



10.1– Legal Advisory Panel

10.1.2– Change to the Basic Documents

Revision of the Basic Documents

1. BACKGROUND

The LAP has undertaken to make two changes, described below, to the Basic Documents. These changes can be seen in track changes in document C76 10.1.2.1.

Both changes have been discussed in PAP and their suggestions are incorporated in the text.

The first change is to the Convention Article 7.3, second bullet point. This change is to make sure that Countries with more than one National member have only one vote when electing the new Council. Article 8.1 already states that “...only one National member from any country may be elected to the Council”.

The proposed text reads:

- *Each National member has one vote. When a country has more than one National member, that country still has only one vote.*

This issue was not a problem during the election at the General Assembly in 2018, but it has been questioned by a Country with two National members. In order not to create a discussion at the General Assembly in 2023 it is suggested to make this point clear in Article 7.3.

The second change relates to the General Regulations Article (new) 7. This new article is introduced to allow meetings to be carried out on-line and use the experience gained during the pandemic.

The proposed text reads:

Article 7 The conduct of meetings

- 1 Meetings with a physical presence, with the exception of the General Assembly, may if possible, offer an additional option of joining the meeting online during the physical meeting.*
- 2 In case of extraordinary events such as international travel restrictions, ordinary meetings may, at the discretion of the Secretary-General, be conducted online.*
- 3 The time schedule for online meetings without physical attendance may be adapted to accommodate different time zones.*

2. ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL

Council is invited to agree on the changes and forward the changes to the Constitution to the General Assembly for approval.