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**STANDING RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF THE ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION  
ORGANIZATION\***

**SECTION I. SESSIONS**

*Rule 1*

The Assembly shall meet not less than once in three years and shall be convened by the Council at a suitable time and place [*Convention on International Civil Aviation* (hereinafter “Convention”), Article 48 a)].

**Ordinary  
Sessions**

*Rule 2*

The Assembly may hold extraordinary sessions at any time upon the call of the Council or at the request of not less than one-fifth of the total number of Contracting States addressed to the Secretary General [Convention, Article 48 a)].

**Extraordinary  
Sessions**

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## SECTION II. COMPOSITION

### *Delegations and their Credentials*

#### *Rule 3*

All Contracting States shall have an equal right to be represented at the sessions of the Assembly [Convention, Article 48 b)]. No person shall represent more than one State.

**Representation  
of Contracting  
States**

#### *Rule 4*

Delegations of Contracting States may be composed of delegates, alternates and advisers. One of the delegates shall be designated as the Chief Delegate. In case of his absence the Chief Delegate may designate another member of his delegation to serve in his stead.

**Delegations of  
Contracting  
States**

#### *Rule 5*

Non-Contracting States and international organizations duly invited by the Council, or by the Assembly itself, to attend a session of the Assembly may be represented by observers. Where a delegation consists of two or more observers, one of them shall be designated as "Chief Observer".

**Observers of  
non-Contracting  
States and  
International  
Organizations**

#### *Rule 6*

- a) Delegations shall be provided with credentials signed on behalf of the State or organization concerned, by a person duly authorized thereto, specifying the name of each member of the delegation and indicating the capacity in which he is to serve. The credentials shall be deposited with the Secretary General.

**Credentials  
and  
Credentials  
Committee**

- b) A Credentials Committee shall be established at the beginning of the session. It shall consist of five members representing five Contracting States nominated by the President of the Assembly, and the representative of each such State shall be designated by the Chief Delegate concerned. The committee shall elect its own chairman. It shall examine the credentials of members of delegations and report to the Assembly without delay.

*Rule 7*

Any member of a delegation shall be entitled, pending the presentation of a report by the Credentials Committee and Assembly action thereon, to attend meetings and to participate in them, subject, however, to the limits set forth in these Rules. The Assembly may bar from any further part in its activities any member of a delegation whose credentials it finds to be insufficient.

**Eligibility for  
Participation  
in Meetings**

**SECTION III. OFFICERS**

*Rule 8*

The Assembly, as soon as practicable after the commencement of a session, shall elect its President, who shall preside over the plenary meetings of the Assembly. Until such election, the President of the Council shall act as President of the Assembly.

**President**

*Rule 9*

The Assembly shall elect four vice-presidents and the chairmen of the commissions referred to in Section V.

**Vice-Presidents  
and Chairmen  
of Commissions**



## SECTION IV. AGENDA

### *Rule 10*

- a) The provisional agenda prepared by the Council for an ordinary session shall be communicated to Contracting States so as to reach them at least ninety days before the opening of the session. Subject to paragraph d) hereof, the basic documentation including budget proposals, Council's Report to the Assembly, and supporting documentation on questions of general policy, air transport matters and air navigation matters, shall be communicated by such means as will ensure, apart from unforeseen contingencies, that they will be received by Contracting States at least fifty days before the date of the opening of the session.
- b) Subject to the requirements of paragraph d), any Contracting State may, at least forty days before the date fixed for the opening of an ordinary session, propose to the Secretary General the addition of items to the provisional agenda. Such items, together with any explanatory documentation furnished by the Contracting State, and, time permitting, additional comments, if any, made by the Secretary General thereon, shall be communicated to Contracting States so as to reach them, apart from unforeseen circumstances, at least twenty-one days before the opening of the session.
- c) The provisional agenda prepared by the Council or by the requesting Contracting States, as the case may be, for an extraordinary session shall be communicated to Contracting States so as to reach them at least fourteen days before the opening of the session, and the supporting documentation shall be communicated as soon as possible prior to the opening of the session.
- d) Proposals for the amendment of the Convention, together with any comments or recommendations of the Council

**Provisional  
Agenda and  
Addition of  
Items thereon**

thereon, shall be communicated to Contracting States so as to reach them at least ninety days before the opening of the session.

