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PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS ON IHP INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL STATUTES OCTOBER 2016

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

Summary

The Statutes of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) have been approved by the General Conference of UNESCO at its eighteenth session and amended at its twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-third, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions. IHP's Intergovernmental Council (IGC), at its twenty-second session (June 2016), decided to update the Statutes and Rules of Procedure by its Resolution XII-1. For this, the IHP Secretariat proposed its revisions and launched a consultation among Member States in October 2016 for collecting their views. Member States reverted with their revisions and comments, summarized in the present document.

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Member States representatives are requested to verify if the revisions and comments in the third column reflect the respective country position, as expressed during the consultation of October 2016.

Notes:

- **Proposed additions are in bold.**
- ~~Proposed deletions are in strikethrough.~~
- Please note that final numbering will be made after adjustments.

Current articles	Revisions by IHP Secretariat (circulated among Member States in October 2016)	Revisions and comments by Member States (as proposed after consultation in October 2016)
I.1. An Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) is hereby established within the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.		

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<p>II.1. The Council shall be composed of 36 Member States of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization elected by the General Conference at its ordinary sessions, taking due account of the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and appropriate rotation of the representatives of these States from the hydrological viewpoint in the various continents and of the importance of their scientific contribution to the Programme.</p>	<p>II.1. The Council shall be composed of 36 Member States of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization elected by the General Conference at its ordinary sessions, taking due account of the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and appropriate rotation of the representatives of these States from the hydrological viewpoint in the various continents and of the importance of their scientific advice to Member States, in particular decision and policy-makers, and other stakeholders in order to contribute to the Programme.</p>	<p>.</p>
<p>II.2. The term of office of the members of the Council shall begin at the close of the ordinary session of the General Conference at which they are elected and shall expire at the close of the second ordinary session of the Conference following it.</p>		<p><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></p> <p>II.2. The term of office of the members of the Council shall be of four years. It shall begin at the close of the ordinary session of the General Conference at which they are elected and shall expire at the close of the second ordinary session of the Conference following it.</p>

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<p>II.3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the term of office of one half of the members designated at the first election shall expire at the close of the first ordinary session of the General Conference following the session at which they were elected. The names of these members shall be drawn by lot after the first election by the President of the General Conference, it being understood that the outgoing members shall be replaced by members belonging to the same regional group.</p>	<p>II.3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the term of office of one half of the members designated at the first election shall expire at the close of the first ordinary session of the General Conference following the session at which they were elected. The names of these members shall be drawn by lot after the first election by the President of the General Conference, it being understood that the outgoing members shall be replaced by members belonging to the same regional group.</p>	<p>-Czechia does not agree with deleting this paragraph.</p> <p>-Turkey agrees with deleting this paragraph.</p> <p>-Norway requests the Secretariat to explain why it suggests to delete the paragraph.</p>
<p>II.4. Members of the Council shall be immediately eligible for re-election.</p>		<p><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></p> <p>II.4. Members of the Council shall be immediately eligible for re-election. No Member State shall serve more than two consecutive terms.</p> <p>-Region Vb considers that this paragraph needs future clarification.</p>

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<p>II.5. The Council may make recommendations concerning its own membership to the General Conference.</p>		
<p>II.6. The persons appointed by the Member States as their representatives on the Council shall preferably be experts in the field covered by the Programme and chosen among those persons who are playing a major part in the implementation of the activities related to the Programme in the said Member States.</p>	<p>II.6. The persons appointed by the Member States as their representatives on the Council shall preferably be experts in the field covered by the Programme and chosen among those persons, preferably of equal gender balance, who are playing a major part in the implementation of the activities related to the Programme in the said Member States.</p>	
<p>III.1. The Council shall be responsible, within UNESCO's field of competence, for planning the International Hydrological Programme, defining its priorities and supervising its execution and in particular for:</p>		
<p>III.1. (a) guiding and supervising from the scientific and from the organizational point of view the implementation of the programme,</p>	<p>III.1. (a.) guiding and supervising from the scientific and from the organizational point of view the implementation of the programme, including the allocation of</p>	

