



## Results of Extraordinary ISC General Assembly vote December 2025

### 1. Background

On 12 November 2025 ISC Members were informed that an extraordinary General Assembly vote would be held on 3–15 December 2025, concerning the approval of:

- The ISC Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan 2025–2028
- The ISC Multiannual Budget 2026–2028

The draft documents for approval were shared on 12 November and ISC Members eligible to vote were asked to confirm their voting delegate or designate a new voting delegate by 28 November.

Electronic voting opened on 3 December at 20h00 UTC and closed on 16 December at 5h00 UTC.

### 2. Tellers

Three tellers were appointed to verify the results of the vote:

- Francis Akena Adyanga, Executive Council, Society for the Advancement of Science in Africa
- Yensi Flores Bueso, Co-Chair, Global Young Academy
- Slava Tykhonov, CODATA Secretariat, Head of AI and Interoperability

The tellers met with members of the Secretariat (Sarah Moore and Sarajuddin Barekzai) on 17 December 2025 to verify the count of the votes.

### 3. Summary of results

Note that a quorum is 50% of the Members eligible to vote and that majorities are based on the actual number of affirmative and negative votes actually cast.

#### *Vote on the ISC Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan 2025–2028:*

- Of 206 Members eligible to vote on matters other than financial, 132 (64%) submitted a ballot (in favour, against, or abstain). A quorum was therefore reached.
- 87 Members (42%) abstained (74 passively, 13 actively).
- 119 Members (58% of eligible Members) voted either in favour or against.
- 118 Members voted in favour, 1 voted against.
- Weighted votes in favour: 149.65 (99.3%)
- Weighted votes against: 1.0 (0.7%)

The motion was therefore carried.

#### **Vote on the ISC Multiannual Budget 2026–2028:**

- Of 165 Members eligible to vote on financial matters, 97 (59%) submitted a ballot (in favour, against, or abstain). A quorum was therefore reached.
- 76 Members (46%) abstained (68 passively, 8 actively).
- 89 Members (54%) voted either in favour or against.
- 89 Members voted in favour, 0 voted against.
- Weighted votes in favour: 225 (100%)
- Weighted votes against: 0 (0%)

The motion was therefore carried.

#### **4. Detailed results**

##### **Vote on the ISC Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan 2025–2028:**

###### **Quorum**

The total number of Members eligible to vote was:

Category 1:	38
Category 2:	115
Category 3:	53
<b>Total:</b>	<b>206</b>

132 Members (64%) submitted a ballot (including ‘*active abstentions*’, i.e. selecting the option ‘abstain’ on the voting platform). A quorum was therefore reached.

###### **Abstention rate**

74 Members (36%) did not participate in the vote at all (‘*passive abstention*’).

13 Members (6%) abstained on the voting platform (‘*active abstention*’).

The total abstention rate was 42%.

###### **Weighting**

Category 1 Members collectively have 40% of the overall vote; Category 2 Members 40%; Category 3 Members 20%.

There are 99 Category 2 votes from 115 individual Members, made up of 85 votes of Members which are the sole representatives of a country/territory/region and 14 votes made up of the partial votes of 30 Members distributed across 14 countries/territories/regions.

There being 38 eligible Category 1 Members for 99 votes, the weighting of Category 1 Members is:  
 $99/38 = 2.605263158$

There being 53 eligible Category 3 Members for 49.5 votes, the weighting of Category 3 Members is:  
 $49.5/53 = 0.933962264$

The total number of possible weighted votes is  $99 + 99 + 49.5 = \underline{247.5}$ .

## Results

### Category 1 Members

	Simple votes	Weighting	Weighted votes
Approved	26	2.605263158	67.73684211
Did not approve	0	2.605263158	0

### Category 2 Members

	One-Member votes	Fractional votes	Total votes
Approved	50	9.5	59.5
Did not approve	1	0	1

### Category 3 Members

	Simple votes	Weighting	Weighted votes
Approved	24	0.933962264	22.41509434
Did not approve	0	0.933962264	0

Total positive or negative weighted votes cast:	150.65
Total positive weighted votes cast:	149.65 (99.34%)
Total negative weighted votes:	1.00 (0.66 %)

## Vote on the ISC Multiannual Budget 2026–2028:

### Quorum

The total number of Members eligible to vote on financial matters was:

Category 1:	38
Category 2:	96
Category 3:	31
<b>Total:</b>	<b>165</b>

97 Members (59%) submitted a ballot (including ‘*active abstentions*’, i.e. selecting the option ‘abstain’ on the voting platform). A quorum was therefore reached.

### Abstention rate

68 Members (41%) did not participate in the vote at all, i.e. did not connect to the voting platform (called ‘*passive abstentions*’).

8 Members (5%) abstained on the voting platform (*active abstention*).

The total abstention rate was 46%.

### Weighting

Weights in votes on financial matters are based on the Members’ positions in the dues scales.

1. Category 1 Members have a maximum of 5 and a minimum of 2 votes, as follows:

Dues band	Vote
Band A	5
Band B	4
Band C	3
Band D	2

2. Category 2 Members have a vote corresponding to their position in the ten-band dues scale, from 10 to 1.

3. Category 3 Members which pay dues have 1 vote.
4. Former ISSC Members, which pay dues on a different scale, are positioned at the level that corresponds most closely to the level of dues they pay.

## Results

### Category 1 Members

	Votes	Weighted votes
Approved	25	75
Did not approve	0	0

### Category 2 Members

	Votes	Weighted votes
Approved	50	136
Did not approve	0	0

### Category 3 Members

	Votes	Weighted votes
Approved	14	14
Did not approve	0	0

Total positive or negative weighted votes cast:	225
Total positive weighted votes cast:	225 (100 %)
Total negative weighted votes cast:	0 (0 %)

## 5. Conclusion of the tellers

The tellers in this extraordinary General Assembly testify to the results presented in this report.

Date: 17 December 2025

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## **Annex 1: Statutes and Rules of Procedure related to voting**

The [Statutes and Rules of Procedure](#) (adopted on 8 March 2024) define the applicable voting rules.

### **Statutes**

#### *Statute 10*

Only Category 1, 2 and 3 Members in good standing are entitled to vote in the General Assembly and to nominate candidates to the Governing Board or other statutory bodies. A Member in good standing is a Member which has paid the membership dues for the previous three years or, in the case of a Member of less than three years' standing, since joining the Council. Category 4 Members may not vote or present candidates for office.

#### *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:
  - 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.

### **Rules 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.

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.

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

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.