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### **PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS ON IHP INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE, OCTOBER 2016**

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

#### Summary

**Background:** The Rules of Procedures (RoP) of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) were approved by its Intergovernmental Council at its first session and modified in accordance with the amendment of the Council's Statutes by the General Conference of UNESCO at its 21st, 23rd and 28th sessions. The IHP Council amended article 26 on 'secret ballot' at its 14th session. 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 sent then back their revisions and comments, which we condense in the present document.

This document contains:

1. In the first column ("Current articles"), the text of the RoP currently in force, that is, without proposed revisions.
2. In the second column ("Revisions by IHP Secretariat"), the text of the RoP with the revisions proposed by the IHP Secretariat in October 2016.
3. In the third column ("Revisions and comments by Member States"), the text of the RoP with the comments and revisions proposed by Member States after the consultation held in October 2016.

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Notes:

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

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<b>I. Memberships</b>		
<p>1. The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (hereinafter called the "Council") is composed of 36 Member States of UNESCO, elected by the General Conference in accordance with Article II of the Statutes of the Council.</p>		
<p>2. Each State member of the Council shall notify the Secretariat</p>	<p>2. Each State member of the Council shall notify the Secretariat of UNESCO</p>	<p><b><u>Mexico:</u></b></p> <p>2. Each State member of the Council shall notify the Secretariat of UNESCO</p>

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of UNESCO of the names of the designated representatives as well as of the advisers and experts.	of the names of the designated representatives as well as of the advisers and experts, <b>to the extent possible at least one month before the beginning of each session.</b>	of the names of the designated representatives as well as of the advisers and experts, to the extent possible at least <b>two weeks</b> before the beginning of each session.  <b>Slovenia</b> considers that this article should not be revised.
	<b>3. Each Member State is encouraged to observe gender balance among its designated representatives in line with UNESCO's Priority Gender Equality Action Plan.</b>	
<b>II. Sessions</b>  <b>1. Date and Place</b>		
1. The first session of the Council shall be convened by the Director-General of UNESCO. The place and date of that session shall be communicated in advance to all interested Member States and organizations.	<del>1. The first session of the Council shall be convened by the Director-General of UNESCO. The place and date of that session shall be communicated in advance to all interested Member States and organizations.</del>	<b>Turkey</b> agrees in deleting this paragraph.
2. Other sessions shall be convened by the Secretariat of the	<b>1.a. Other</b> The sessions of the <b>Council</b> shall be convened by the	<b>Turkey</b> agrees with the proposed modification.

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<p>Council in accordance with the instructions of the Bureau of the Council.</p>	<p>Secretariat of the Council in accordance with the instructions of the Bureau of the Council (<b>hereinafter called “the Bureau”</b>).</p>	
<p><b>3.</b> The Council shall normally meet at the Headquarters of UNESCO. It may meet elsewhere if so decided by a majority of the members.</p>	<p><b>3.1.b.</b> The Council shall normally meet at the Headquarters of UNESCO. It may meet elsewhere if so decided by a majority of the members <b>of the Bureau, provided that it does not imply additional costs to the regular budget of UNESCO.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p><b>3.1.b.</b> The Council shall normally meet at the Headquarters of UNESCO. It may meet exceptionally elsewhere if so decided by a two-third majority of the members <b><u>of the Council provided that it does not imply additional costs to the regular budget of UNESCO.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Turkey:</u></b></p> <p><b>3.1.b.</b> The Council <b>sessions</b> shall normally meet take place at the Headquarters of UNESCO. It may meet elsewhere if so decided by a majority of the <b>Council</b> members <b>provided that it does not imply additional costs to the regular budget of UNESCO. Whenever modifications to the Statutes, the Rules of Procedure of the Council or any organizational related matter are on the agenda of a session of the Council, the session shall be held at the Headquarters of</b></p>

