement. If for any reason, the Member State does not designate an alternate, other Member States of the Council from that Region shall be consulted in an out-of-session election to find a new representative and ensure that all Regions remain represented.</b></p> <p><b>It is the Member State, and not the individual in its personal capacity, who is elected as a Member of the Bureau. The Member State designates a</b></p>	<p>rotation; these shall form the Council's Bureau.</p> <p><b>(Reference: <a href="#">In accordance with the Recommendation 66 of the WG on Governance</a>)</b></p> <p>The election of the Bureau shall take place during an extraordinary session of the Council to be convened by the Director-General during the ordinary session of the General Conference at which the members of the Council are elected or as soon as thereafter.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Turkey is flexible on any arrangement as long as the election to the Bureau takes place immediately after the elections to the Council, in accordance with the <a href="#">recommendation 70 of the Working Group on Governance</a>.</p>	

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		<p><b>suitably qualified person for acting as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson. If the country of the Chairperson is no longer member of the Council, the Chairperson could not remain as vice chair for an additional term or an ex-officio member</b></p>	<p>The term of office of members of the Bureau shall expire in any event upon the expiry of their term office in the Council.</p>	
<p><b>VI.2.</b> The Bureau shall discharge the following duties:</p>				
<p><b>VI.2. (a)</b> fix, in consultation with the Secretariat, the dates of the Sessions of the Council and of its committees and working groups, in accordance with the general guidelines of the Council;</p>			<p><b>St Vincent and the Grenadines</b> agrees that the Bureau propose, if possible, at least <b>OPTIONS</b> for dates to the Council during its session, as it is applied currently in the committees and councils meetings.</p>	<p>The Council to debate and decide to give or not the Bureau the ability to schedule the meetings</p>

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<p><b>VI.2. (b)</b> prepare the sessions of the Council, in consultation with the Secretariat;</p>				
<p><b>VI.2. (c)</b> supervise the implementation of the resolutions of the Council, and report at each session of the Council, on the status of implementation of the prescribed phases of project execution and, in particular, follow the activities of the Council's committees and working groups;</p>				
<p><b>VI.2. (d)</b> prepare for the Council all reports requested by the General Conference of UNESCO;</p>				

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	<p><b>VI.2. (e)</b> discharge all other duties, which it may be assigned by the Council, <b>including the submission of proposals and reports to the Governing Bodies of UNESCO.</b></p>		<p>Accept the edited proposal of the Secretariat. Preferred the Secretariat's proposal as it is clearer on the delegation of the duties compared to the Uganda's proposition of adding an additional para.</p>	
<p><b>VI.3.</b> Meetings of the Bureau may be convened between meetings of the Council at the request of the Council itself, of the Director-General of UNESCO or of a Bureau member.</p>			<p>Referred to the Council, with the suggestion to maintain the original one; options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As is</li> <li>• One Bureau Member plus one</li> <li>• Simple majority</li> </ul>	<p>The Council to decide if one Bureau Member can call a meeting or it requires simple majority.</p>
		<p><b><u>Turkey:</u></b></p> <p><b>VI.4. Members of the Bureau shall communicate and coordinate with</b></p>	<p>Agree with edited suggestions by Turkey</p> <p>Turkey's additional comments: The following proposed</p>	

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		<p><b>their respective regional groups in UNESCO about the upcoming Bureau meeting through appropriate means in a timely manner.</b></p> <p><b>VI.5. Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO, which are not Members of the council may attend, as observers, to the Bureau meetings.</b></p> <p><b>VI.6. Working documents of each Bureau meeting shall, as a rule, be communicated to the Members of the Bureau and Members of the Council that are not members of the Bureau one</b></p>	<p>paragraphs can be considered in the RoP rather than in the Statutes.</p>	



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		<p><del>month before the meeting</del> all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO one month before the meeting and shall be made available online.</p> <p>The final report of each Bureau meeting shall be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO and shall be made available online.</p>		
		<p><b><u>Turkey:</u></b></p> <p><b>VII.1.</b> Representatives of Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO which are not members</p>	<p>Agree with Turkey's suggestion</p>	