*Rule 11*

Failure of a State to receive the provisional agenda or supporting documentation in accordance with the provisions of these Rules shall not invalidate the session of the Assembly.

**Delay in  
Receipt of  
Agenda or  
Documentation**

*Rule 12*

At each session, the provisional agenda prepared as provided in Rule 10, together with any additional item that the United Nations may request or that any Contracting State may propose for inclusion in the agenda, shall be submitted to the Assembly for approval as soon as possible after the opening of the session.

**Approval of  
the Agenda**

*Rule 13*

The Assembly in plenary meeting, or the Executive Committee, may at any time add any item to the agenda or otherwise amend it.

**Amendments  
to the Agenda**

**SECTION V. COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

*Rule 14*

The Assembly shall establish, in addition to the Credentials Committee referred to in Rule 6, the following committees and commission:

**Establishment  
of Committees  
and  
Commissions**

- a) Executive Committee;

- b) Coordinating Committee (in the case of sessions including two or more commissions);
- c) Administrative Commission; and may establish such other committees and commissions as it deems desirable for the conduct of its business.

*Rule 15*

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President of the Assembly, the Chief Delegates of Contracting States and the President of the Council. Each Chief Delegate may be accompanied at meetings of the Executive Committee by not more than one member of his delegation, unless otherwise agreed by the committee. The committee shall be convened by the President of the Assembly, who shall be its chairman.

**Executive  
Committee**

The functions of the Executive Committee shall include:

- a) the submission to the Assembly, when necessary, of a list of Contracting States desirous of being considered for election to the Council;
- b) the consideration of amendments to, or the addition of items to, the Assembly's agenda, under the terms of Section IV;
- c) the consideration of and report on such items of the agenda as the Assembly may refer to it;
- d) the submission of recommendations to the Assembly on the organization and conduct of the business of the Assembly;
- e) the giving of advice to the President of the Assembly, on his request, on matters requiring his decision.

*Rule 16*

If established, the Coordinating Committee shall consist of the President of the Assembly, who shall be its chairman, the vice-presidents, the President of the Council and the chairmen of the commissions. The function of the Coordinating Committee shall be to coordinate the activities of the commissions.

**Coordinating  
Committee**

*Rule 17*

The membership and functions of any other committees appointed by the Assembly shall be determined by the Assembly and such committees shall appoint their own chairmen, and, if necessary, vice-chairmen.

**Other  
Committees**

*Rule 18*

The Assembly may establish such commissions as it may consider to be necessary or desirable.

**Establishment  
of Commissions**

*Rule 19*

Any commission may create subcommissions and any commission, committee, or subcommission may create working groups.

**Subcommissions  
and Working  
Groups**

*Rule 20*

The Assembly may refer items of the agenda or parts of such items to commissions and other committees for consideration and report. These commissions and committees shall not, on their own initiative, add new items to their agenda.

**Reference of  
Subjects to  
Commissions  
and  
Committees**

*Rule 21*

Any Contracting State may be represented on any commission or subcommission by a member or members of its delegation. A working group shall consist of a limited number of members appointed by the chairman of the commission, committee or subcommission by which it is created, not more than one member being appointed from any one delegation.

**Representation of Contracting States on Commissions, Subcommissions and Working Groups**

*Rule 22*

The chairmen of commissions shall be elected by the Assembly. The commissions shall elect their own vice-chairmen.

**Officers of Commissions, Subcommissions and Working Groups**

Each subcommission and working group shall elect its own officers.

**SECTION VI. SECRETARIAT**

*Rule 23*

The Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization shall act as Secretary General of the Assembly and shall provide and direct the staff required by the Assembly and its committees, commissions, subcommissions and working groups.

**Duties of the Secretary General**

**SECTION VII. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

*Rule 24*

Meetings of the Assembly, its commissions and sub-commissions shall be held in public unless any such body decides that any of its meetings shall be held in private.

**General Principles**

Meetings of committees and working groups shall not be open to the public except by decision of the committee or working group concerned.

*Rule 25*

Observers may participate without vote in the deliberations of the Assembly, its commissions and subcommissions when their meetings are not held in private. In the case of meetings of bodies of limited membership, observers may also attend and participate without vote in the meetings of such a body if invited by that body or by the officer by whom the members of that body were originally appointed. With respect to private meetings, individual observers may be invited by the body concerned to attend and be heard.

