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<p>Palestine</p> <p>The Charter was adopted, in principle, at the first Session of the APA Plenary in November 2006. Amendments were elaborated and adopted in the second Session of the APA Plenary on 19-21 November 2007, Tehran,</p> <p>- Later on more information will be added after adopting it by the working group.</p>	<p>Current Version - Introduction:</p> <p>The Charter was adopted, in principle, at the First Session of the APA Plenary in November 2006. Amendments were elaborated in the meeting of the Executive Council, 17-18 November 2007, Tehran, and recommended to the 2nd plenary of the APA. The 2nd Plenary of the APA, 19-20 November 2007, Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran, adopted its Charter as herewith annexed on this Monday, 19th of November 2007.</p>
<p>Keep the other paragraphs without change, except amending the second to last paragraph as follows:</p> <p>- In order to respond to this need and the aspirations of its peoples in this regard, it is necessary and immediately to establish an assembly that brings together Asian countries, leading to establishing of the Asian Parliament.</p> <p>- Delete the last paragraph and put it in the margin to keep the history of the Assembly.</p>	<p>Preamble</p> <p>Convinced that the pursuit of peace based upon justice and international cooperation is vital for the preservation of human society and civilization;</p> <p>Reaffirming the devotion of Asian countries to the spiritual and moral values which are the common heritage of their peoples and the true source of individual freedom, political liberty and the rule of law, principles which form the basis of all genuine democracy;</p> <p>Believing that, for the maintenance and further realization of these ideals and in the interests of economic and social progress, there is a need for</p>

	<p>a closer unity among Asian Countries; Responding to this need and the expressed aspirations of their peoples in this regard, it is necessary forthwith to create an Assembly which will bring together Asian countries into closer association with a view to their eventual integration into an Asian parliamentary union; We, therefore, the present members of the Association of Asian Parliaments for Peace (AAPP), see the need for the transformation of AAPP to Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) and do hereby declare, on behalf of parliaments we represent, the following:</p>
	<p>General Rules</p>
<p>Article 1: According to this Charter, The Association of Asian Parliaments for Peace (AAPP) is hereby transformed into the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA), which includes parliaments and councils of Asian countries and countries whose part of its territory is located on the continent Asia.</p>	<p>Article 1: Establishment of APA The Association of Asian Parliaments for Peace (AAPP) is hereby transformed into the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA), hereafter called “the Assembly”. The Charter of the AAPP is accordingly replaced by this Charter.</p>
<p>Article 2: To be added to the principles To recognize and defend the right of self-determination of peoples.</p>	<p>Article 2: Principles of Establishment of APA All Member Parliaments, Emphasizing on the equality of all members; Recognizing the national authority, sovereignty, peaceful coexistence and noninterference in their internal affairs; Believing in friendship and peaceful settlement of conflicts; Encouraging and promoting human rights and opposing terrorism and recognizing the rights</p>

	<p>and freedom of nations; Emphasizing on the necessity of full-fledged cooperation with regard to sustainable development and protection of the environment; Trying to create common organizations aimed at providing infrastructures and encouraging economic development through taking advantage of regional commonalities; Believing in the benefits of harmonizing laws and legal practices from among the members of the Assembly, taking into consideration the diversities of Asian cultural, political and economic experiences, with the view to achieving common legislations; Express their willingness to establish the Asian Parliamentary Assembly.</p>
<p>Article 3: To be added to the objectives 6- Contributing to the defense of human rights and international law. 7- Communicating with governments in Asian countries through the speakers of parliaments to implement the Assembly’s decisions related to Asia.</p>	<p>Article 3: Objectives of the Establishment of APA The Objectives of the APA are as follows: 1. Promoting freedom, social justice, peace, security and friendship to meet the objectives of the Assembly; 2. Sharing access to up-to-date knowledge in various areas and promoting such knowledge among the members in order to promote the progress and equality of its members; 3. Exploiting cooperatively vast human and natural resources and securing the interests of all members and recognizing their permanent authority on their natural resources; 4. Providing welfare facilities for the health and nutrition of its members’ population; and 5. Contributing to integration among the Asian</p>