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		UNESCO.
<p><b>III. Agenda</b></p> <p><b>2. Provisional agenda</b></p>		
<p>1. The provisional agenda of the first session of the Council shall be prepared by the Director-General of UNESCO.</p>	<p><del>1. The provisional agenda of the first session of the Council shall be prepared by the Director-General of UNESCO.</del></p>	<p><b>Turkey</b> agrees in deleting this paragraph.</p>
<p>2. The provisional agenda of the following sessions of the Council shall be prepared by the Secretariat of the Council in consultation with the members of the Bureau.</p>	<p>2. The provisional agenda of the following sessions of the Council shall be prepared by the Secretariat of the Council in consultation with the members of the Bureau.</p>	
<p>3. The provisional agenda shall be communicated to the members of the Council at least two months before the opening of each session.</p>	<p>3./4. The provisional agenda shall be communicated at the same time to Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO which are not members of the Council, <del>as well as including but not limited</del> to the <del>United Nations, FAO, WHO, WMO, the IAEA and ICSU</del> International Intergovernmental Organizations and Nongovernmental</p>	
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not members of the Council as well as to the United Nations, FAO, WHO, WMO, the IAEA and ICSU.	<b>Organizations as listed in rule V.3.</b>	
<p><b>5.</b> The provisional agenda of a session of the Council shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- all items previously decided by the Council;</li> <li>- all items proposed by Member States of the Council;</li> <li>- all items proposed by the United Nations or by its agencies;</li> <li>- all items proposed by the Director-General of UNESCO.</li> </ul>		
<b>3. Adoption of the agenda</b>		
<p><b>1.</b> At the beginning of each session, the Council shall adopt the agenda for that session.</p>		
<b>4. Amendments, deletions and new items</b>		
<p><b>1.</b> The Council may, during a session, modify the order of items of the agenda or add or delete items. A majority of two-thirds shall be</p>		

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<p>required for the addition or deletion of items during a session.</p>		
<p><b>IV. Officers</b></p> <p><b>5. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons</b></p>		
<p>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.</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</p>	<p>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 <b>remaining in office as Vice-Chairperson for his/her respective electoral group for one additional term</b>, shall constitute the Council's Bureau. The composition of the Bureau so formed shall reflect an equitable geographical distribution <b>and, to the extent possible, gender equality.</b></p> <p>The members of the Bureau who are representatives of Member States of UNESCO shall remain in office until a</p>	<p><b><u>Mexico:</u></b></p> <p>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 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. <b>For a</b></p>

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<p>elected.</p>	<p>new Bureau has been elected. <b>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.</b></p>	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b><u>Turkey:</u></b></p> <p>1. At the beginning of its <del>first</del> <b>each ordinary</b> session, following an <b>ordinary</b> 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 remain in office until a</p>



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		<p>new Bureau has been elected.</p> <p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p>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 <b>and a rapporteur for 2 years re-eligible for 2 additional years.</b> <del>These with the Chairperson of the previous Bureau, who shall be an ex-officio member remaining in office as Vice-Chairperson for his/her respective electoral group for one additional term,</del> 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. If the Chairperson ceases to represent a State Member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, <b>the Chairperson will be replaced by a Vice-Chairperson subject to the alphabetical order of the country. If such Vice-Chairperson also ceases to represent a State member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office,</b></p>

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		<p><b>another Vice-Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson representing the subsequent country by alphabetical order, shall become Chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term of office.</b></p> <p><b><u>United Kingdom and Northern Ireland:</u></b></p> <p>1. At the beginning of its first session, following a session of the General Conference at which elections to the Council have been held, <b>the Council shall elect Member States to provide a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons.</b> These, with the Chairperson of the previous Bureau, who shall be an ex-officio 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 and, to the extent possible, gender equality.</p> <p><b>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</b></p>

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		<p><b>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.</b></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. <b>If the Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson or the Chairperson of the previous Bureau 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 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.</b></p> <p><b>It is the Member State, and not the individual in its personal capacity, who is elected as a Member of the Bureau.</b></p>

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		<p><b>The Member State designates a suitably qualified person for acting as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.</b></p> <p><b><u>Norway / Group I:</u></b></p> <p><b>VII.1.</b> 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 ex-officio member, 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><b>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</b></p>

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		<p><b>members start their two-year term.</b></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. <b>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 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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</u></b> considers that, since the Chairperson of the previous bureau would not be an <i>ex-officio</i> member, the election of a</p>

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		<p>rapporteur would complete the representation of the 6 regional groups.</p> <p><b><u>Slovenia</u></b> supports Mexico's proposed revision on this article.</p> <p><b><u>Czechia</u></b> does not agree with modifying this article.</p> <p><b><u>Slovakia</u></b> considers that, in any case, the expression "alphabetical order" should be replaced by "English alphabetical order".</p> <p><b><u>Uganda</u></b> does not agree with the Chairperson remaining in the Bureau as an ex-officio member.</p>
<p>2. Members of the Bureau are eligible for re-election.</p>		<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p>2. Members of the Bureau are eligible for re-election <b>for one other mandate.</b></p> <p><b><u>Turkey:</u></b></p> <p>2. Members of the Bureau <del>are eligible for re-election</del> <b>shall be eligible for immediate election for a second term of office. No member of the Bureau shall serve more than two consecutive</b></p>