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		of the Council, may participate, as observers, without the right to vote, at all <del>meetings</del> <b>sessions</b> of the Council, <b>and meetings of the Bureau</b> , of <del>its</del> <b>the</b> committees and of <del>its</del> <b>the</b> working groups.		
	<b>VII. 2. Water-related Centres and Institutes under the auspices of UNESCO and of UNESCO Chairs, the United Nations and other organizations, unions, commissions and associations, including those of the United Nations system, with which UNESCO has</b>	.	Agreed with the edited version of the secretariat (that includes the points of Czechia)	

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	<p><b>concluded mutual representation agreements, as provided for in Article V, paragraphs 3.1 a to c of the Rules of Procedure, may send observers to the Council sessions, its committees and working groups.</b></p>			
	<p><b>VIII.3.</b>  <del>Representatives of the International Council of Scientific Unions, of its Committee on Water Research and of its affiliated International Association of the Hydrological Sciences and International Association of Hydrologists, of the International Association for</del></p>		Covered by VIII.2	

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	<p><del>Hydraulic Research, of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, the International Commission of Large Dams and of the International Water Resources Association may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.</del></p>			
<p><b>VII.3.</b> The Council shall determine the conditions under which other international governmental or non-governmental organizations may be invited to attend its meetings, without the right to vote, whenever questions of common interest are discussed.</p>				

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<p><b>VIII.1.</b> The Secretariat of the Council shall be provided by the Director-General of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, who shall place at the Council's disposal the staff and other means required for its operation.</p>				
<p><b>VIII.2.</b> The Secretariat shall provide the necessary services for all sessions of the Council and meetings of its Bureau, committees and working groups.</p>		<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p><b>VIII. 2.</b> The Secretariat shall provide the necessary services for all sessions of the Council and meetings of its Bureau, <b>for the working groups and, if needed, for the regional/sub-regional</b></p>	<p>Deferred to the council if regional subregional committees should be included; otherwise suggested to keep original</p> <p>St Vincent and the Grenadines position is flexible in this regard.</p> <p><b>Norway</b> considers that most likely the Secretariat does not have the capacity to provide services for regional/sub-regional</p>	<p>Deferred to the Council if regional subregional committees should be included; otherwise suggested to keep original.</p> <p>Council to decide if regional subregional committees should be supported by the Secretariat</p>

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		<del>committees</del> and working groups.	committees, and therefore Norway does not agree to include this.	
<p><b>VIII.3.</b> The Secretariat shall take any measures required in order to co-ordinate the execution of the international programmes recommended by the Council and shall take all steps required to convene the sessions of the Council.</p>			As per para VI.2.a above, the decision is made either by Bureau or the council> thus this comment is not taken into consideration	
	<p><b>VIII.4.</b> The Secretariat shall assemble all proposals sent in by members of the Council, other Member States of UNESCO and the international organizations concerned, with regard to the</p>		Agreed as per edited suggestion of the Secretariat	

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	<p>formulation of <b>the strategic plans for the implementation of the IHP and of other international initiatives, flagships and projects</b> under the Programme, and shall prepare them for examination by the Council. It shall maintain liaison with the National Committees referred to in Article III, paragraph 2 above, and inform them of the Council's recommendations.</p>			
	<p><b>VIII.5.</b> In addition to the services which it renders to the Council, the Secretariat shall co-operate closely with the respective secretariats of the international governmental and</p>		Agreed	

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	non-governmental organizations mentioned in Article VII, paragraph 2 <del>and 3</del> , above; it shall for this purpose take part in inter-secretariat co-ordination meetings as necessary.			
	<b>VIII.6. The Secretariat shall report or coordinate the report of all UNESCO activities on water.</b>		Agreed	
<b>IX.1.</b> The international programmes of hydrological investigations recommended by the Council to Member States for concerted action on their part shall be financed by the participating Member States according to the			Keep the original	



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<p>commitments which each state is willing to make. The Council may, however make recommendations to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to the other organizations mentioned in Article VII, paragraph 2, above, concerning assistance to Member States for the development of hydrological research or the implementation of some particular aspects of the Programme. If UNESCO and the said organizations accept such activities and if the Member States concerned signify their agreement, these organizations shall undertake to finance the related activities in</p>				