	nations in order to utilize the potentialities of the region.
	<p>Article 4: Membership of the APA Membership of the APA is open to National Parliaments of the Sovereign States of Asia. National Parliaments of the Sovereign States of Asia may at any time submit their application for joining the APA. The application will be circulated to the Member Parliaments and shall be approved by 2/3 majority of the Assembly.</p>
Basic Organs of the APA	Basic Organs and Structure
<p>Article 5: Basic Organs of the APA The Asian Parliamentary Assembly is composed of the Plenary, the Executive Council, the President, the Standing Committees and the Secretariat. The bylaw regulates the activities of the Assembly's bodies in a manner that does not contradict the provisions of the Charter. Formation of subsidiary bodies is subject to the Charter.</p>	<p>Article 5: Basic Organs of the APA The APA shall be composed of the Plenary, the Executive Council, Bureau of the Assembly, the Committees as may be established, and the Secretariat.</p>
<p>Article 6: Members of the plenary session A- The plenary session consists of parliamentarians appointed by the member parliaments as delegates. It is encouraged to include women and youth parliamentarians in the delegation. B- Other Asian parliaments, regional and international organizations may attend the sessions of the APA plenary session as</p>	<p>The Plenary Article 6: Members and Observers of the Plenary As the most important organ, the Plenary shall be composed of appointed delegates of the Member Parliaments, who are elected by their respective national parliaments for a two-year term of office. Other Asian Parliaments, regional and international organizations may attend the</p>

<p>observers upon the approval of the Executive Council.</p> <p>C - The plenary session is held in presence of at least one third of the members, once every year during the month of November in the host country, and it may be held at any time due to exceptional circumstances.</p>	<p>Sessions of the Plenary of the APA as Observers upon approval by the Executive Council.</p>
<p>Article 7: Terms of Reference of the plenary session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Plenary may approve decisions, resolutions and declarations or submit reports on general policies of the APA and on other subjects related to its activities. - Discussing any case or issue that falls within the scope of this charter, or is related to the authority of one of the bodies stipulated in the charter and issues decisions, recommendations and final statements in accordance with the Assembly's bylaw. - Ratification of Charter amendment and regulations by absolute majority of the members participating in the vote. - Approving the appointment of the General Secretary of the Assembly. - Approving the assembly annual budget. 	<p>Article 7: Authority of the Plenary</p> <p>The Plenary may approve decisions, resolutions and declarations or submit reports on general policies of the APA and on other subjects related to its activities.</p>
<p>Article 8: Number of Votes</p> <p>No amendment.</p>	<p>Article 8: Number of Votes</p> <p>Each Member Parliament enjoys voting rights corresponding to the number of its delegates in the Plenary. Each Member Parliament has two delegates plus additional delegates determined as follows:</p>

	<p>Countries with population between 1 million up to 50 million will have two additional delegates,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countries with population between 50 and 200 millions will have three additional delegates, • Countries with population between 200 and 500 millions will have four additional delegates, and • Countries with population over 500 millions will have five additional delegates..
<p>Article 9: Sessions of the Plenary The Plenary shall hold at least one annual ordinary session. In case of emergency, upon request of any of the Member Parliaments and the approval of the majority of half +1 of the Member Parliaments, an extraordinary session shall be held.</p>	<p>Article 9: Sessions of the Plenary The Plenary shall hold at least one annual ordinary session. In case of emergency, and upon request of any of the Member Parliaments and approval of majority of Member Parliaments, an extraordinary session shall be held.</p>
<p>Article 10: Executive Council Executive Council shall be composed of one APA delegate from each Member Parliament. A second member of Parliament may participate as an observer. The Executive Council meets with the participation of at least a one third of its members, at least twice a year: the first time, immediately before the plenary session, and the other usually about two months before the plenary meeting in the previous host country, and / or at the request of the host to be country. An extraordinary meeting may be held at the request of a member and the approval of the absolute majority (half +1) or at the request of the president of the Assembly.</p>	<p>Article 10: Executive Council Executive Council shall be composed of one APA delegate from each Member Parliament. Executive Council shall meet at least twice a year: once, immediately before the meeting of the Plenary, and the other normally about three months prior to the meeting of the Plenary at the previous host country..</p>

Article 11: The President of the Assembly

The plenary session elects a President based on (half +1) of the APA members participating in the vote. The President is elected for a period of two years, and he is considered the political leader of the APA and the head of the Executive Council ex officio.

The president will continue in office until a new president is elected.