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including the relevant activities of the Regional Offices;	its budget and relevant activities of the Field Regional Offices;	
III.1. (b) studying proposals concerning developments and modifications of the Programme and also plans for its implementation;		
III.1. (c) recommending scientific projects of interest to Member States and assessing priorities among such projects;		
III.1. (d) coordinating international co-operation of the Member States in the framework of the programme;		
III.1. (e) making any necessary proposals for coordinating the Programme with those conducted by all the international organizations concerned;		
III.1. (f) assisting in the		

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development of regional and national projects related to the Programme;		
III.1 (g) taking any practical or scientific measures that may be required for the successful implementation of the programme.		
III.2. In performing its functions, the Council shall rely as much as possible on the activities of the National Committees established by Member States in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 6 of resolution 18 C/2.232 and foster by all means their active participation on the Programme.		
III.3. The Council shall make full use of facilities offered by the agreements or working arrangements between UNESCO and other inter-governmental	III.3. The Council shall make full use of facilities offered by the agreements or working arrangements between UNESCO, category 1 and 2 water-related Institutes and Centres,	

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<p>organizations mentioned in Article VIII, paragraph 2 below.</p>	<p>UNESCO Chairs, and other inter-governmental organizations mentioned in Article VII, paragraph 2 below as decided by the Council.</p>	
<p>III.4. The Council may consult on scientific questions all appropriate international non-governmental organizations with which UNESCO maintains official relations.</p> <p>The International Council of Scientific Unions, its unions and associations, may give advice to the Council on questions of a scientific or technical nature.</p>		
<p>III.5. The Council shall, whenever possible, attempt to co-ordinate the International Hydrological Programme with other international scientific programmes, in particular those of UNESCO.</p>		
<p>IV.1. The Council shall normally</p>		<p>Turkey:</p> <p>IV.1. The Council shall normally meet in</p>

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<p>meet in plenary session once every two years. Extraordinary sessions may be convened under the conditions specified in the Rules of Procedure.</p>		<p>plenary ordinary session once every two years. Extraordinary sessions may be convened under the conditions specified in the Rules of Procedure. The Council may meet in extraordinary session at the request of the Director-General, or at the request of the majority of its members, or by the decision of its Bureau.</p>
<p>IV.2. Each Council member shall have one vote, but it may send as many experts or advisers as it deems necessary to sessions of the Council.</p>		<p><u>Turkey:</u></p> <p>IV.2. Each Council member shall have one vote, but it may send as many experts or advisers as it deems necessary to sessions of the Council. Participants in the sessions that are not members of the Council shall have no vote.</p>
<p>IV.3. The Council shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.</p>		
		<p><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></p>

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<p>V.1. The Council may establish committees to examine the implementation of certain major orientations of the Programme and to prepare appropriate recommendations to the Council. Such committees may include Member States of UNESCO which are not represented in the Council.</p>		<p>V.1. The Council may establish, as appropriate, regional/sub-regional committees to examine the implementation of certain major orientations of the Programme in the regions and to prepare appropriate recommendations to the Council. Such regional/sub-regional committees may include Member States of UNESCO that are not represented in the Council.</p> <p>V.2. Regional/sub-regional committees may be set up on the initiative of and by mutual agreement among Member States of the same region/or sub-region, sharing a common hydrological interest.</p>
<p>V.2. The Council shall define the terms of reference and tenure of each committee thus established.</p>		<p><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></p> <p>V.2-3. The Council shall define the terms of reference and tenure of each regional/sub regional committee thus established.</p> <p><u>Turkey:</u></p> <p>V.-2-3. The Council shall define the terms</p>

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		of reference and tenure of each committee and working groups thus established.
<p>V.3. The Council may establish working groups of specialists to examine specific projects. These working groups, whose members shall serve in a personal capacity, may include nationals of Member States of UNESCO which are not represented on the Council.</p>		<p>-Turkey proposes to place this paragraph as V.2.</p>
<p>V.4. In the composition of committees and working groups appropriate geographical distribution and adequate representation of regions where the problems occur might be sought.</p>		<p><u>Group Vb:</u></p> <p>V.4. In the composition of committees and working groups appropriate geographical distribution, gender balance and adequate representation of regions where the problems occur might be sought.</p>
		<p><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></p> <p>V.4. The Council shall extend all possible cooperation and assistance to regional/sub-regional committees thus established.</p>