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accordance with the provisions of their respective constitutions and regulations.				
<p><b>IX.2.</b> Member States shall bear the expense of participation of their representatives in sessions of the Council and its committees. The running expenses of the Council and its subsidiary organs shall be financed from funds appropriated for this purpose by the General Conference of UNESCO.</p>		<p><b><u>Turkey:</u></b></p> <p><b>IX.2.</b> Member States shall bear the expense of participation of their representatives in sessions of the Council and meetings of its Bureau, of its committees and of its working groups, with the exception of Least Developed Countries (LDC) and small island developing states (SIDS). The running expenses of the Council and its subsidiary organs shall be financed from funds appropriated for this purpose by the</p>	<p>To be discussed in the Council. The reasoning behind it is that by experience the Bureau will not be fully represented and operational.</p> <p>Oman is in favor of Secretariat's proposed modification.</p>	<p>For the Council to decide who can be supported.</p>

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		General Conference of UNESCO.		
	<p><b>IX.3.</b> Voluntary contributions may be accepted and established as trust funds and <b>special accounts</b> in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and administered by the Director-General of that Organization. The Council shall make recommendations to the Director-General on the allocation of such contributions for international projects within the Programme.</p>			

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	<p><b>X.1.</b> The Council shall submit reports on its activities to the General Conference of UNESCO at each of its ordinary sessions <b>and shall be made available online.</b> These reports shall also be communicated to the other <b>international organizations mentioned designated in Article VIII, paragraphs 2 and 3, above, and Article VII, paragraph 2, to all National Committees, Members and non-Members of the Council</b> for the <b>International Hydrological Programme, water-related Centres under the auspices of UNESCO and UNESCO Chairs.</b></p>	.	Agreed with the edited Secretariat suggestion	

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<p><b>X.2.</b> The Council may receive from other international organizations reports concerning the Programme</p>				
		<p><b>Turkey:</b></p> <p><b>X. 3. The Council shall receive reports from the UNESCO Water Family members regarding their activities concerning the Programme</b></p>	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Explanation of UNESCO Water Family became a footnote.</p>	

<sup>1</sup> The UNESCO Water Family is a network aimed at supporting the implementation of UNESCO's water programmes and the Organization's strategic goals by providing resources and expertise. It is composed of category 1 and 2 centres and institutes, UNESCO Chairs, the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), the IHP Secretariat and specialists from UNESCO Field Units, as well as IHP National Committees. Centres also strengthen the Programme by hosting secretariats of different IHP initiatives. The functioning of Category 2 Centres is regulated by the "Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres under the Auspices of UNESCO" approved by the General Conference at its 37th session (Document 37 C/Resolution 93, consultable on [https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/37-C-Resolution\\_93\\_EN.pdf](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/37-C-Resolution_93_EN.pdf)). In the light of this strategy, IHP has also provided itself with its "IHP Strategy for UNESCO's Category 2 Water-related Centres" (<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002218/221850E.pdf>).

**Proposed modifications on IHP Intergovernmental Council Rules of Procedure**

This part of the document contains:

1. In the first column (“Current articles”), the text of the RoP currently in force, that is, without proposed revisions.
2. In the second column (“Revisions by IHP Secretariat”), the text of the RoP with the revisions proposed by the IHP Secretariat in October 2016.
3. In the third column (“Revisions and comments by Member States”), the text of the RoP with the comments and revisions proposed by Member States after the consultation held in October 2016.
4. In the fourth column, explanatory comments from the Working group on the debate/way forward.

Notes:

- **Proposed additions are in bold.**
- ~~Proposed deletions are in strikethrough.~~
- Please note that final numbering will be made after adjustments.

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<b>I. Memberships</b>			
<p>1. The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (hereinafter called the "Council") is composed of 36 Member States of UNESCO, elected by the General Conference in accordance with Article II of the Statutes of the Council.</p>			Name to be considered.

