

ISAF Constitution

Representation at General Meetings/Assemblies

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To require that MNAs are represented by appropriate delegates at General Meetings and General Assemblies.

Proposal 1

Delete Article 25.1 and replace with:

25.1 Each Member National Authority may be represented by either:

- (a) its president, chairman or other principal executive officer (such as a secretary general or chief executive officer); or**
- (b) a delegate who is a national or resident of the country concerned and who is either a member of the Council or a member of long standing of that Member National Authority; and**

Member National Authorities shall ensure that notice of the appointment of such delegate is given in writing to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Schedule B to these Articles (which forms part of these Articles). Except where Article 35 applies, no appointment of other proxies is permitted.

Proposal 2

Amend Article 25.2 as follows:

- 25.2 If a **duly appointed representative under Article 25.1** ~~delegate so appointed~~ is prevented from attending for a reason outside his control, the President may accept an alternate ~~appointment~~ **delegate (being an appropriate person under Article 25.1 and being competent to represent that Member National Authority on the matters to be considered at the meeting)** at any time up to one hour before the opening of the meeting.

Proposal 3

Amend Schedule B of the Constitution as follows:

5. Save as expressly provided in these Articles, no member other than the properly appointed delegate of a Member National Authority, which shall have paid every subscription and other sum (if any) which shall be due and payable to the Federation in respect of its membership, shall be entitled to vote on any question at any General Meeting. **Where a duly appointed representative or delegate is unable to attend and vote either because he is refused entry to the country where that meeting is taking place or through unforeseen ill health then, if the Chief Executive Officer is satisfied after making such enquiries as he deems appropriate as to the causes of such inability to attend, then the Member National Authority in question may appoint a member of that country's diplomatic corps within the country where the meeting is taking place to take the place of and represent the delegate in question.**

Current Position

See above.

Reasons

1. Given the importance of the affairs discussed at each General Meeting (including in every fourth year the General Assembly), it is vital that delegates are properly informed of an MNA's views and can properly represent it at the meeting.
 2. It is accepted that some countries may encounter difficulties sending their nominated delegate to Conference and the above proposals make suitable provision for emergencies or refusal of entry into the country.
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