The Executive Council may extend the President's term for an additional year in emergency cases:

- In the case that the mandate of the Speaker of the Parliament in his country ends, the presidency will automatically transfer to the new president in his country, or
- The resignation of the Parliament's president, losing his/her Parliamentary membership, death, dissolution of the country Parliament, or suspension of the president Parliament membership in the APA Assembly, or
- Emergency occurred to forbid the president from being able to do the work as a president of the Parliament, the presidency will automatically transfer to the vice-president in his/her country which will be the hosting country in the next plenary.
- In the case of Parliament regression to host the plenary session two months before its date or less, and no another Parliament does not offer the hosting, the presidency remains in place for the Parliament until another hosting Parliament is allocated.

Article 11: Bureau of the Assembly

The Assembly shall have a President, four Vice-Presidents, and one Rapporteur, taking into consideration equitable regional distributions.¹

The President of the Assembly shall be elected from amongst the presidents or speakers of the Member Parliaments for a one or two-year term of office, depending on the decision of the host parliament, by the majority vote of the delegates of the Member Parliaments. The President shall be eligible for one consecutive reelection.

The President shall be elected during the first meeting of each term of office for the upcoming period

	<p>Article 12: Legal Entity The Asian Parliamentary Assembly is a legal entity represented by its President.</p>
<p>Article 13: Voting - Each delegation has the right to vote with the principle of "one delegation equals one vote". - Voting: (Half + 1) of the members voting in the plenary session. Relative Majority in Executive Council Meetings. Charter amendment: Two-thirds of the votes of the members participating in the vote - In the case of confusing opinions within a single delegation, the delegation head's voice is the decisive voice.</p>	<p>Article 13: Voting All decisions of the Assembly shall require a majority vote of the delegates of the Member Parliaments present and voting, unless the Plenary decides by simple majority of the delegates that on a specific subject a higher majority is required. 1 - With due regard to a balance in regional representation, Asia is grouped into the following five sub-regions: a) West Asia: Bahrain, Cyprus, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, ... b) Southeast Asia: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, ... c) South Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, ... c) East Asia and the Pacific: China, Fiji, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kiribati, Mongolia, Palau, Republic of Korea, Tonga, ... e) Central Asia and the CIS: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan,</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Secretariat</p> <p>Article 14: Provisional Secretariat The venue of the Secretariat shall be in the country of the elected president of the Assembly. The host country shall be responsible for providing the required facilities for the Secretariat and convening of the sessions of the Assembly</p>
	<p>Article 15: Permanent Secretariat Major terms of reference of the Secretariat are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining communication with members and preparing for the sessions of the Assembly, • Following up the implementation of the decisions of the Assembly, and • Protecting the documents of the APA.
	<p>Article 16: Establishment of the Specialized Commissions The Assembly may create special commissions to deal with any subject of interest</p>
<p>Article 17: The Bylaw of the Assembly The Assembly adopts its bylaw, financial regulations and the employees’ policies in a manner that does not contradict the charter.</p>	<p>Article 17: Rules of Procedure of the Assembly The Assembly shall adopt its rules of procedure which have to be in accordance with the Charter.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Official Languages</p> <p>Article 18: APA Official and Working Languages The official languages of the APA are Arabic and English and its working language is English.</p>

<p>Article 19: Amendment of the Charter This Charter shall be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members participating in voting in the plenary session.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amendment</p> <p>Article 19: Amendment of the Charter Amendments of this Charter shall require the approval of at least 2/3 of the Member Parliaments present and voting in the Plenary.</p>
<p>Article to be added: Article 20: The Wiseman Council A Wiseman Council is formed of five member persons, among them the current president of the general assembly and the general secretary of the Assembly. The Council’s mission will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mediation and handling disputes, if any, between members of the APA. - Suggest solutions to some strategic issues, and - Perform works assigned to the Wiseman Council by the General Assembly and the Executive Council. <p>New Chapter to be added Article 21: The member parliaments has the right to submit to the Executive Council a proposal to amend the Charter or other assembly regulations, provided that proposals are submitted to the General Secretariat at least one month before the meeting of the Council which may initiate proposals too. The proposal is deemed acceptable in the two cases mentioned after elaborating and approving it by the absolute majority of members.</p>	

Article 22

Member parliaments contribute to the Assembly's budget in accordance with the percentages indicated in the financial regulations and the Bylaw and the amendments approved by the plenary session. In the case of non-payment, the measures stipulated in the Assembly's financial regulations will apply.

Article 23

The plenary session issues the regulations and procedures to implement the provisions of this Charter.