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	<p><b>2. Each State member of the Council shall notify the Secretariat of UNESCO of the names of the designated representatives as well as of the advisers and experts, to the extent possible at least one month before the beginning of each session.</b></p>		Agreed with Secretariat's suggestion
	<p><b>3. Each Member State is encouraged to observe, to the extent possible, gender balance among its designated representatives in line with UNESCO's Priority Gender Equality Action Plan.</b></p>		Agreed with the edited suggestion
<p><b>II. Sessions</b></p> <p><b>1. Date and Place</b></p>			
<p><del>1. The first session of the Council shall be convened by the Director-General of UNESCO. The place and</del></p>			Original first para deleted

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<p><del>date of that session shall be communicated in advance to all interested Member States and organizations.</del></p>			
	<p><b>1.a Other</b> The sessions of the Council shall be convened by the Secretariat of the Council in accordance with the instructions of the Bureau of the Council (<b>hereinafter called “the Bureau”</b>).</p>		<p>Agreed</p>



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		<p><b><u>Turkey:</u></b></p> <p><b>3.1.b.</b> The Council sessions shall normally meet take place at the Headquarters of UNESCO. It may meet elsewhere if so decided by a majority of the Council members provided that it does not imply additional costs to the regular budget of UNESCO. Whenever modifications to the Statutes, the Rules of Procedure of the Council or any organizational related matter are on the agenda of a session of the Council, the session shall be held at the Headquarters of UNESCO.</p>	Agreed
		Turkey's proposed new para:	

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		<p>The Council shall hold ordinary sessions at least once and not more than twice every two years.</p> <p><b>Note for further clarity:</b> see <a href="#">Recommendation 81 of the WG on Governance.</a></p>	
<p><b>III. Agenda</b></p> <p><b>1. Provisional agenda</b></p>			
<p><del>1. The provisional agenda of the first session of the Council shall be prepared by the Director-General of UNESCO.</del></p>			<p>Agreed on the deletion of the original first para</p>
		<p><b>1.a.</b> The provisional agenda of the sessions of the Council shall be prepared by the Secretariat of the Council in consultation with the members of the Bureau, <b>taking into account the UNESCO calendar of events to avoid overlap among meetings within UNESCO</b></p>	<p>Agreed with Turkey's proposed article.</p> <p><b>(Note for further clarity:</b> see <a href="#">Recommendation of the WG on Governance</a>)</p>

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		<p><b><u>Turkey's additional comment:</u></b></p> <p><b>1.b</b> The provisional agenda shall be communicated to the Members of the Council at least two months before the opening of each session.</p> <p>The provisional agenda shall be communicated at the same time to the Members and Associate Members of UNESCO which are not members of the Council, including but not limited to the International Intergovernmental Organizations and Nongovernmental Organizations as listed in rule V.3.</p>	<p>Agree with merger but need to ensure the para for UN and other organizations.</p>
<p><b>1.c.</b> The provisional agenda of a session of the Council shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- all items previously decided by the Council;</li> </ul>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- all items proposed by Member States of the Council;</li> <li>- all items proposed by the United Nations or by its agencies;</li> <li>- all items proposed by the Director-General of UNESCO.</li> </ul>			
<b>2. Adoption of the agenda</b>			
<p>At the beginning of each session, the Council shall adopt the agenda for that session.</p>			
<b>3. Amendments, deletions and new items</b>			
<p>The Council may, during a session, modify the order of items of the agenda or add or delete items. A majority of two-thirds shall be required for the addition or deletion of items during a session.</p>			
<b>IV. Bureau</b>			
<b>1. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons</b>			

