

## Final Report First Executive Council Meeting

## 25-28 October 2019 Rize, Republic of Turkey

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## 6. The Establishment of Working Group on Statutory Documents (proposed by Russia):

The delegation of Russian Federation through a letter addressed to the APA President had requested the inclusion of the above Agenda item. The purpose of this Working Group is to update the Statutory Documents of APA in order to turn its work into a more orderly and effective system. Member Parliaments debated on the essence of this Working Group and agreed on the following criteria:

- Kuwait as chairman will host the first meeting in January 2020
- Members: Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Russia, Cambodia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Palestine
- Formal nature and independent of other Standing Committees
- Mandated by Executive Council
- Legal, Technical and non-political nature
- Two meetings in one year
- Secretariat to inform those not represented in First Ex-Council meeting
- Quorum is reached with 7 countries
- 7 Plus: Other interested countries may attend the WG
- Countries should submit their written amendments in advance
- Members should consult experts in drafting legal issues
- APA Secretariat will prepare and submit the report to Executive Council

The agenda item concerning amendments to APA Basic Documents proposed by Russian Federation will be discussed at this Working Group.

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