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<p>VI.1. Regional committees may be established on the initiative of and by mutual agreement among Member States of the same region sharing a common hydrological interest.</p>		<p><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></p> <p>VI.1. The Council may establish, as appropriate, working groups to examine specific issues. These working groups are open ended, to Member States of UNESCO which are not represented on the Council.</p> <p>-Norway does not consider it necessary to change this paragraph. The original paragraph considers regional committees whereas the content of the suggested paragraph is covered in paragraph V.</p>
		<p><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></p> <p>VI.2. In the composition of working groups appropriate geographical distribution and adequate representation of regions where the problems occur might be sought.</p> <p>VI.3. The Council shall define the terms of reference and tenure of the working group thus established.</p>

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<p>VI.2. The Council shall extend all possible assistance and help to regional committees thus established.</p>		
<p>VII.1. At the beginning of its first session following a session of the General Conference at which elections to the Council have been held, the Council shall elect a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons. These, with the Chairperson of the previous Bureau, who shall be an <i>ex-officio</i> member, shall constitute the Council's Bureau. The composition of the Bureau so formed shall reflect an equitable geographical distribution. The members of the Bureau who are representatives of Member States of UNESCO shall</p>	<p>VII.1. At the beginning of its first session, following a session of the General Conference at which elections to the Council have been held, the Council shall elect a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons. These, with the Chairperson of the previous Bureau, who shall be an <i>ex-officio</i> member remaining in office as Vice-Chairperson for his/her respective electoral group for one additional term, shall constitute the Council's Bureau. The composition of the Bureau so formed shall reflect an equitable geographical distribution</p>	<p><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></p> <p>VII.1. At the beginning of its first session following a session of the General Conference at which elections to the Council have been held, the Council shall elect a Chairperson, four Vice-Chairpersons and a rapporteur for 2 years. They are eligible for two additional years. These shall constitute the Council's Bureau. The composition of the Bureau so formed shall reflect an equitable geographical distribution. The members of the Bureau who are representatives of Member States of UNESCO shall remain in office until a new Bureau has been elected. If the country of the Chairperson is no</p>

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<p>remain in office until a new Bureau has been elected.</p>	<p>and, to the extent possible, gender equality.</p> <p>The members of the Bureau who are representatives of Member States of UNESCO shall remain in office until a new Bureau has been elected. If the Chairperson ceases to represent a State Member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, he/she shall be replaced by a person nominated by the subsequent Council Member of the same region of the departing person, in alphabetical order of the country.</p>	<p>longer member of the Council, the Chairperson could not remain as vice chair for an additional term or an ex-officio member.</p> <p>Turkey:</p> <p>VII.1. At the beginning of its each first ordinary session following an ordinary session of the General Conference at which elections to the Council have been held, the Council shall elect a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons. <u>[The rest remains unchanged]</u></p> <p>Mexico</p> <p>VII.1. At the beginning of its first session following every second session of the General Conference at which elections to the Council have been held, the Council shall elect a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons. These, with the Chairperson of the previous Bureau, who shall be an <i>ex-officio</i> member and will remain in office as Vice-Chairperson for an additional term, shall constitute the Council's Bureau. The composition of the Bureau so formed shall reflect an equitable geographical distribution. The</p>

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		<p>members of the Bureau who are representatives of Member States of UNESCO shall remain in office until a new Bureau has been elected. For a better flow and rhythm of activities, as well as for facilitating the participation of the members of the Bureau, if any of the four Vice-Chairpersons ceases to represent a Member State Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, he/she will have an alternate representative from the same region, who will attend the meetings convened by the Secretariat. That representative shall be elected at the same time as the titular Vice-Chairperson.</p> <p><u>Uganda</u> and <u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</u> do not agree with the Chairperson becoming a Vice-Chairperson for an additional term as ex-officio, as proposed in the IHP Secretariat's modification.</p> <p><u>Norway/United Kingdom and Northern Ireland / Group I:</u></p> <p>VII.1. At the beginning of its first session, following a session of the General Conference at which elections to the</p>