**Participation  
of Observers**

*Rule 26*

Notwithstanding any of these Rules, observers of the United Nations may attend the meetings of the Assembly and its commissions and committees and may participate without vote in the deliberations of these bodies.

**United Nations  
Representation**

*Rule 27*

Members of delegations of Contracting States not represented in a body of limited membership may attend and participate without vote in the meetings of such body, except when the officer by whom the members of that body were originally appointed authorizes the body to meet with attendance limited to its membership and to such other persons as that body may invite.

**Bodies of  
Limited  
Membership**

*Rule 28*

A majority of the Contracting States shall constitute a quorum for the plenary meetings of the Assembly. A majority of the

**Quorum**

Contracting States represented in the Assembly shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall determine the quorum for other committees and commissions in any case when it is considered necessary that a quorum be established.

*Rule 29*

The presiding officer in the Assembly and any of its bodies shall declare the opening and closing of each meeting, direct the discussion, ensure observance of these Rules, accord the right to speak, put questions and announce decisions. He shall rule on points of order and, subject to these Rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings of the body concerned and over the maintenance of order at its meetings.

**Powers of  
Presiding  
Officers**

*Rule 30*

The President of the Council, the Secretary General, or a member of the Secretariat designated by him as his representative, may, at any time, make either oral or written statements to the Assembly or any body thereof concerning any question under consideration by it.

**Statements by  
President of the  
Council and by  
Secretary  
General**

*Rule 31*

Plenary meetings shall be held on the call of the President of the Assembly or on the direction of the Executive Committee.

**Calling of  
Plenary  
Meetings**

*Rule 32*

If the President of the Assembly finds it necessary to be absent during the whole or part of a plenary meeting of the Assembly or during the whole or part of a meeting of the Executive Committee or Coordinating Committee, he shall appoint one of the vice-presidents to take his place.

**Acting  
President**

### *Rule 33*

Except as otherwise specifically provided, the subsequent Rules of this section shall not apply to subcommissions and working groups, which shall conduct their deliberations informally.

**Non-application  
of Certain Rules  
to Subcommis-  
sions and  
Working  
Groups**

### *Rule 34*

- a) The presiding officer shall call upon speakers in the order in which they have expressed their desire to speak; he may call a speaker to order if his observations are not relevant to the subject under discussion.
- b) Generally, no representative should be called to speak a second time on any question except for clarification, until all other representatives desiring to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

**Speakers**

### *Rule 35*

At plenary meetings, the chairman of a committee or commission may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by the body concerned. In commission meetings, a similar precedence may be given to the chairmen of subcommissions and working groups.

**Precedence**

### *Rule 36*

During the discussion of any matter, and notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 34, a member of the delegation of a Contracting State may at any time raise a point of order, and the point of order shall be immediately decided by the presiding officer. Any member of a delegation representing a Contracting State may appeal against the ruling of the presiding officer. The appeal shall be immediately put to vote, and the ruling of the presiding officer shall stand unless

**Points of  
Order**



overruled by a majority of votes cast. A member of a delegation raising a point of order may speak only on this point, and may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion before the point was raised.

*Rule 37*

A presiding officer may, with the approval of the Assembly or of the body concerned, limit the time allowed to each speaker.

**Time Limit  
on Speeches**

*Rule 38*

A motion or amendment shall not be discussed until it has been seconded. Motions and amendments may be presented and seconded only by members of delegations of Contracting States.

**Motions and  
Amendments**

*Rule 39*

No motion may be withdrawn if an amendment to it is under discussion or has been adopted.

**Withdrawal of  
Motion**

*Rule 40*

Any member of the delegation of a Contracting State may move at any time the suspension or adjournment of the meeting, the adjournment of the debate on any question, the deferment of discussion of an item, or the closure of the debate on an item. After such a motion has been made and explained by its proposer, only one speaker shall normally be allowed to speak in opposition to it, and no further speeches shall be made in its support before a vote is taken. Additional speeches on such a motion may be allowed at the discretion of the presiding officer, who shall decide the priority of recognition.