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	<p>1. At the beginning of its <b>each ordinary</b> session, following an <b>ordinary</b> session of the General Conference at which elections to the Council have been held, the Council shall elect <b>Member States to provide</b> a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons. These, with the Chairperson of the previous Bureau, who shall be an <i>ex-officio</i> member <b>remaining in office as Vice-Chairperson for his/her respective electoral group for one additional term</b>, shall constitute the Council's Bureau. The composition of the Bureau so formed shall reflect an equitable geographical distribution <b>and, to the extent possible, gender equality.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Turkey's additional comment:</u></b></p> <p><b>New para:</b> (For the following paragraphs as a reference, check Article VIII of the <a href="#">MOST Statutes</a> as adopted at the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the GC)</p> <p><b>xx.</b> Whenever the membership of the Council is modified by the General Conference in accordance with Article II.2 of the Statutes, the Council shall elect a Chairperson, four Chairpersons and a Rapporteur, on the basis of equitable geographical representation and to the extent possible gender equality, appropriate rotation; these shall form the Council's Bureau.</p> <p><b>(Reference: In accordance with the <a href="#">Recommendation 66 of the WG on Governance</a>)</b></p>	<p>This para will depend on the Council's decision around Membership and will be reformulated accordingly</p> <p>Secretariat to provide the information on the Bureau documents related to the various scenarios on the Bureau Membership (3 scenarios). Especially concerning in how, where and when a new representative of an incapacitated Member of the Bureau has to be replaced, and in the case that the country that is no longer Member of the Council (after the GC elects new Members).</p>

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	<p>The members of the Bureau who are representatives of Member States of UNESCO shall remain in office until a new Bureau has been elected. <b>If the Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson or the Chairperson of the previous Bureau ceases to represent a State Member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, his/her Member State shall designate a suitably qualified replacement. If for any reason, the Member State does not designate an alternate, other Member States of the Council from that Region shall be consulted in an out-of-session election to find a new representative and ensure that all Regions remain represented.</b></p> <p><b>It is the Member State, and not the individual in its personal capacity, who is</b></p>	<p>The election of the Bureau shall take place during an extraordinary session of the Council to be convened by the Director-General during the ordinary session of the General Conference at which the members of the Council are elected or as soon as thereafter.</p> <p><b>(Note: Turkey is flexible on any arrangement as long as the election to the Bureau takes place immediately after the elections to the Council, in accordance with the recommendation 70 of the Working Group on Governance)</b></p> <p>The term of office of members of the Bureau shall expire in any event upon the expiry of their term office in the Council.</p> <p><b><u>-Norway/Group I:</u></b></p>	<p>Otherwise we agree thus far with the edited version of the Secretariat with elements from Turkey and UK &amp; Group I.</p>

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	<p><b>elected as a Member of the Bureau. The Member State designates a suitably qualified person for acting as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.</b></p>	<p><b>Following the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons at a Council session, these shall serve as observers to the Bureau for a period of twelve months with a view to ensuring institutional memory and a good knowledge of Bureau's working procedures. The outgoing Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons shall continue in functions during this time. After this period, the incoming members start their two-year term.</b></p> <p><b>St Vincent and the Grenadines proposal missed (as proposed in the statutes):</b></p> <p>If the Chairperson ceases to represent a State member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, the Vice-Chairperson representing</p>	

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		the subsequent country by alphabetical order shall become chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term of office.	
		<p><b>Turkey:</b></p> <p><b>2. Members of the Bureau <del>are eligible for re-election</del> shall be eligible for immediate election for a second term of office. No member of the Bureau shall serve more than two consecutive terms.</b></p>	<p>Agreed with Turkey.</p> <p>The element to be clarified by the Council.</p>
<p><b>2. General powers of the Chairperson</b></p>			
<p>In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him/her elsewhere by these rules, the Chairperson shall have the following powers: He/she shall declare the opening and closing of meetings, direct the discussions, ensure the observance of these rules, accord the right to speak,</p>			



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<p>put questions to the vote and announce decisions. He/she shall rule on points of order and subject to these rules shall control the proceedings and maintenance of order.</p>			
	<p><del>2. If the Chairperson ceases to represent a State member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, a Vice-Chairperson shall become Chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term of office. If such Vice-Chairperson also ceases to represent a State member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, another Vice-Chairperson shall become Chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term of office. [See IV. 5. 1.]</del></p>		

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<b>3. Functions of the Vice-Chairpersons</b>			
	If the Chairperson is unable to attend at any session of the Council or Bureau or part thereof, his functions shall be exercised by a Vice-Chairperson.		Agreed
		<p><b>Turkey's additional comments:</b></p> <p>New para proposal:</p> <p>Members of the Bureau shall fulfill their roles and responsibilities in accordance with the "Guidelines on Responsibilities of Representatives of Electoral Groups in Bureaus" as adopted at the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference, contained in document 39 C/20.</p> <p><b>(Reference:</b> <a href="#">Recommendation of</a></p>	