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		<b>terms.</b>
<b>6. General powers of the Chairperson</b>		
<p>1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him/her elsewhere by these rules, the Chairperson shall have the following powers: He/she shall declare the opening and closing of meetings, direct the discussions, ensure the observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. He/she shall rule on points of order and subject to these rules shall control the proceedings and maintenance of order.</p>		
<p>2. If the Chairperson ceases to represent a State member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, a Vice-Chairperson shall become Chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term of office. If such Vice-Chairperson also ceases to represent a State member of the</p>	<p><del>2. If the Chairperson ceases to represent a State member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, a Vice-Chairperson shall become Chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term of office. If such Vice-Chairperson also ceases to represent a State member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no</del></p>	<p><b>Turkey</b> suggests moving the paragraph under “Functions of the Vice-Chairpersons”, with changes proposed (see below).</p> <p><b>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</b> considers that the Chairperson should be replaced by a Vice-Chairperson having the experience</p>

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<p>Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, another Vice-Chairperson shall become Chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term of office.</p>	<p><del>longer hold office, another Vice-Chairperson shall become Chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term of office.</del> [See IV. 5. 1.]</p>	<p>and the institutional memory of the work of the Bureau, not by the subsequent Council member of the same region of the departing person (see modifications proposed on <b>IV. 5. 1.</b>).</p>
<p><b>7. Functions of the Vice-Chairpersons</b></p>		
<p>1. In the absence of the Chairperson during a session his/her functions shall be exercised in turn by the Vice-Chairpersons.</p>		<p><u>Turkey proposes to split and elaborate this article in the following three paragraphs:</u></p> <p>1. If the Chairperson ceases to represent a State member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, a <b>Vice-Chairperson shall become an interim Chairperson until a new Chairperson is appointed by the State member of the Council representing the respective regional group in the Bureau. If such appointment cannot take place, a Vice-Chairperson shall become Chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term of office.</b></p> <p>2. In the absence of the Chairperson</p>



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		<p>during a session, his functions shall be exercised in turn by the Vice-Chairpersons.</p> <p><b>3. If one of the Vice-Chairpersons ceases to represent a State member of the Council or is so incapacitated that he/she can no longer hold office, a new Vice-Chairperson shall be appointed by the State member of the Council representing the respective regional group in the Bureau.</b></p> <p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</u></b> (numbering to determine):</p> <p><b>1. In the absence of the Chairperson during a session, his functions shall be exercised by a Vice-Chairperson as stated in Paragraph 5.1 of Article IV.</b></p>
<p><b>V. Committees and working groups</b></p> <p><b>8. Committees</b></p>		<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b> <b>V. Regional/Sub-Regional Committees and working groups</b></p>

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<p>1. Committees set up by the Council in accordance with Article V, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Statutes of the Council shall meet in accordance with the decisions of the Council or of the Bureau.</p>		<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p>1. <b>Regional/sub-regional Committees are set up in cooperation with the field offices.</b></p> <p>2. <b>Regional/sub-regional</b> Committees set up by the Council in accordance with Article V, paragraphs 1, 2 <b>and 3</b>, of the Statutes of the Council shall meet in accordance with the decisions of the Council or of the Bureau.</p>
<p>2. These committees shall elect their own Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and, if necessary, their own rapporteur.</p>		<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p><b>2-3.</b> These <b>regional/sub-regional</b> committees shall elect their own Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and, if <b>needed</b>, their own rapporteur.</p>
<p>3. These rules of procedure shall also apply to meetings of committees unless the Council decides otherwise.</p>		
		<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p>

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		<p><b>4. Regional /sub-regional committees will report to the Council on their regional or sub-regional activities.</b></p>
		<p><b><u>Turkey:</u></b></p> <p><b>4. These committees shall function in between the ordinary sessions of the Council unless the Council decides otherwise and shall submit a report on the outcomes of its work to the Council.</b></p>
<p><b>9. Working groups</b></p>		
<p><b>1.</b> Working groups set up by the Council in accordance with Article V, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Statutes of the Council shall meet in accordance with the decisions of the Council or the Bureau.</p>		
<p><b>2.</b> These working groups shall elect their own Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and if necessary their own rapporteur.</p>		<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p><b>2.</b> These working groups shall elect their own Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and if necessary their own rapporteur.</p>

