Resolution 540 (1973)[1]

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."

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).