**Resolution 577 (1974)**[1]

# Updating the Assembly's Rules of Procedure

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Considering the desirability of updating and harmonising certain provisions of its Rules of Procedure because of anumber of amendments made since the general revision of 17 January 1964 (Resolution 271) and of changes inAssembly practice ;

2. Having noted the existence of linguistic ambiguities and translation errors in the text of the Rules of Procedure ;

3. Having taken note of the report of its Committee on Rules of Procedure (Doc. 3450),

4. Resolves to amend its Rules of Procedure as follows :

4.1. Rule 1.1 : Replace "Members" by "member states".

4.2. Rule 1.2 : Delete footnote 1.

4.3. Rule 6.1 : Replace "Members" by "member states".

4.4. Rule 6.3 :

*a.* Replace "Members" by "member states".

*b.* Delete "in the same conditions" and add the following at the end of the paragraph : "or to the Standing Committee on the matters referred to in paragraph 2 above".

4.5. Rule 6.4 :

*a.* In the English version only, replace "are the subject of a claim" by "give rise to an objection" ;

*b.* After "Assembly", insert "or to the Standing Committee".

4.6. Rule 7.3 :

*a.* Replace "Member" by "member state".

*b.* Replace the entire text of this paragraph after the words "parliamentary elections" by the following : "the ensuing approval by the Assembly or the Standing Committee of the report on the examination of credentials shallhave the effect of terminating the term of office of any Representative and Substitute not re-appointed".

4.7. Rule 9.9 : At the end of the paragraph, add the following : "In the order of precedence he shall come after the Vice-Presidents previously elected".

4.8. Rule 14.3 :

*a.* In the first sentence after "ratification", add "either", and after "sitting", add "or by the Standing Committee at itsnext meeting, as appropriate".

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1. Assembly debate on 26 September 1974 (11th Sitting) (see Doc. 3450, report of the Committee on Rules ofProcedure). Text adopted by the Assembly on 26 September 1974 (11th Sitting).

*b.* In the French version of the last sentence, replace "un ou plusieurs chapitres" by "divers chapitres" and "plusieurscommissions" by "diverses commissions" ; in the English version, replace "one or more" by "different".

4.9. Rule 15.2 : In the French version only, replace the first sentence by the following : "Peut être inscrite dans ce projet d'ordre dujour toute question figurant au rôle de l'Assemblée"

4.10. Rule 16 :

*Replace the whole of this rule by the following : "Order of business*

*4.10.1. On the proposal of the Bureau, the Standing Committee shall draw up a draft order of business for each session or part-session, showing at which sittings the various questions on the agenda will be discussed. This draft shall be communicated to Representatives and Substitutes at the same time as the date of the opening or resumption of the session.*

*4.10.2. The draft order of business adopted by the Standing Committee may be brought up to date by the Bureau and shall be submitted to the Assembly for approval at the first sitting of the session or part-session".*

4.11. Rule 17.3 : In the French version only, replace "sont" by "peuvent être".

4.12. Rule 18.2 : In the French version only, replace "et" by "ou".

4.13. Rule 21.4 : Delete this paragraph

4.14. Rule 21 : At the end of this rule, add a new paragraph 4 as follows : "4. The Minutes of Proceedings of the last sitting of a session shall be submitted to the Standing Committee at its next meeting for approval".

4.15. Rule 23.1 : Replace "they shall be numbered and marked with the words‘Official Assembly Document&rsquo by the following : "They shall be marked ‘Consultative Assembly‘ and be numbered in the series to which they belong".

4.16. Rule 24 : Replace the whole of this rule by the following : "Orders of the Day

4.16.1. At the end of each sitting, the Assembly shall, on the proposal of the President, fix the date, time and Orders of the Day of the next sitting.

4.17. Rule 29.1 :

*In the English version only, delete the words "its" and "general".*

*The Orders of the Day of each sitting shall be established having regard to the order of business drawn up in accordance with Rule 16.2 above, as well as to such decisions as may have been taken under Rule 47 below".*

4.18. Rule 29.2 : Replace "a fortnight" by "one week".

4.19. Rule 30.2 : In the English version only, in the third sentence :

*a.* Replace "Amendments should" by "Amendments shall" ;

*b.* Replace "they must be signed" by "they shall be signed" ;

*c.* Replace "must be laid on the Table" by "shall be tabled".