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		<p><u><a href="#">the WG on Governance</a></u></p>	
		<p><b>Turkey's additional comments:</b></p> <p>New para proposals:</p> <p>The working documents of each Bureau meeting shall be communicated to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO one month before the opening of each meeting and shall be made available online.</p> <p>The final report of each Bureau meeting shall be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO and shall be made available online.</p>	

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<p><b>V. Committees and working groups</b></p> <p><b>1. Committees</b></p>		<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b>  <b>V. Regional/Sub-Regional Committees and working groups</b></p>	
<p>1. Committees, including regional and subregional, set up by the Council in accordance with Article V, paragraphs 1, 3 and 4, of the Statutes of the Council shall meet in accordance with the decisions of the Council or of the Bureau.</p>			<p>Added para 4 based on <b>Turkey's</b> suggestion.</p>
<p>2. These committees shall elect their own Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and, if necessary, their own rapporteur.</p>			
<p>3. These rules of procedure shall also apply to meetings of committees unless the Council decides otherwise.</p>			
		<p><b>4. These committees shall function in</b></p>	

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		<b>between the ordinary sessions of the Council unless the Council decides otherwise and shall submit a report on the outcomes of its work to the Council</b>	
<b>2. Working groups</b>			
<p>1. Working groups set up by the Council in accordance with Article V, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, of the Statutes of the Council shall meet in accordance with the decisions of the Council or the Bureau.</p>			
<p>2. These working groups shall elect their own Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and if necessary their own rapporteur.</p>			<p>Added para 3 based on Turkey's suggestion.</p>

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<p><b>3. These working groups shall function in between the ordinary sessions of the Council unless the Council decides otherwise and shall submit a report on the outcomes of its work to the Council.</b></p>			
<p><b>3. Observers</b></p>			
	<p><b>1. The Council can decide to invite other actors as observers to all meetings of the Council, of its Committees and of its working groups, meaning that:</b></p> <p><b>1 (a) Representatives of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the</b></p>	<p><b>St Vincent and the Grenadines remarks missed. To align with the proposal in the statutes and to add if agreed:</b></p> <p><b>“Category 2 water-related Institutes and Centres, UNESCO Chairs”</b></p> <p><b>Remarks:</b> we do not need to invite UNESCO as it is a UNESCO’s intergovernmental body who is inviting for such meeting.</p>	<p>Done, taking into consideration the remarks of <b>Czechia</b> and <b>Romania</b> as well as <b>Mexico</b> (partially)</p>

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	<p><b>World Meteorological Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups. This includes particular actors under the above-stated organizations, UNESCO-IHE, the World Water Assessment Programme and UN-Water.</b></p> <p><b>1 (b) Representatives of the International Council for Science, of its Committee on Water Research and of its affiliated International Association of the Hydrological Sciences and International Association of</b></p>		

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	<p>Hydrogeologists, of the International Association for Hydraulic Research, of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, the International Commission of Large Dams and of the International Water Resources Association, of the International Association of Academies of Sciences, of the International Hydropower Association, and of the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.</p>		



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	<p><b>(c) Further to the aforementioned entities the Council could consider other actors for the status of observer that might find appropriate at the time.</b></p>		
<p><b>VI. Secretariat</b></p> <p><b>1. Secretariat</b></p>			
<p>1. The Director-General shall place at the disposal of the Council such members of the Secretariat of UNESCO as may be necessary as well as other means required for its operation.</p>			
<p>2. The Director-General or his/her representative may make oral as well as written statements to the Council, its committees and working groups and to the Bureau concerning any question under consideration.</p>			

