



Extraordinary General Assembly 28–29 February 2024

Results of the vote

Background

On 29 August 2023 the ISC Governing Board called an extraordinary ISC General Assembly for 28–29 February 2024 to consider and approve a revised set of Statutes and Rules of Procedure and a related proposal for a process to introduce staggering of the terms of office of Governing Board members.

Each Member organization eligible to vote had been invited to designate, by 27 February, a voting delegate to cast an electronic vote.

On 28 February 2024, the ISC President presented the background to the revision of the statutes and highlighted the main changes proposed, as well as the proposed process to introduce staggering of the terms of office of Governing Board members in two virtual sessions of two hours each.

Three tellers were proposed at these sessions and appointed at the second session:

- Dr. Eoghan Griffin (Executive Officer, Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research - SCAR)
- Dr. Peggy Oti-Boateng (Executive Director, African Academy of Sciences - AAS)
- Dr. Katalin Solymosi (Chair, Young Academy of Europe, YAE)

Final editorial changes to the previous version of the draft Statutes and Rules of Procedure (version of 2 February 2024) were reviewed at the live sessions, and some additional modifications proposed by the Members were considered and integrated.

A final, consolidated version of the proposed Statutes and Rules of Procedure was circulated on 29 February, and electronic voting opened, with a deadline of midnight UTC on 6 March.

The meeting documents and the full consultation process can be accessed at <https://council.science/events/isc-extraordinary-general-assembly/>.

Counting of the votes

The tellers had been briefed by the ISC Secretariat on the voting and counting procedures in a meeting on 27 February 2024.

The tellers met with members of the Secretariat on 7 March 2024 to count the votes.

The Statutes and Rules of Procedure (approved 5 February 2021) define the applicable voting rules:

Statute 15 ii:

[...]

Regarding voting on elections and other procedural matters:

- Each Member of Category 1 will have a weighted vote equal to the total number of country, territory or region votes divided by the total number of Members of Category 1, within the total membership base.
- Each Member of Category 2 shall have one vote, except in cases where there is more than one Member of Category 2 representing the same country, territory or region as defined by the General Assembly, in which case the Members from that country, territory or region need to agree on a common voting position resulting in a single vote. Should there be no agreement amongst them, each Member of Category 2 shall have a proportion of that one vote. Exceptions to this voting rule may be agreed by a resolution of the General Assembly.”

Statute 42:

Any change to the Statutes shall require a vote of two thirds of all Members present and voting.

Rule of Procedure 1.1:

In sessions of the General Assembly a quorum shall consist of a minimum of 50% of the voting Full Members.

It was noted that the option ‘Abstain’ had not been provided in the electronic voting form. In practice, abstention took two forms:

1. Not registering a voting delegate.
2. Registering a voting delegate but not voting.

Both forms of abstention are reported on.

One Member submitted a written vote, abstaining on one of the two questions under consideration, and voting on the other.

Summary of results

Of 147 Members in good standing, 123 Members (83.7%) voted on Question 1 and 124 Members (84.4%) voted on Question 2. A quorum (50%) was therefore reached on both questions put to the vote.

On the Statutes and Rules of Procedure:

- The proposal for the revised Statutes and Rules of Procedure was approved by 89.6% of the weighted votes actually cast, with 10.4% of the votes against.
- 9 Members (6.1% of 147 Members) registered a voting delegate but did not vote.
- 15 Members (10.2% of 147 Members) did not register a voting delegate.

On the proposal for the transition to staggered terms of office

- The proposal for the transition to staggered terms of office of Governing Board members was approved by 90.6% of the weighted votes actually cast, with 9.4% of the vote against.
- 8 Members (5.4% of 147 Members) registered a voting delegate but did not vote.
- 15 Members (10.2% of 147 Members) did not register a voting delegate.

Detailed results are presented below.

Detailed results

Quorum

The total number of Members in good standing and eligible to vote was:

Category 1:	42
Category 2:	105
Total:	147

One eligible voter had voted more than once in response to general reminders received from the ISC Secretariat because no email confirmation of the vote had been received by the voter. Only one of the votes was retained.

123 Members in good standing (36 Category 1 and 87 Category 2) voted on Question 1, meaning 83.7% of the eligible Members, and 124 Members in good standing (37 Category 1 and 87 Category 2) voted on Question 2, meaning 84.4% of eligible Members.

A quorum was thus reached on both questions.

Weighting

The combined weight of Category 1 votes should equal the combined weight of Category 2 votes.

There are 105 eligible Category 2 Members: 79 are the sole representatives of a country/territory, and 26 are distributed across 12 countries/territories. There are therefore 91 (79+12) full Category 2 votes.

There being 42 eligible Category 1 Members and 91 Category 2 votes, the weighting of Category 1 Members is:

$91/42 = 2.16667$

Question 1: Proposed revised set of Statutes and Rules of Procedure

Category 1 Members:

	Simple votes	Weighting	Weighted votes
Approved	32	2.166667	69.3
Did not approve	4	2.166667	8.7

Category 2 Members:

	Votes from one-Member countries/territories	Votes from countries/territories with fractional votes	Total ntl/territorial votes
Approved	63	6.8	69.8
Did not approve	6	1.5	7.5

Total votes: 155.3
Total positive votes: 139.1 (89.6%)
Total negative votes: 16.2 (10.4%)

Abstentions:

- 9 Members (3 Category 1 Members, 6 Category 2 Members, 6.1% of 147 Members) registered a voting delegate but did not vote.
- 15 Members (3 Category 1 Members, 12 Category 2 Members, 10.2% of 147 Members) did not register a voting delegate.
- In total, 24 Members (16.3%) abstained.

Question 2: Proposal for a process to introduce staggering of the terms of office of Governing Board members

The votes regarding the proposal for a process to introduce staggering of the terms of office of Governing Board members were counted as follows for Category 1 Members:

	Simple votes	Weighting	Weighted votes
Approved	32	2.16666667	69.3
Not approved	5	2.16666667	10.8

The votes regarding the proposal for a process to introduce staggering of the terms of office of Governing Board members were counted as follows for Category 2 Members:

	Votes from one-Member countries/territories	Votes from countries/territories with fractional votes	Total ntl/territorial votes
Approved	66	7.3	73.3
Not approved	3	1.0	4.0

Total votes: 157.5
 Total positive votes: 142.7 (90.6%)
 Total negative votes: 14.8 (9.4%)

Abstentions:

- 8 Members (2 Category 1 Members, 6 Category 2 Members, 5.4% of 147 Members) registered a voting delegate but did not vote.
- 15 Members (3 Category 1 Members, 12 Category 2 Members, 10.2% of 147 Members) did not register a voting delegate.
- In total, 23 Members (15.6%) abstained.

Conclusion of the tellers

The tellers in the ISC extraordinary General Assembly of 28–29 February 2024,

- Dr. Eoghan Griffin (Executive Officer, Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research - SCAR)
- Dr. Peggy Oti-Boateng (Executive Director, African Academy of Sciences - AAS)
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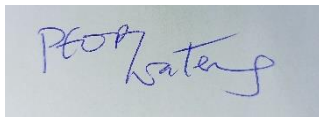
testify to the results presented in this report.

Date: 8 March 2024

Dr. Eoghan Griffin



Dr. Peggy Oti-Boateng



Dr. Katalin Solymosi

