



**Resolution 540 (1973)<sup>1</sup>**

## **Election of committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen and on the quorum in committee (Rules 45 (4) (b) and ©)**

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Noting that sub-paragraph (b) and the first part of sub-paragraph (c) of Rule 45 (4) may give rise to ambiguity as regards the election of committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen in the case of a tie and as far as the quorum is concerned
2. Having seen the report of its Committee on Rules of Procedure ([Doc. 3224](#)),
3. Decides ;
- a. to add to sub-paragraph (b) of Rule 45 (4) the following :
  1. "In case of a tie, there shall be a third ballot ; in the case of a renewed tie, the candidate senior in age shall be declared elected." ;
  2. to replace the first part of sub-paragraph (c) of Rule 45 (4) by the following :
    1. "A committee may deliberate and take decisions when one third of its members are present ; however, the vote on a report as a whole and the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen, if such election is held by ballot, may not take place unless the majority of the members of the committee are present."

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1. Assembly debate on 25 January 1973 (24th Sitting) (see [Doc. 3224](#), Doc. 3224, report of the Committee on Rules of Procedure). Text adopted by the Assembly on 25 January 1973 (24th Sitting).