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<b>VII. Languages</b>			
<b>1. Working languages</b>	English, French, Spanish, and Russian, <b>Arabic and Chinese</b> shall be the working languages of the Council.		To be discussed by the Council as it has a financial implication.
<b>2. Use of other languages</b>			
	<b>1.</b> Any representative may make a speech in a language other than the working languages currently in use for a particular session of the Council or of a Committee on the condition that he/she provides <b>at least 1 hour before his/her presentation</b> a text for the interpretation of his/her speech <b>translated</b> into one or other of the said working languages.		Agreed
<b>VIII. Reports and documents</b>			

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<b>1. Report</b>			
		<p><b><u>Turkey's additional comment:</u></b></p> <p>1. The Secretariat shall submit a report <b>on its activities and all other activities of UNESCO in the field of water as well as the activities of the Water Family</b> to each session of the Council <b>and shall be made available online</b></p>	<p>Agreed with the proposal from <b>Turkey</b></p>
		<p><b>Turkey's additional comment:</b></p> <p>2. The Secretariat shall submit a report on its activities to <b>Council Member States and Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO, which are not members of the Council in between the ordinary</b></p>	<p>Agreed with the proposal from <b>Turkey</b></p>

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		<p><b>sessions of the Council and shall be made available online.</b></p>	
		<p><b>Turkey's additional comment:</b></p> <p><b>New para proposal:</b></p> <p>The final report of each Council session shall be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO and shall be made available online.</p>	
<p><b>3. The Council shall submit reports on its activities to each ordinary session of the General Conference of UNESCO and shall be made available online.</b></p>			
<p><b>4. Copies of these reports shall be circulated by the Director-General of UNESCO in accordance</b></p>			

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with Article X.1 of the Statutes of the Council.			
<b>2. Working Documents</b>			
		<p><b><u>Turkey's additional comment:</u></b></p> <p>1. The working documents of each session of the Council shall, as a rule, be communicated to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO <b>one month</b> before the opening of each session in the working languages of the Council as specified in the above-stated Rule VII paragraph 1 <b>and shall be made available online. Draft resolutions should also preferably be sent at the same time, without excluding the possibility of new resolutions to be introduced during the Council session.</b></p>	
<b>IX. Meetings</b>			

Current articles	Revisions by IHP Secretariat (circulated among Member States in October 2016)	Revisions and comments by Member States (as proposed after consultation in October 2016)	Comments of the Working Group
<b>1. Quorum</b>			
1. A simple majority of the States which are members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.			
<del>2. At meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Council a quorum shall be constituted by a simple majority of the States, which are members of the Council and which are members of the body in question.</del>			
<b>2. Publicity of meetings</b>			
All meetings of the Council shall be open to the public unless the Council decides otherwise.			
<b>X. Conduct of business</b> <b>1. Right to speak</b>			
1. Experts and observers may, with the authorization of the Chairperson, make			

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oral or written statements before the Council and its committees.			
<b>2. Order of speeches</b>			
	<p>1. The Chairperson shall call upon speakers in the order in which they have expressed the desire to speak, <b>starting with the Members of the Council and followed by the observers.</b></p>		
		<p><b>Turkey's additional comments:</b></p> <p><u>New para proposal:</u></p> <p>Observers shall not be given the right to speak during the adoption of decisions and voting.</p>	
<b>3. Time limit on speeches</b>			
The Council may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker.			
<b>4. Points of order</b>			

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<p>1. During the discussion on any matter, a representative may at any time raise a point of order and the point of order shall be forthwith decided by the Chairperson. Any representative may appeal against the ruling of the Chairperson which can only be overruled by a majority of the members present and voting. A representative may not in raising a point of order speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.</p>			
	<p><b>2. Each resolution will be discussed and adopted under the relevant agenda item.</b></p>		
<p><b>5. Suspension, adjournment, closure</b></p>			
<p>1. Any representative may, at any time, propose the suspension, adjournment or closure of a meeting or of a debate. Such a motion shall</p>			



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<p>be put to the vote immediately. The order of priority of such motions shall be as follows:</p> <p>(a) suspension of the meeting;</p> <p>(b) adjournment of the meeting;</p> <p>(c) adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion;</p> <p>(d) closure of the debate on the item under discussion.</p>			
<p><b>XI. Voting</b></p> <p><b>1. Voting rights</b></p>			
<p>Each Member State which is a member of the Council shall have one vote.</p>			
<p><b>2. Simple majority</b></p>			
<p><b>1.</b> Unless otherwise provided in these rules, decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of members present and voting.</p>			