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The Palestinian Delegation Amendments	Current revision
	Rules
<p>New Rule to be added: In implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) Charter, this system (rules) is put into practice and it is called "Rules of Procedure of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I. Composition • II. Session • III. Presidency-Bureau • IV. Standing Committees • V. Agenda-Resolutions-Debates • VI. Amendments • VII. Speaking-Order-procedural Motions • VIII. Quorum-Consensus-Voting • IX. Permanent and Provisional Secretariats • X. Close of the plenary • XI. Adoption and Amendments of the Rules
Rule 1. Composition	I. Composition
<p>No amendments A change in the margin, to add the phrase "Asia" / "Asian", which means in the context of these rules and the Charter of the APA: any sovereign or recognized state by the United Nations, and belongs to the group of Asian and Pacific countries, that's in accordance with the practice of the UN, as well as well as sovereign states parts of which are in Asia.</p>	<p>RULE 11 1. The Plenary shall be composed of sitting Members of Parliaments in Asia¹ designated by Member Parliaments of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, hereinafter called APA, as APA delegates for a two-year term of office in conformity with Article 6 of the Charter. 2. Each Member Parliament is entitled to designate between two to seven APA delegates in accordance with Article 8 of the Charter. 3. Member Parliaments shall submit the names and contact information of their</p>

	<p>APA delegates to the Secretary General in writing as soon as possible, but not later than one month prior to the commencement of the Plenary.</p> <p>4. Before completion of a two-year office as an APA delegate, if the term of office as a member of his/her national parliament is over, or if he/she is unable, at the discretion of national parliament, to fulfill his/her obligation as a member of national parliament, or if he/she passes away, the parliament in question shall designate another delegate to APA for two years and notifies the Secretary- General accordingly¹</p> <p>The term "Asia" in these Rules and in the APA Charter shall include the sovereign states belonging to the Asia and Pacific Group in accordance with the practice of the United Nations, as well as sovereign states parts of which are in Asia.</p>
	RULE 2
	RULE 3
IV. Standing Committees, Sub-Committees	
	IV .Commissions and subsidiary Bodies
<p>Rule 15</p> <p>The Asian Parliamentary Assembly has five standing committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Political Affairs Committee - Economic Affairs Committee - Sustainable Development Committee - Social and Cultural Affairs Committee - Budget and Regulations Committee. <p>The committees are established by a decision of the plenary session upon the recommendation of the Executive Council. Special committees, sub-committees and other bodies may be established by a decision of the plenary session upon a recommendation of the Executive Council.</p>	<p>RULE 15</p> <p>1. In addition to the five Standing Committees; Political, Peace and Security, Social and Cultural, Economic and Sustainable Development, and Energy, the Plenary may set up other Standing Committees, Sub- Committees, Commissions and Subsidiary Bodies as it deems necessary to deal with any subject of interests and to examine the issues on its agenda. These bodies shall submit their reports and recommendations to the Plenary for its consideration and decision.</p> <p>2. Upon suggestion of the Bureau or at least 10 Member Parliaments, establishment of</p>

<p>4. The quorum of the committee meeting is achieved with the participation of at least one third of the members.</p>	<p>other Standing Committees or of Sub-Committees, Commissions or Subsidiary Organs shall be put on the agenda of the Executive Council. The recommendation of the Executive Council on this issue is approved by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting in the Plenary.</p> <p>3. The inter-sessional meetings of the Sub-Committees, Commissions and Subsidiary Organs shall be convened by the Member Parliament hosting the previous Plenary, unless following mutual agreement of the President and the Permanent Secretariat; they may be hosted by another Member Parliament.</p> <p>4. Number of membership of each Sub-Committee, Commission and Subsidiary body, taking into account the equitable geographical distribution, and the duration and number of their inter-sessional meetings shall be approved by the Plenary.</p>
<p>Rule 15, A new paragraph to be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each committee shall elect a chairman, deputy chairman and a rapporteur among its members. - The meeting of the standing committee shall be valid with the participation of one third of the members in the session, and its decisions shall be taken by the relative majority of the members present at the time of voting. - Voting in committee meetings shall be public, and it may be confidential upon a request of three members, or the committee chairman decision. 	

- The Chairman of the Committee shall be responsible for following up the recommendations of the Committee through the General Secretariat.

- Proposals, reports, and other documents should be transmitted to the committees' chairmen by the Secretary-General in agreement with the President. The committees work results should be submitted to the General Secretariat, which undertakes presenting it to the plenary for approval.

IV Executive Council

Rule 7

1. Executive Council shall be composed of one APA delegate from each Member parliament, and another member may participate as an observer at the expense of his/her parliament.