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		<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p><b>3. The working groups will report to the Council.</b></p>
		<p><b><u>Turkey:</u></b></p> <p><b>4. These working groups shall function in between the ordinary sessions of the Council unless the Council decides otherwise and shall submit a report on the outcomes of its work to the Council.</b></p>
	<p><b>8. Observers</b></p> <p><b>8.1. The Council can decide to invite other actors as observers to all meetings of the Council, of its Committees and of its working groups, meaning that:</b></p> <p><b>8.1 (a) Representatives of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural</b></p>	<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p><b>8.1</b> The Council can decide to invite other actors as observers to all meetings of the Council, of its <b>regional/sub-regional</b> Committees, meaning that:</p> <p><b>8.1 (a)</b> Representatives of the United Nations, category 1 and 2 water-related Institutes and Centres,</p>

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	<p><b>Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, the World 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. This includes particular actors under the above-stated organizations, UNESCO-IHE, the World Water Assessment Programme and UN-Water.</b></p> <p><b>8.1 (b) Representatives of the International Council for Science, 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</b></p>	<p><del>UNESCO Chairs United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, the World 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 regional/sub-regional committees, if those committees wish to invite them.</del> This includes particular actors under the above-stated organizations, UNESCO-IHE, the World Water Assessment Programme and UN-Water.</p> <p><b><u>Czechia and Romania:</u></b></p> <p><b>8.1 (b)</b> Representatives of the International Council for Science, of its Committee on Water Research and of its affiliated International Association of Hydrological Sciences and International Association of Hydrogeologists, of the International Association for Hydraulic Research, of the International Commission on</p>

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	<p><b>Research, of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, the International Commission of Large Dams and of the International Water Resources Association, of the International Association of Academies of Sciences, of the International Hydropower Association, and of the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.</b></p>	<p>Irrigation and Drainage, the International Commission of Large Dams and of the International Water Resources Association, of the International Association of Academies of Sciences, of the International Hydropower Association, and of the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its committees and of its working groups.</p> <p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p><b>3.b.</b> Representatives of the International Council for Science, of its Committee on Water Research and of its affiliated International Association of 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, of the</p>

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		<p>International Association of Academies of Sciences, of the International Hydropower Association, and of the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council, of its <b>regional/sub-regional committees if those committees wish to invite them</b> <del>committees and of its working groups.</del></p> <p><b>Uganda</b> recommends to harmonize this amendment with Article VIII and update the list as provided for in Article VIII.</p> <p><b>Mexico</b> supports the invitation of new actors as observers without a right to vote. However, it would prefer not to limit these observers to those that are mentioned in the text, and to consider others that the Council might find appropriate at the time.</p>
VI. Secretariat		
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<p>1. The Director-General shall place at the disposal of the Council such members of the Secretariat of UNESCO as may be necessary as well as other means required for its operation.</p>		
<p>2. The Director-General or his/her representative may make oral as well as written statements to the Council, its committees and working groups and to the Bureau concerning any question under consideration.</p>		<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p>2. The Director-General or his/her representative may make oral as well as written statements to the Council, <del>its committees and working groups</del> and to the Bureau concerning any question under consideration.</p>
<p><b>VII. Languages</b></p> <p><b>11. Working languages</b></p>		
<p>1. English, French, Spanish and Russian shall be the working languages of the Council.</p>	<p>1. English, French, Spanish, <del>and</del> Russian, <b>Arabic and Chinese</b> shall be the working languages of the Council.</p>	<p><b><u>Uganda:</u></b></p> <p>1. English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, <del>and</del> Chinese <b>and Kiswahili</b> shall be the working languages of the Council.</p> <p><b><u>Slovakia</u></b> considers that the number</p>