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<p><b>2.</b> For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "members present and voting" means members casting an affirmative or negative vote. Members who abstain from voting are considered as not voting.</p>			
<p><b>3. Show of hands and roll call</b></p>			
<p><b>1.</b> Voting shall normally be by show of hands, except that any member may request a roll call. The vote and abstention of each member participating in the roll call shall be inserted in the report.</p>			
<p><b>4. Voting on amendments</b></p>			
		<p><b>1.</b> When an amendment to a proposal is moved, the amendment shall be voted on first.</p>	<p>Added comma</p>
<p><b>2.</b> When two or more amendments to a proposal are moved, the Council shall first vote on the amendment</p>			

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<p>deemed by the Chairperson to be the furthest removed from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest therefrom, and so on, until all amendments have been put to a vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted on. If no amendment is adopted, the proposal shall be put to the vote in its original form.</p>			
<p><b>3.</b> A motion is considered an amendment to a proposal if it adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal.</p>			
<p><b>5. Secret ballot (As amended by the IHP Council at its 14<sup>th</sup> session in June 2000)</b></p>			
<p><b>1.</b> All elections shall be decided by secret ballot unless, in the absence of objections, the Council decides otherwise.</p>			

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<p><b>2 (a)</b> Before the voting begins, the Chairperson shall appoint two tellers to scrutinize the votes cast.</p>			
<p><b>2 (b)</b> When the counting of the votes is completed and the tellers have reported to the Chairperson, he/she shall announce the results of the ballot bearing in mind that the voting will be recorded as follows:</p>			
<p><b>i.</b> From the total number of Members of the Council will be deducted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the number of Members absent, if any;</li> <li>- the number of blank ballots, if any;</li> <li>- the number of invalid ballots, if any.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>ii.</b> The remaining number will constitute the number of votes cast. The majority</p>			

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required will be more than half that number.			
iii. Those receiving a number of votes in favor, equal or superior to the majority required shall be declared elected.			
3 (a) When a single elective place is to be filled, any candidate obtaining in the first ballot an absolute majority (i.e. more than half) of the votes cast shall be declared elected.			
3 (b) If no candidate obtains absolute majority in the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken, restricted to the two candidates who obtained the most votes in the first ballot. The candidate obtaining a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.			

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<p><b>4.</b> When two or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same condition, those candidates obtaining in the first ballot an absolute majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. If the number of candidates obtaining such a majority is less than the number of places to be filled, there shall be additional ballots to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot, to a number not exceeding twice the number of places remaining to be filled.</p>			
<p><b>5.</b> If necessary, in order to determine the candidates to participate in a restricted ballot, an eliminating ballot may be taken restricted to the candidates having obtained the same number of votes in the previous ballot.</p>			

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<p>6. If, in the final ballot or an eliminating ballot, two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes, the Chairperson shall decide between them by drawing lots.</p>			
<p><b>6. Equally divided votes</b></p>			
<p>If a vote is equally divided on matters other than elections, the proposal shall be registered as rejected.</p>			
<p><b>XII. Special procedures</b> <b>1. Special consultation by correspondence</b></p>			
	<p>Should the approval of the Council be required for measures of exceptional urgency and importance while the Council is not in session, the Chairperson may, by means of the Secretariat, consult the members by correspondence <b>or</b></p>		<p>Agreed</p>

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	<p><b>electronic means.</b> The proposed measures shall be adopted if it is approved by two thirds of the members.</p>		
<p><b>XIII. Amendment</b></p> <p><b>1. Amendment</b></p>			
<p>These rules of procedure, except where they reproduce provisions of the Council Statutes or decisions of the General Conference, may be amended by a decision of the Council taken by a simple majority of the members present and voting, provided the proposal for amendment has been placed on the agenda.</p>			
<p><b>30. Suspension</b></p>			
<p>Suspension of any of these rules shall require a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.</p>			