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PROPOSALS FOR ENSURING REGIONAL REPRESENTATION CONTINUITY AT THE BUREAU SESSIONS VIA THE USE OF ALTERNATES

The enclosed proposals aim to ensure regional representation continuity
at the Bureau sessions via the use of alternates

PROPOSAL OF GROUP I TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAMME (IHP)

i. In order to secure that Bureau Members, take office being fully familiar with the current IHP Phase and the various programs and initiatives and the *modus operandi* of the IHP and UNESCO, it is proposed to elect Bureau Members one year prior to their term in office (Bureau Members elect). They will participate in the Bureau prior to their official term on their own costs or possibly participate via a live stream video connection. This would help Bureau Members to prepared for their duties in office and encourages the selection of experts that are fully committed to the IHP.

ii. The IHP Bureau term of office shall start with the meeting of the Bureau in the middle of the intersessional period of the IHP Intergovernmental Council and last for 2 years, preceded by a one-year term of Bureau Member elect. This ensures that the Bureau can prepare the following council thoroughly and follow up on the Intergovernmental Council decisions as appropriate. It would also ensure that an incoming chairperson is in full awareness of the rules and procedures of a council meeting.

Introducing this procedure would lead to discontinuing the ex-officio role of a past president of the council, continuity is secured through the overlap of President elect and Vice Presidents elect. Transition to the new scheme of office of the IHP Bureau can be reached through electing Bureau Members for a three-years term of office at the IHP Intergovernmental Council in June 2018. The IHP Intergovernmental Council in 2020 would then elect the Bureau members elect who will serve a first voluntary year and take office in 2021 for a two-year term.

Group I proposal step by step:

1. Elect all IHP Bureau members (a Chairperson and five Vice-chairpersons) for a three-years term of office (2018-2021) at the 23rd session of the Intergovernmental Council of IHP in June 2016.
2. Elect all IHP Bureau members for a two-years term of office (2021-2023) at the 24th session of the Intergovernmental Council of IHP in June 2020. The elected Bureau members will serve a first voluntary year 2020-2021 (on their own costs or possibly participate via a live stream video connection) and take office in 2021 for a two-year term.
3. Elect all IHP Bureau members for a two-years term of office (2023-2025) at the 25th session of the Intergovernmental Council of IHP in June 2022. The elected Bureau members will serve a first voluntary year (2022-2023) and take office in 2023 for a two-year term.

PROPOSAL OF THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE ELECTION OF ALTERNATES TO MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAMME (IHP)

It was observed that whenever a Bureau Member ceases to represent her/his country at the Bureau, the region loses its representation. Thus, the IHP Secretariat proposes the possibility of appointing an alternate of each Vice-Chairperson to ensure the continuity of the regional representation in the Bureau.

In particular, it is proposed that during the Electoral session of the Groups, the Vice Chairperson and her/his alternate are elected by the Council Members of their Group. It is further proposed that the alternates participate as observers in the Bureau meetings during the Council sessions they were elected in, as well as in the Bureau meeting that follows that Council session (last day of the Council), to acquire experience in the process. The alternates will be part of all the written exchanges between the Secretariat and the Bureau Members related to the Bureau and Council matters and will be aware of all decisions made during the Bureau Sessions. In this manner, the alternate could attend meetings in the case of the absence of the Vice-Chairperson of the region, being informed of all the latest developments.

No additional expenses would be incurred, as the alternate would attend Bureau meetings only in the case of the absence of the Vice-Chairperson of the region. An alternate could attend Bureau sessions as an observer if s/he decides to bear the cost of her/his mission.

IHP Secretariat proposal step by step:

1. Elect IHP Bureau members (a Chairperson and four Vice-chairpersons for a two-year term of office (2018-2020) at the 23rd session of the Intergovernmental Council of IHP in June 2018. The elected Chairperson of the 22nd Council session, will continue his ex-officio Member function, as before.
2. Elect at the same time six alternate Vice-chairpersons (one per Group)
3. Elected alternates to participate at the Bureau sessions during the Council session as observers
4. Elected alternates to participate at the 57th Bureau session at the end of the 23rd Council meeting, June 2018
5. IHP Secretariat keeps in copy Alternates of all exchanges with the Bureau Members on items related to the Bureau sessions, documents etc.
6. Alternates to step in whenever necessary and replace the representative of their Group

SCENARIOS TO THE ELECTION OF ALTERNATES TO MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAMME (IHP), MOST EXAMPLE

Following up on the presentation of the proposal of the IHP Secretariat on the election of alternates to Members of the Bureau of the IHP Council during the 53rd Bureau session (Document B), the Turkish Delegation suggested that another model is used for the election of the alternate representative of the Vice Chairpersons in order to ensure that the Region does not lose its representation.

Based on that proposal, the Members of each Regional Group will leave to the discretion of the country elected to represent them at the Bureau, the choice of naming the alternate representative, who will originate from the country itself (MOST Programme model).

No additional expenses would be incurred as the alternate would attend Bureau meetings only in the case of the absence of the Vice-Chairperson of the region.

Turkish PD proposal step by step:

1. Elect the IHP Bureau members (a Chairperson and four Vice-chairpersons; the outgoing Chairperson remains as Vice-Chairperson) for a two-year term of office (2018-2020) at the 23rd session of the Intergovernmental Council of IHP in June 2018.
2. During the election agree that the Member State representing the Group at the Bureau can appoint an Alternate
3. Member State representing the Group decides on the Alternate to step in whenever necessary and replace the representative of their Group