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		<p>Council have been held, the Council shall elect a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons. These shall constitute the Council's Bureau. The composition of the Bureau so formed shall reflect an equitable geographical distribution and, to the extent possible, gender equality.</p> <p>Following the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons at a Council session, these shall serve as observers to the Bureau for a period of twelve months with a view to ensuring institutional memory and a good knowledge of Bureau's working procedures. The outgoing Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons shall continue in functions during this time. After this period, the incoming members start their two-year term.</p> <p>The members of the Bureau who are representatives of Member States of UNESCO shall remain in office until a new Bureau has been elected. If the Chairperson ceases to represent a State Member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, his/her Member State shall designate a suitably qualified replacement. If for any</p>

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		<p>reason, the Member State does not designate an alternate, other Member States of the Council from that Region shall be consulted in an out-of-session election to find a new representative and ensure that all Regions remain represented.</p> <p>It is the Member State, and not the individual in its personal capacity, who is elected as a Member of the Bureau. The Member State designates a suitably qualified person for acting as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.</p>
<p>VII.2. The Bureau shall discharge the following duties:</p>		
<p>VII.2. (a) fix, in consultation with the Secretariat, the dates of the Sessions of the Council and of its committees and working groups, in accordance with the general guidelines of the Council;</p>	<p>(a) fix, in consultation with the Secretariat, the dates and locations of the Sessions of the Council and of its committees and working groups, in accordance with the general guidelines of the Council;</p>	<p><u>Turkey:</u></p> <p>(a) fix, in consultation with the Secretariat, the dates of the Sessions of the Council and the meetings of its committees and working groups, in accordance with the general guidelines of the Council.</p> <p><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</u></p> <p>(a) fix, in consultation with the Secretariat,</p>

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		<p>the dates and locations of the Sessions of the Council and of its committees and working groups, in accordance with the general guidelines of the Council;</p> <p><u>-Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</u> does not agree to hold the meetings of the intergovernmental programs outside of UNESCO's Headquarters, which would limit participation of Member States in such meetings.</p>
<p>VII.2. (b) prepare the sessions of the Council, in consultation with the Secretariat;</p>		
<p>VII.2. (c) supervise the implementation of the resolutions of the Council, and report at each session of the Council, on the status of implementation of the prescribed phases of project execution and, in particular, follow the activities of the Council's committees and working groups;</p>		
<p>VII.2. (d) prepare for the Council all reports requested by the</p>		

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General Conference of UNESCO;		
<p>VII.2. (e) discharge all other duties which it may be assigned by the Council.</p>	<p>VII.2. (e) discharge all other duties, which it may be assigned by the Council, including the submission of proposals and reports to the Governing Bodies of UNESCO and to the Director-General.</p>	<p>-Uganda suggests that this paragraph remains as the original and to divide it with a VII. 2. (f)., which would read as follows:</p> <p>VII. 2. (f) submit proposals and reports to the Governing Bodies of UNESCO and to the Director General.</p>
	<p>VII.2. (f) submit proposals and all reports to the Governing Bodies of UNESCO and to the Director-General.</p>	<p>-Group Va does not agree with the Bureau submitting proposals without going through the Council.</p> <p>-Group Vb adds to IHP Secretariat's proposal the following:</p> <p>VII.2. (f) submit, through its Chairperson, proposals and all reports to the Governing Bodies of UNESCO and to the Director-General.</p>
		<p>Group Vb:</p>

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<p>VII.3. Meetings of the Bureau may be convened between meetings of the Council at the request of the Council itself, of the Director-General of UNESCO or of a Bureau member.</p>		<p>VII.3. Meetings of the Bureau may be convened between meetings of the Council at the request of the Council itself, of the Director-General of UNESCO or of more than one Bureau member.</p> <p>Turkey:</p> <p>VII.3. Meetings of the Bureau may be convened between meetings of the Council at the request of the Council itself, of the Director-General of UNESCO or by consensus of a—the Bureau member.</p>
		<p>Turkey:</p> <p>VIII.4. Members of the Bureau shall communicate and coordinate with their respective regional groups in UNESCO about the upcoming Bureau meeting through appropriate means, at least one month before the meeting.</p> <p>VIII.5. Members of the Council which are not members of the Bureau may attend, as observers, to the Bureau</p>