**Procedural  
Motions**

### *Rule 41*

Subject to the provisions of Rule 36, the following motions shall have priority over all other motions, and shall be taken in the following order:

**Order of  
Procedural  
Motions**

- a) to suspend the meeting;
- b) to adjourn the meeting;
- c) to adjourn the debate on an item;
- d) to defer the debate on an item;
- e) for closure of the debate on an item.

### *Rule 42*

Reopening within the same body and at the same session of a debate already completed by a vote on a given item shall require a majority of votes cast. Permission to speak on a motion to reopen shall normally be accorded only to the proposer and to one speaker in opposition, after which it shall be immediately put to vote: when a larger number of speeches is allowed by the presiding officer, priority of recognition shall be given to the leading participants in the debate affected by the motion, or in the sponsorship of or opposition to the proposal that would be affected. Speeches on a motion to reopen shall be limited in content to matters bearing directly on the justification of reopening. Discussion of the substance of the question at issue will be in order only if, and after, the motion to reopen prevails.

**Reconsideration  
of Proposal**

### *Rule 42A*

- a) No resolution or other form of action involving expenditure not provided for in the budget estimates shall be recommended by a commission or committee for approval by the Plenary before the Secretary General

**Proposals  
Involving  
Expenditure  
Outside Budget  
Estimates**

presents to such commission or committee his estimate of the expenditure involved.

- b) If a commission or a committee decides to recommend to the Assembly approval of a proposal of the type described in paragraph a) above, it shall accompany its recommendation with an estimate of expenditure prepared by the Secretary General and it shall inform the Administrative Commission that it is making that recommendation to the Assembly.
- c) No recommendation of a commission or a committee which would involve expenditure not provided for in the budget estimates shall be voted by the Assembly until the Administrative Commission has had an opportunity of stating the repercussions of the recommendation upon those budget estimates.

## **SECTION VIII. VOTING**

### *Rule 43*

- a) At meetings of any body of the Assembly other than bodies of limited membership, each Contracting State represented by an accredited delegation shall be entitled to one vote, unless the voting power of such State has been suspended by the Assembly under the terms of the Convention. Advisers shall not be entitled to cast a vote on behalf of their delegations in plenary meetings of the Assembly, but may do so elsewhere. **Voting Rights**
- b) In meetings of bodies of limited membership each duly appointed member thereof shall be entitled to one vote.
- c) Observers representing non-Contracting States or international organizations shall not be entitled to vote.

*Rule 44*

The presiding officer of the Assembly, or of any of its bodies, shall have the right to cast the vote of his State.

**Voting of  
Presiding  
Officer**

*Rule 45*

Except as otherwise provided in the Convention, decisions shall be by a majority of the votes cast [Convention, Article 48 c)]. An abstention shall not be considered as a vote.

**Majority  
Required**

*Rule 46*

Voting shall normally be by voice, by show of hands, or by standing, but at the request of any delegation of a Contracting State there shall be a roll-call, which shall be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the Contracting States, beginning with the State whose name is drawn by lot by the presiding officer. The vote of each delegation participating in a roll-call shall be recorded in the minutes, as required by Rule 65.

**Method of  
Voting**

*Rule 47*

The vote on any question shall be by secret ballot if the delegations of two or more Contracting States so request and the request is not opposed. In case of opposition the question whether there shall be a secret ballot shall be decided by a majority of votes cast in secret ballot. The provisions of this Rule shall prevail over those of Rule 46.

**Secret Ballot**

*Rule 48*

On request of the delegation of any Contracting State and unless opposed by a majority of those voting, parts of a motion shall be voted on separately. The resulting motion shall then be put to a final vote in its entirety.

**Division of  
Motions**

*Rule 49*

Any amendment to a motion shall be voted on before a vote is taken on the motion. When two or more amendments are moved to a motion, the vote should be taken on them in their order of remoteness to the original motion, commencing with the most remote. The presiding officer shall determine whether a proposed amendment is so related to the motion as to constitute a proper amendment thereto, or whether it must be considered as an alternative or substitute motion; this ruling may be reversed by a majority of votes cast.