2. The Executive Council holds its meetings twice a year: the first, directly before the plenary session and the other is two months before the plenary session, The President decides on all matters of the Executive Council works which are not explicitly stated in the bylaw in writing, provided that the decision is consistent with the provisions and rules contained in the Charter and the bylaw.

2. Bis - The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Council shall be valid in presence of at least one third of the member parliaments of the APA.

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once, immediately before the meeting of the Plenary, and the other normally about three months prior to the meeting of the Plenary.

3. The meetings of the Executive Council referred to in

Paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall: * Guide the work of the Secretariat to facilitate the smooth and efficient conducting of the meeting of the plenary efficient

conducting of the meeting of the plenary * Consider the reports and documents

developed by the Secretariat and making appropriate recommendation to the Plenary for a decision, * Consider draft resolutions and making appropriate recommendations to the Plenary for a decision, * Consider the proposal for the establishment of a new

Standing Committee or of a Sub-Committee, commission or Subsidiary Organ, * Consider the application for new members or observers

<p>Paragraph 4</p> <p>-The decision in the Executive Council is taken on the basis of consensus, if possible, otherwise, the Executive Council shall decide on the basis of relative majority of the votes of the member parliaments participating in the vote.</p> <p>-Voting in the Executive Council is public, and voting may take place secretly if the President deems it necessary, or at the request of two members of the Council, or if voting is to select people for specific tasks.</p> <p>- Amending the Charter and the bylaw requires a two-thirds majority of the votes of the parliaments participating in the vote.</p> <p>5. Each member of the Executive Council, or one on his/her behalf, shall have one vote.</p> <p>6. The quorum for a plenary session is the presence of at least one third of the members. Decisions are taken by a majority of half the voters +1 of the votes of the participants in the voting.</p>	<p>and making appropriate recommendations to the Plenary for a decision, * Consider the Secretariat proposal for the provisional Draft Agenda of the Plenary and recommending a Draft Agenda to the Plenary, * Consider the APA budget and its finances and making appropriate recommendation to the Plenary for a decision. * Recommend the APA Secretary-General for approval by the Plenary.</p> <p>4. The decision making in the Executive Council shall be, to the extent possible, by consensus. Otherwise, the Executive Council makes decision by the majority vote of the Member Parliaments present and voting. Special cases requiring two third majorities shall be determined by the majority vote of Parliaments present and voting. 5. Each Member Parliament shall have one vote in the Executive Council.</p> <p>6. Quorum for convening the Plenary and for adopting a resolution outlined in Rules 32 and 33 of this Rules of Procedure shall also apply to the meetings of the Executive Council.</p>
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Sessions

<p>Rule 4</p> <p>The Plenary shall be held annually (Article 9 of the Charter).</p> <p>-The plenary session is held twice during two consecutive years in the country that presides the Asian Parliamentary Assembly.</p>	<p>RULE 4</p> <p>The Plenary shall be held annually (Article 9 of the Charter). The Plenary shall meet for two consecutive years in the country which has the presidency of the APA (Article 10 of the Charter).</p> <p>Note: In case a host Parliament is not prepared to convene the meetings of the Executive Council and the Plenary for two consecutive y e a r s , the presidency and the hosting of those meetings may, with the concurrence of the majority of Member Parliaments, be entrusted to another Member Parliament.</p>
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<p>RULE 5</p> <p>- In the case that the mandate of a Parliament’s president in his country ends, the presidency will automatically transfer to the new president in his country.</p> <p>the presidency automatically transferred to the deputy president, and his/her country will be the hosting country in the next plenary of APA in any of the following cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The resignation of the Parliament’s president, losing his/her Parliamentary membership, death, dissolution of the country Parliament, suspension of the president Parliament membership, emergency occurred to forbid the president from being able to do the work as a president of the Parliament. -In the case of Parliament regression to host the plenary session two months before its date or less, and no another Parliament does not offer the hosting, the presidency remains in place for the Parliament until another hosting Parliament is allocated. 	<p>RULE 5</p> <p>After consultation with Member Parliaments, the President shall inform them about the date of each Plenary at least three months before the Plenary meets</p>
<p>Rule: 6</p> <p>What are the cases?</p>	<p>RULE 6</p> <p>The venue and date of the Plenary may change, in certain cases, upon proposal of the Bureau in consultation with the host Parliament, and concurrence of the majority of Member Parliaments to be determined in accordance with Rule 10(2).</p>
	<p>RULE 16</p>