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		<p>meetings.</p> <p>VIII.6. Working documents of each Bureau meeting shall, as a rule, be communicated to the Members of the Bureau and Members of the Council that are not members of the Bureau one month before the meeting.</p>
<p>VIII.1. Representatives of Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO which are not members of the Council, may attend, as observers, without the right to vote, all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.</p>		<p>Turkey:</p> <p>VIII.1. Representatives of Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO which are not members of the Council, may attend, as observers, without the right to vote, all meetings sessions of the Council, and meetings of the Bureau, of its the committees and of its the working groups.</p>
<p>VIII.2. Representatives of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, the World</p>	<p>VIII.2. Representatives of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the World Meteorological</p>	<p>Czechia on IHP Secretariat's modifications:</p> <p>VIII.2. The United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements, water-related Centres and Institutes under the auspices of</p>

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<p>Health Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.</p>	<p>Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.</p> <p>VIII. 2. The United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements, water-related Centres and Institutes under the auspices of UNESCO and of UNESCO Chairs, may send observers to the Council sessions, as provided for in Article V, paragraph 3 of the Rules of Procedure.</p>	<p>UNESCO and of UNESCO Chairs, may send observers to sessions of the Council, its committees and working groups sessions, as provided for in Article V, paragraph 3 of the Rules of Procedure.</p>
<p>VIII.3. Representatives of the International Council of Scientific Unions, of its Committee on Water Research and of its affiliated International Association of the Hydrological Sciences and International Association of Hydrologists, of the International Association for Hydraulic Research, of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, the International Commission of Large Dams and of</p>	<p>VIII.3. Representatives of the International Council of Scientific Unions, of its Committee on Water Research and of its affiliated International Association of the Hydrological Sciences and International Association of Hydrologists, of the International Association for Hydraulic Research, of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, the International Commission of Large Dams and of the International Water Resources Association may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of</p>	

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<p>the International Water Resources Association may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.</p>	<p>the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.</p>	
<p>VIII.4. The Council shall determine the conditions under which other international governmental or non-governmental organizations may be invited to attend its meetings, without the right to vote, whenever questions of common interest are discussed.</p>		
<p>IX.1. The Secretariat of the Council shall be provided by the Director-General of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, who shall place at the Council's disposal the staff and other means required for its operation.</p>		
<p>IX.2. The Secretariat shall provide the necessary services for all</p>		<p><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></p> <p>IX. 2. The Secretariat shall provide the necessary services for all sessions of the</p>

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sessions of the Council and meetings of its Bureau, committees and working groups.		<p>Council and meetings of its Bureau, for the working groups and, if needed, for the regional/sub-regional committees and working groups.</p> <p>Norway considers that most likely the Secretariat does not have the capacity to provide services for regional/sub-regional committees, and therefore Norway does not agree to include this.</p>
		<p>Turkey:</p> <p>IX.3. The Secretariat shall consult the date and place of the next sessions of the Intergovernmental Council, while the Council is convening and shall take the steps required to convene them.</p>
<p>IX.3. The Secretariat shall take any measures required in order to co-ordinate the execution of the international programmes recommended by the Council, it shall take all steps required to convene the sessions of the Council.</p>		

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<p>IX.4. The Secretariat shall assemble all proposals sent in by members of the Council, other Member States of UNESCO and the international organizations concerned, with regard to the formulation of international projects under the Programme, and shall prepare them for examination by the Council. It shall maintain liaison with the National Committees referred to in Article III, paragraph 2 above, and inform them of the Council's recommendations.</p>	<p>IX.4. The Secretariat shall assemble all proposals sent in by members of the Council, other Member States of UNESCO and the international organizations concerned, with regard to the formulation of the strategic plans for the implementation of the IHP and of other international initiatives under the Programme, and shall prepare them for examination by the Council. It shall maintain liaison with the National Committees referred to in Article III, paragraph 2 above, and inform them of the Council's recommendations.</p>	
<p>IX.5. In addition to the services which it renders to the Council, the Secretariat shall co-operate closely with the respective secretariats of the international governmental and non-governmental organizations mentioned in Article VIII, paragraphs 2 and 3, above; it shall for this purpose take part in inter-secretariat co-ordination meetings as necessary.</p>	<p>IX.5. In addition to the services which it renders to the Council, the Secretariat shall co-operate closely with the respective secretariats of the international governmental and non-governmental organizations mentioned in Article VIII, paragraph 2 and 3, above; it shall for this purpose take part in inter-secretariat co-ordination meetings as necessary.</p>	