4.20. Rule 33.1. a :

*a.* In the French version, after "par écrit" insert "au Président" ;

*b.* In the English version, replace "lodged in writing" by "notice has been given in writing to the President".

4.21. Rule 33.1. a :

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4.22. Rule 33.1. b : In the English version only, in the first of the two footnotes, replace "raise" by "close".

4.23. Rule 33.1, last part : In the English version only, replace "tabled" by "moved".

4.24. Rule 35.4 A : At the beginning of this paragraph, insert : "Unless some other method of voting is expressly provided for", andrenumber paragraphs 4A, 5, 6 and 7 as 5, 6, 7 and 8.

4.25. Rule 36.c : Delete "absolute".

4.26. Rule 37.1 : After "Minutes of Proceedings", insert : "agree to adjourn".

4.27. Rule 37.5 : At the end of the paragraph, add "or, on a motion from the Chair, until a subsequent sitting".

4.28. Rule 37.6 : At the beginning of the paragraph, insert : "Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 1 above".

4.29. Rule 39.1 : Substitute the following for the second sentence : "The President shall be notified thereof and the attendance list appended to the Minutes of the Proceedings and to theOfficial Report shall include the name of any such Substitute".

4.30. Rule 40 : Replace "Member" by "member state".

4.31. Rule 41.3 : Replace "Statements by political groups shall be..." by "Such statements shall be...".

4.32. Rule 42.4 : Replace this paragraph by the following : "4. The Standing Committee shall :

4.32.1. prepare the work of the Assembly, ensure its continuity of action and, when the occasion arises, act on itsbehalf ;[2]

4.32.2. fix the date of the opening and resumption of sessions, subject to the provisions of Rule 1.2 above, and the agendaof sessions or part-sessions ;

4.32.3. draw up the draft order of business of sessions or part-sessions ;

4.32.4. examine, on behalf of the Assembly, committee reports placed on the agenda of the Standing Committee inaccordance with Rule 46.4 below or with Rule 47 on urgent procedure ;

4.32.5. follow and coordinate the work of the committees and in case of urgency refer certain questions to them forconsideration".

4.33. Rule 43, footnote to the title of the rule : Replace this footnote by the following : "The number of seats in the first seven Committees enumerated in paragraph 1 is 31, in the next two Committees 25, in the next three 21, and in the last 17".

4.34. Rule 43.1 : In the list of committees, the last two should be replaced by the following :

*"12. Committee on the Budget and the Intergovernmental Work Programme,*

*13. Committee on Population and Refugees".*

4.35. Rule 43.3 : Replace "Members" by "member states".

4.36. Rule 43.3, footnote- 1st paragraph : Replace "the next two Committees", by "the next three Committees" and "in each of the last two Committees" by "inthe last Committee".

4.37. Rule 43.4 :

*a.* In the first sentence, after "Assembly", insert "or to the Standing Committee" ;

*b.* In the second sentence, after "Assembly", insert "or the Standing Committee".

4.38. Rule 45.2 : In the English version only, replace "the Committee from which it emanates" by "the full Committee".

4.39. Rule 45.6 : In the first sub-paragraph, replace "arrange to be replaced by another alternate" by the words "arrange to be replacedby another Representative or Substitute".

4.40. Rule 45.9 : Delete the last sentence.

4.41. Rule 47, footnote 1 : In the last sentence of the first sub-paragraph, after "procedure", insert "when such procedure is requested in thecourse of a session".

4.42. Rule 50.2 : In the first sub-paragraph, delete "seven".

4.43. Rule 51 : Delete the last sentence.

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2. In an opinion of 10 January 1957... (text of footnote unchanged).

4.44. Rule 58.3 : In the English version only, replace "laid on the Table" by "tabled".

4.45. Rule 59.3 : Delete this paragraph.

5. 5. The Assembly further decides to annul its Resolution 374 (1968) on the institution of a Special Committee on theIntergovernmental Work Programme of the Council of Europe, as draft Work Programmes will henceforth beexamined by the Committee on the Budget and the Intergovernmental Work Programme and referred to the othergeneral committees concerned for opinion.