

ISAF Constitution

Appointments to Council

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To reform and update the mechanism for appointment members of Council

Proposal

Delete Article 40 and replace with:

- 40. (a) Members of the Council appointed by Member National Authorities shall be appointed by the groups of Member National Authorities shown in the Table in Schedule A to these Articles. Each group shall be entitled to appoint the number of members to the Council shown opposite its group.**
- (b) No earlier than sixty days before the date of the next ordinary meeting of the General Assembly, a Member National Authority may by notice in writing to the Chief Executive Officer nominate a candidate in each vacancy in that Member National Authority's group to be a member of Council for the forthcoming new term. A Member National Authority may change its nominations at any time until thirty days before the meeting of the General Assembly, when the nominations shall close. Any nomination received after this time is not valid.**
- (c) Following the close of nominations, the candidate(s) with the greatest number of nominations shall be deemed appointed to the Council by the group for the forthcoming new term. The Chief Executive Officer shall publish to all Member National Authorities in a group the nominations made.**
- (d) If there is an equal number of nominations for a vacancy, then any candidate(s) with the least number of nominations shall be eliminated and a ballot of the Member National Authorities in that group shall be held between the tied candidates. If a tie remains, this procedure shall be repeated until one candidate receives a simple majority of votes. In the event that a tie still persists seven days before the start of the General Assembly, the President shall break the tie in his sole discretion and appoint a candidate to fill the vacancy. All ballots shall be administered by the Chief Executive Officer.**

Current Position

See above.

Reasons

1. Following a number of disputes in the previous Council appointment process, the system for appointing Council members needs to be reformed and simplified. It is also necessary to introduce a timetable to give MNAs and the Secretariat certainty over the process.
 2. Countries in a Group still can agree their Council members between them and then file appropriate nominations. However, for larger groups, it is appropriate that an election is held and for there to be appropriate mechanisms for breaking any ties.
 3. The proposal also provides that the Chief Executive Officer (who is neutral) will administer any ballots in the interests of fairness.
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