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	<p>IX.6. The Secretariat shall report or coordinate the report of all UNESCO activities on water.</p>	
<p>X.1. The international programmes of hydrological investigations recommended by the Council to Member States for concerted action on their part shall be financed by the participating Member States according to the commitments which each state is willing to make. The Council may, however make recommendations to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to the other organizations mentioned in Article VIII, paragraph 2, above, concerning assistance to Member States for the development of hydrological research or the implementation of some particular aspects of the Programme. If UNESCO and the said organizations accept such activities and if the Member States</p>		<p><u>Uganda:</u></p> <p>X.1. The international programmes of hydrological investigations recommended by the Council to Member States for concerted action on their part shall be financed by the participating Member States according to the commitments which each state is willing to make. The Council may, however make recommendations to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to the other organizations mentioned in the Rules of Procedures of the IHP Council Article VIII, paragraph 2, above, concerning assistance to Member States for the development of hydrological research or the implementation of some particular aspects of the Programme. If UNESCO and the said organizations accept such activities and if the Member States concerned signify their agreement, these organizations shall undertake to</p>

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<p>concerned signify their agreement, these organizations shall undertake to finance the related activities in accordance with the provisions of their respective constitutions and regulations.</p>		<p>finance the related activities in accordance with the provisions of their respective constitutions and regulations.</p>
<p>X.2. Member States shall bear the expense of participation of their representatives in sessions of the Council and its committees. The running expenses of the Council and its subsidiary organs shall be financed from funds appropriated for this purpose by the General Conference of UNESCO.</p>		<p>Turkey:</p> <p>X.2. Member States shall bear the expense of participation of their representatives in sessions of the Council and meetings of its Bureau, of its committees and of its working groups its committees. The running expenses of the Council and its subsidiary organs shall be financed from funds appropriated for this purpose by the General Conference of UNESCO.</p>
<p>X.3. Voluntary contributions may be accepted and established as trust funds in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and administered by the Director-General of that</p>	<p>X.3. Voluntary contributions may be accepted and established as trust funds special accounts in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and administered by the Director-General of that Organization. The Council shall make recommendations</p>	

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<p>Organization. The Council shall make recommendations to the Director-General on the allocation of such contributions for international projects within the Programme.</p>	<p>to the Director-General on the allocation of such contributions for international projects within the Programme.</p>	
<p>XI.1. The Council shall submit reports on its activities to the General Conference of UNESCO at each of its ordinary sessions. These reports shall also be communicated to the other international organizations mentioned in Article VIII, paragraphs 2 and 3, above, and to all National Committees for the International Hydrological Programme.</p>	<p>XI.1. The Council shall submit reports on its activities to the General Conference of UNESCO at each of its ordinary sessions. These reports shall also be communicated to the other international organizations mentioned designated in the Rules of Procedures of the Council Article VIII, paragraphs 2 and 3, above, and to all National Committees, Members and non-Members of the Council for the International Hydrological Programme, water-related Centres under the auspices of UNESCO and UNESCO Chairs.</p>	<p>Uganda disagrees with amendments to Article XI and suggests that the Article remains unchanged as per the original.</p>
<p>XI.2. The Council may receive from other international organizations reports concerning the Programme</p>		

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		<p><u>Turkey:</u></p> <p>XI. 3. The Council shall receive reports from the UNESCO Water Family members regarding their activities concerning the Programme.</p>
		<p><u>Group I</u> requests to add a paragraph on the role of the UNESCO Water Family in the Statutes: (Numbering to be determined)</p> <p>The UNESCO Water Family is a network aimed at supporting the implementation of UNESCO's water programmes and the Organization's strategic goals by providing resources and expertise. It is composed of category 1 and 2 centres and institutes, UNESCO Chairs, the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), the IHP Secretariat and specialists from UNESCO Field Units, as well as IHP National Committees. Centres also strengthen the Programme by</p>

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		hosting secretariats of different IHP initiatives¹.

¹ The functioning of Category 2 Centres is regulated by the “Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres under the Auspices of UNESCO” approved by the General Conference at its 37th session (Document 37 C/Resolution 93, consultable on https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/37-C-Resolution_93_EN.pdf). In the light of this strategy, IHP has also provided itself with its “IHP Strategy for UNESCO’s Category 2 Water-related Centres” (<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002218/221850E.pdf>).