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		of working languages should remain as it is (without IHP's Secretariat modification).
<b>12. Use of other languages</b>		
<p>1. Any representative may make a speech in a language other than the working languages currently in use for a particular session of the Council or of a Committee on the condition that he/she provides a text for the interpretation of his/her speech into one or other of the said working languages.</p>	<p>1. Any representative may make a speech in a language other than the working languages currently in use for a particular session of the Council or of a Committee on the condition that he/she provides <b>at least 1 hour before his/her presentation</b> a text for the interpretation of his/her speech <b>translated</b> into one or other of the said working languages.</p>	
<b>VIII. Reports and documents</b>		
<b>13. Report</b>		
<p>1. The Secretariat shall submit a report to each session of the Council.</p>		<p><b>Turkey:</b></p> <p>1. The Secretariat shall submit a report <b>on its activities and all other activities of UNESCO in the field of water as well as the activities of the Water Family</b> to each session of the Council.</p>

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		<p><b>Turkey:</b></p> <p><b>1 (a) The Secretariat shall submit a report on its activities to Council Member States and Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO which are not members of the Council in between the ordinary sessions of the Council.</b></p>
<p><b>2.</b> The Council shall submit reports on its activities to each ordinary session of the General Conference of UNESCO.</p>		
<p><b>3.</b> Copies of these reports shall be circulated by the Director-General of UNESCO in accordance with Article XI of the Statutes of the Council.</p>		
<p><b>14. Working Documents</b></p>		
<p><b>1.</b> The working documents of each session of the Council shall, as a rule, be communicated to the members one month before the opening of each session.</p>	<p><b>1.</b> The working documents of each session of the Council shall, as a rule, be communicated to the members <del>one</del> <b>two and a half</b> months before the opening of each session. <del>in the</del></p>	<p><b>Turkey:</b></p> <p><b>1.</b> The working documents of each session of the Council shall, as a rule, be communicated to the members two <del>and a half</del> months</p>

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	<p><b>working languages of the Council as specified in the above-stated Rule VII.</b></p>	<p>before the opening of each session in the working languages of the Council as specified in the above-stated Rule VII.</p> <p><b><u>Norway/United Kingdom and Northern Ireland / Group I:</u></b></p> <p><b>1.</b> The working documents of each session of the Council shall, as a rule, be communicated to the members <b>two months</b> before the opening of each session in the working languages of the Council as specified in the above-stated Rule VII. <b>Draft resolutions should also preferably be sent at the same time, without excluding the possibility of new resolutions to be introduced during the Council session.</b></p>
<p><b>IX. Meetings</b></p> <p><b>15. Quorum</b></p>		
<p><b>1.</b> A simple majority of the States which are members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.</p>		

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<p>2. At meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Council a quorum shall be constituted by a simple majority of the States which are members of the Council and which are members of the body in question.</p>		<p><b><u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</u></b></p> <p><del>2. At meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Council a quorum shall be constituted by a simple majority of the States which are members of the Council and which are members of the body in question.</del></p>
<p><b>16. Publicity of meetings</b></p>		
<p>1. All meetings of the Council shall be open to the public unless the Council decides otherwise.</p>		
<p><b>X. Conduct of business</b> <b>17. Right to speak</b></p>		
<p>1. Experts and observers may, with the authorization of the Chairperson, make oral or written statements before the Council and its committees.</p>		
<p><b>18. Order of speeches</b></p>		
<p>1. The Chairperson shall call upon</p>	<p>1. The Chairperson shall call upon</p>	

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speakers in the order in which they have expressed the desire to speak.	speakers in the order in which they have expressed the desire to speak, <b>starting with the Members of the Council and followed by the observers.</b>	
<b>19. Time limit on speeches</b>		
1. The Council may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker.		
<b>20. Points of order</b>		
1. During the discussion on any matter, a representative may at any time raise a point of order and the point of order shall be forthwith decided by the Chairperson. Any representative may appeal against the ruling of the Chairperson which can only be overruled by a majority of the members present and voting. A representative may not in raising a point of order speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.		
	2. Each resolution will be discussed and adopted under the relevant agenda item.	