**Voting on  
Amendments**

*Rule 50*

Alternative or substitute motions shall, unless the meeting otherwise decides, be put to vote in the order in which they are presented, and after the disposal of the original motion. The presiding officer shall decide whether it is necessary to put such alternative or substitute motions to vote in the light of the vote on the original motions and any amendments thereto; this ruling may be reversed by a majority of votes cast.

**Voting on  
Alternative or  
Substitute  
Motions**

*Rule 51*

A vote on any motion or amendment shall be postponed upon request of any member of the delegation of a Contracting State until copies of the motion have been available to all delegations for at least twenty-four hours. Such postponement may be denied by a majority of votes cast.

**Postponement  
of Voting**

*Rule 52*

In the event of a tie vote, a second vote on the motion concerned shall be taken at the next meeting, unless the body concerned decides that such second vote be taken during the

**Tie Vote**

meeting at which the tie vote took place. Unless there is a majority in favour of the motion on this second vote, it shall be considered lost.

*Rule 53*

The four-fifths and two-thirds vote of the Assembly required under Articles 93 and 94 a) respectively of the Convention shall be construed as meaning four-fifths and two-thirds of the total number of Contracting States represented at the Assembly and qualified to vote at the time the vote is taken. For the purpose of establishing this total, there shall be excluded from the total number of Contracting States for which delegations had, at any time either immediately prior to or during the Assembly, filed their credentials:

**Voting under  
Articles 93  
and 94 a) of  
the Convention**

- a) Contracting States whose delegations had given notice in writing or otherwise of their withdrawal or departure from the Assembly prior to the time when the vote is taken;
- b) Contracting States whose delegations' credentials or instructions, filed with the Secretary General, expressly deprive them of the right to vote on the question with respect to which the required majority is being determined; and
- c) Contracting States whose voting power is under suspension at the time the vote is taken.

**SECTION IX. VOTING ON ELECTION  
OF THE COUNCIL**

*Rule 54*

Each Contracting State which intends to stand for election to the Council may at any time so inform, in writing, the Secretary General who shall, at the opening of the session,

**Information  
List of  
Candidates**

publish a list showing the names of all the States which have so notified him. This list shall serve the purpose of information only. The official notification of candidacy may be given only at the times specified in Rules 56 and 58 and the official lists of candidatures shall be only those specified in Rules 56 b) and 58 b).

*Rule 55*

- a) The election of the Council shall be so conducted as to enable adequate representation on the Council to be given to the Contracting States described in Article 50 b) of the Convention and shall be held in three parts as follows:
- i) The first part — election of States of chief importance in air transport — shall be held within four days of the opening of the session.
  - ii) The second part — election of States not already elected in the first part but which make the largest contribution to the provision of facilities for international civil air navigation — shall be held immediately after the first part of the election.
  - iii) The third part — election of States not elected in either the first or the second part, and whether or not they were candidates in either of those parts, and whose designation will ensure that all the major geographical areas of the world are represented on the Council — shall be held as soon as possible after the expiry of twenty-four hours following the publication of the list of candidates mentioned in Rule 58 b).
- b) As early as possible after the opening of the session, the Assembly shall fix the maximum number of Contracting States to be elected in each part of the election and fix also the day on which the first two parts of the election shall be held.

**Principle  
of Adequate  
Representation**

*Rule 56*

- a) Each Contracting State which desires to stand for election in either the first or the second part shall so notify the Secretary General in writing during the period of forty-eight hours following the opening of the session.
- b) At the end of the period of forty-eight hours mentioned above, the Secretary General shall publish a list of the States which have notified him, in accordance with paragraph a) above, of their candidacy for the first or the second part of the election.
- c) All States entered in the aforesaid list shall be deemed to be available for consideration for the first part as well as for the second part, if necessary, of the election unless a Contracting State notifies the Secretary General that it does not wish to be considered in the first part or the second part of the election. Accordingly, and subject to the foregoing, any Contracting State included in the said list and not elected in the first part of the election will automatically be included amongst those to be considered in the second part of the election.

**List of  
Candidates  
for First and  
Second Parts  
of Election**

*Rule 57*

After the second part of the election the President of the Assembly shall declare an interval of approximately forty-eight hours specifying the hour at which that interval will expire, in order that candidatures may be presented for the third part of the election.