<p>Rule 17</p> <p>1. Member Parliaments may submit to the Secretariat, proposals to include supplementary item(s) in the provisional agenda of the Plenary, not later than two weeks before the Plenary convenes. An explanatory note and a draft resolution should be attached to such proposals..</p> <p>2. To be deleted.</p>	<p>RULE 17</p> <p>1. Member Parliaments may submit to the Secretariat, proposals to include supplementary item(s) in the provisional agenda of the Plenary, not later than two months before the Plenary convenes. An explanatory note and a draft resolution should be attached to such proposals.</p> <p>2. A request for inclusion of a supplementary item received by the Secretariat at least 30 days before the opening of the Plenary or a request for inclusion of an emergency supplementary item relating to an event of particular importance occurring during the 30 days preceding the opening of the Plenary in order to be taken into consideration, must receive the approval of two-third majority of Member Parliaments present and voting in the Executive Council which convenes immediately before the Plenary.</p> <p>Before taking a decision on a request for the inclusion of a supplementary or an emergency item referred to in Rule 17 above, the Executive Council and the Plenary shall hear a brief explanatory statement from the sponsor and a statement from one speaker holding a contrary opinion, neither may enter into the substance of the matter</p>
	<p>RULE 18 RULE 19 RULE 20 RULE 21</p>
<p>A new rule to be added:</p> <p>It is the duty of members to present the decisions of the Assembly to their parliament and present it to the government in the most appropriate form, urge them to implement the decisions, and accordingly provide the APA secretariat with the feedback as possible, especially in the form of annual reports, to show what are the actions taken in this regard, and the results achieved.</p>	<p>VII. Speeches - Procedure - Procedural proposals</p> <p>RULE 26 RULE 27 RULE 28 RULE 30 RULE 31 RULE 32 RULE 33 RULE 34</p>

	<p>RULE 35 RULE 36 RULE 37 RULE 38 RULE 39 RULE 10 RULE 46</p>
	III. Presidency
<p>Rule 11: The President of the Assembly The plenary session elects the APA President for a period of two years, by the majority of half + 1 of the members participating the voting, He/she is considered the APA political leader and presides the Executive Council as well. The President shall remain in office until a new President is elected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In emergency cases, the Executive Council may extend the President's term for an additional year. - In the case that the mandate of a Parliament's president in his country ends, the presidency will automatically transfer to the new president in his country. the presidency automatically transferred to the deputy president, and his/her country will be the hosting country in the next plenary of APA in any of the following cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The resignation of the Parliament's president, losing his/her Parliamentary membership, death, dissolution of the country Parliament, suspension of the president Parliament membership, emergency occurred to forbid the president from being able to do the work as a president of the Parliament. -In the case of Parliament regression to host the plenary session two months before its date or less, and no another Parliament does not offer the hosting, the presidency remains in place for the Parliament until another hosting Parliament is allocated 	<p>RULE 11 1. The President of the Assembly shall be elected from amongst the Presidents/Speakers of the Member Parliaments for two years, by acclamation or by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting, at the beginning of the first meeting of the Plenary. 2. The outgoing President or, in his/her absence, the head of the delegation of the outgoing President, shall open the inaugural Session, pending the election of the new President. 3. The Plenary shall also elect four Vice-Presidents (Article 10 of the Charter) from among the heads of delegations as well as a Rapporteur from among delegates, bearing in mind equitable geographical distribution.</p>
	RULE 12

	RULE 13
<p>Rule: 14</p> <p>1. The President shall open, suspend and close the sittings, direct the work of the Plenary, ensure compliance and respect for the Rules, call upon speakers, put questions to vote, announce the results of the voting and declare the Plenary closed. The President's decisions in these matters shall be final.</p> <p>2. The President decides on all matters of the Assembly activities which are not explicitly stated in the bylaw in writing, provided that the decision is consistent with the provisions and rules contained in the Charter and the bylaw.</p> <p>-The president may inter-sessionally consult the Executive Council by written correspondence, when necessary and through the Secretary-General. In order to achieve the right decision, the president must receive responses from at least nine members of the Executive Council, within a week from the date the consulting notification is sent to them.</p>	<p>RULE 14</p> <p>1. The President shall open, suspend and close the sittings, direct the work of the Plenary, ensure respect for the Rules, call upon speakers, put questions to vote, announce the results of the voting and declare the Plenary closed. The President's decisions in these matters shall be final.</p> <p>2. The President shall decide on APA matters not covered by these Rules, after having the advice of the Bureau</p>
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