

THIRD ISC GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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# Extracts from Statutes and Rules of Procedure

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Highlighting the relevant Statutes and Rules of Procedure relating to the voting processes in the framework of the Third ISC General Assembly, pertaining to voting on financial and all other matters.

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## Statutes

### General Assembly

#### Statute 17.

The General Assembly will vote with a different system for two different types of issues:

- i. Voting on financial matters is weighted according to Members' positions in the scale of annual membership dues, which is approved by the General Assembly on the advice of the Governing Board (see Statute 12.v).
- ii. Voting on all other matters is as follows:
  - a) Category 1 Members collectively have 40 percent of the overall vote; Category 2 Members collectively have 40 percent of the overall vote; Category 3 Members collectively have 20 percent of the overall vote.
  - b) Within Category 1 and Category 3, each Member has an equal vote.
  - c) Each Category 2 Member has an equal vote, except in cases where there is more than one Category 2 Member representing the same country, territory or region, in which case the Members from that country, territory or region must agree on a common voting position resulting in a single vote. Should they not find agreement, they shall have a proportion of that vote agreed between them, otherwise the vote will be divided proportionately to dues paid.

### Modification of the Statutes

#### Statute 61.

Any change to the Statutes shall require a majority of two thirds of Members casting an eligible vote.

## Rules of Procedure

### Quorum

#### Rule of Procedure 1.1

In votes of the General Assembly, a quorum shall consist of 50 percent of Members eligible to vote, in any category of membership.

### Voting procedures

#### Rule of Procedure 2.1

If voting is necessary and a decision of the General Assembly cannot be reached by acclamation, a decision will be reached in accordance with Statute 17 and by a simple majority of the eligible votes cast. A two-thirds' majority is only necessary when explicitly stated in the Statutes or Rules of Procedure.

#### Rule of Procedure 2.2

All majorities shall be calculated on the basis of the total number of valid affirmative and negative votes actually cast.

**Rule of Procedure 2.8**

Decisions of the Council's key decision-making bodies may be arrived at entirely or in part by electronic means, as appropriate, provided that a quorum is attained, except in the case of approval of the audited annual accounts, where a quorum is not required.

**Rule of Procedure 2.9**

Where a General Assembly is held in person, the vote of each Member shall normally be cast at the meeting by the representative of that Member or by a proxy nominated by that Member. This nomination must be submitted in writing to the President before the session at which the proxy is to operate. If a Member is unable to designate a proxy to vote at the meeting, votes on those issues already on the agenda (and not arising from the floor) may be submitted in writing to the President before the meeting.

**General Assembly****Rule of Procedure 3.3**

The Resolutions Committee shall consist of four members appointed by the General Assembly at the suggestion of the Governing Board. It shall collate, edit and present any eligible resolutions proposed for adoption by the General Assembly. Resolutions proposed at a General Assembly must be related to an item on the agenda and must have been discussed at the current Assembly in order to be considered. Only those matters which clearly require stronger endorsement by the full Council membership than a decision of the General Assembly would confer, or which are a statement of intent or opinion on the part of Council, should be the subject of resolutions. Any proposed resolution which does not fulfil these criteria will be ruled out of order by the Resolutions Committee. The Governing Board will ensure that all necessary action on a resolution is taken.

**Rule of Procedure 3.4**

The current edition of 'Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised' shall be used to govern the conduct of all meetings of the General Assembly

**Modification of the Rules of Procedure****Rule of Procedure 13.1**

No change may be made to the Rules of Procedure except with the approval of the General Assembly, by the majority of the votes cast by the Members taking part in the vote. Changes to the Rules of Procedure are effective at the end of the General Assembly adopting them, unless otherwise specified by a resolution of the General Assembly.