**Interval**

*Rule 58*

- a) Any Contracting State not elected in the first or the second part of the election, and whether or not it was a candidate in either of those parts, shall, if it wishes to be a

**List of  
Candidates  
for Third Part  
of Election**



candidate for the third part, so notify the Secretary General in writing after the commencement, but before the expiry, of the interval mentioned in Rule 57.

- b) A list showing the names of the States which are candidates in accordance with this Rule for the third part of the election shall be published at the end of the aforesaid interval.

*Rule 59*

- a) The election in each of the three parts shall be conducted by secret ballot. **Balloting**
- b) Ballot papers shall be prepared by the Secretary General for each ballot and distributed in advance of the balloting. The ballot papers shall contain the names of all Contracting States which are to be considered for the purpose of the particular ballot concerned and a statement of the maximum number of Contracting States to be elected in that ballot. A Contracting State may vote for any number of candidates up to, but not exceeding, the number of vacancies to be filled by the ballot concerned. An affirmative vote shall be indicated by marking a cross (X) opposite the name of the Contracting State for which the vote is cast.
- c) The Secretary General shall record the names of the Contracting States participating in each ballot.
- d) Any ballot paper shall be rejected if the number of affirmative votes therein exceed the number to be elected in that particular ballot.
- e) The results of each ballot shall be announced by the President of the Assembly.

*Rule 60*

To be elected a member of the Council, a Contracting State must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of Contracting States voting. The deposit of a ballot shall constitute the act of voting. If the number of Contracting States receiving such majority on any ballot is in excess of the number of places to be filled, those receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be chosen. If the number of Contracting States receiving such majority is less than the number of places to be filled, those which have obtained this majority shall be considered to be elected and there shall be another ballot, and, if necessary, additional ballots to fill the remaining places. In these ballots only those Contracting States which were unsuccessful in obtaining the required majority in the previous ballot shall be considered. Following any such ballot in which no Contracting State receives the required majority, the list of Contracting States in the next ballot shall be restricted to a number not more than twice the number of vacancies to be filled and these Contracting States shall be those which received the highest numbers of votes in the previous ballot. However, in the case where two or more Contracting States are tied for the last place on such a restricted list, such Contracting States shall all be included in the list.

**Majority  
Required**

*Rule 61*

In the event of a tie between two or more Contracting States for the last place or places in a part of the election as described in Rule 55, a further ballot shall be held in which only those thus tied shall be considered. If such a ballot results in another tie, the Contracting State to be eliminated from the list for the next ballot shall be determined by a drawing of lots by the President of the Assembly; and the Contracting State so eliminated shall not be eligible for consideration in any subsequent ballot for election in that part.

**Balloting in  
Case of Tie  
Vote**

### *Rule 62*

For an election to fill a vacancy or vacancies on the Council:

**Election to  
Fill a  
Vacancy**

- a) the name of any Contracting State desiring to be elected shall be notified in writing to the Secretary General within the forty-eight hours following the opening of the Assembly, and the Secretary General shall, without delay, publish a list of all such names;
- b) the election shall be held at an early date following such publication;
- c) the principle concerning adequate representation, specified in Article 50 b) of the Convention, shall apply;
- d) the voting shall be by secret ballot;
- e) the provisions of paragraphs b), c) and d) of Rule 59 and those of Rules 60 and 61 shall apply to the election.

## **SECTION X. LANGUAGES**

### *Rule 63*

All preparatory documentation for or at the Assembly as well as recommendations, resolutions and decisions of the Assembly shall be prepared and circulated in the English, Arabic, French, Russian and Spanish languages.

**Languages of  
Documentation**

### *Rule 64*

The English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish languages may be used in the deliberations of the Assembly and its bodies. Speeches made in any of six languages shall be interpreted into the other five languages, except where such interpretation is dispensed with by common consent.

**Languages of  
Deliberations**

## **SECTION XI. RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS**

### *Rule 65*

Unless otherwise decided by the Assembly, minutes of plenary meetings and of meetings of the Executive Committee shall be distributed as soon as possible after each meeting, in such form as the body concerned may decide. **Records**

## **SECTION XII. AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE**

### *Rule 66*

Subject to the provisions of the Convention, these Rules may be amended, or any portion of the Rules may be suspended, at any time by the Assembly. **Amendment or Suspension of Rules**

— **END** —

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