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<p><b>21. Suspension, adjournment, closure</b></p>		
<p>1. Any representative may, at any time, propose the suspension, adjournment or closure of a meeting or of a debate. Such a motion shall be put to the vote immediately. The order of priority of such motions shall be as follows:</p> <p>(a) suspension of the meeting; (b) adjournment of the meeting; (c) adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion; (d) closure of the debate on the item under discussion.</p>		<p><b>Czechia</b> considers that it should be specified if this taxonomy is in descending or ascending order.</p>
<p><b>XI. Voting</b></p> <p><b>22. Voting rights</b></p>		
<p>1. Each Member State which is a member of the Council shall have one vote.</p>		
<p><b>23. Simple majority</b></p>		
<p>1. Unless otherwise provided in these rules, decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of members present and voting.</p>		

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<p>2. For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "members present and voting" means members casting an affirmative or negative vote. Members who abstain from voting are considered as not voting.</p>		
<p><b>24. Show of hands and roll call</b></p>		
<p>1. Voting shall normally be by show of hands, except that any member may request a roll call. The vote and abstention of each member participating in the roll call shall be inserted in the report.</p>		
<p><b>25. Voting on amendments</b></p>		
<p>1. When an amendment to a proposal is moved the amendment shall be voted on first.</p>		<p><b><u>Czechia:</u></b></p> <p>1. When an amendment to a proposal is moved, the amendment shall be voted on first.</p>
<p>2. When two or more amendments to a proposal are moved, the Council shall first vote on the amendment deemed by the</p>		

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<p>Chairperson to be the furthest removed from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest therefrom, and so on, until all amendments have been put to a vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted on. If no amendment is adopted, the proposal shall be put to the vote in its original form.</p>		
<p><b>3.</b> A motion is considered an amendment to a proposal if it adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal.</p>		
<p><b>26. Secret ballot (As amended by the IHP Council at its 14th session in June 2000)</b></p>		
<p><b>1.</b> All elections shall be decided by secret ballot unless, in the absence of objections, the Council decides otherwise.</p>		
<p><b>2 (a)</b> Before the voting begins, the Chairperson shall appoint two</p>		



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tellers to scrutinize the votes cast.		
<p><b>2 (b)</b> When the counting of the votes is completed and the tellers have reported to the Chairperson, he/she shall announce the results of the ballot bearing in mind that the voting will be recorded as follows:</p>		
<p><b>i.</b> From the total number of Members of the Council will be deducted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the number of Members absent, if any;</li> <li>- the number of blank ballots, if any;</li> <li>- the number of invalid ballots, if any.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>ii.</b> The remaining number will constitute the number of votes cast. The majority required will be more than half that number.</p>		
<p><b>iii.</b> Those receiving a number of votes in favor, equal or superior to</p>		

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the majority required shall be declared elected.		
<p><b>3 (a)</b> When a single elective place is to be filled, any candidate obtaining in the first ballot an absolute majority (i.e. more than half) of the votes cast shall be declared elected.</p>		
<p><b>3 (b)</b> If no candidate obtains absolute majority in the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken, restricted to the two candidates who obtained the most votes in the first ballot. The candidate obtaining a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.</p>		
<p><b>4.</b> When two or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same condition, those candidates obtaining in the first ballot an absolute majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. If the number of candidates obtaining such a majority is less than the number of</p>		

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<p>places to be filled, there shall be additional ballots to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot, to a number not exceeding twice the number of places remaining to be filled.</p>		
<p><b>5.</b> If necessary, in order to determine the candidates to participate in a restricted ballot, an eliminating ballot may be taken restricted to the candidates having obtained the same number of votes in the previous ballot.</p>		
<p><b>6.</b> If, in the final ballot or an eliminating ballot, two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes, the Chairperson shall decide between them by drawing lots.</p>		
<p><b>27. Equally divided votes</b></p>		
<p><b>1.</b> If a vote is equally divided on matters other than elections, the proposal shall be registered as</p>		

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rejected.		
<b>XII. Special procedures</b> <b>28. Special consultation by correspondence</b>		
<p>1. Should the approval of the Council be required for measures of exceptional urgency and importance while the Council is not in session, the Chairperson may, by means of the Secretariat, consult the members by correspondence. The proposed measures shall be adopted if it is approved by two-thirds of the members.</p>	<p>1. Should the approval of the Council be required for measures of exceptional urgency and importance while the Council is not in session, the Chairperson may, by means of the Secretariat, consult the members by correspondence <b>or electronic means</b>. The proposed measures shall be adopted if it is approved by two thirds of the members.</p>	
<b>XIII. Amendment</b>  <b>29. Amendment</b>		
<p>1. These rules of procedure, except where they reproduce provisions of the Council Statutes or decisions of the General Conference, may be amended by a decision of the Council taken by a simple majority of the members present and voting, provided the proposal for amendment has been</p>		

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placed on the agenda.		
<b>30. Suspension</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Suspension of any of these rules shall require a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.</li> </ol>		