Resolution 811 (1983)[1]

Length of committee chairmanships (Rule 45, paragraph 4.a of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly)

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Having regard to Rule 45, paragraph 4.a, of the Rules of Procedure, which provides that : - "The chairman of a committee shall remain in office until the opening of the next ordinary session of the Assembly. He may be re-elected for two further terms, and for a fourth term if the committee so decides by a two-thirds majority. In no circumstances may the same committee chairman remain in office for more than four years" ;

2. Noting that the requirement that outgoing committee chairmen obtain a two-thirds majority in order to be re-elected for a fourth term puts them at a disadvantage compared with other candidates, who need only an absolute majority in the first ballot or a relative majority in the second, and that overcoming the problem involves a complex election procedure ;

3. Having regard to experience, since its introduction in 1979, of the restriction on the number of terms of office committee chairmen are allowed to serve ;

4. Having regard to the report of its Committee on Rules of Procedure (Doc. 5115),

5. Decides to amend paragraph 4.a of Rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure as follows : - "The chairman of a committee shall remain in office until the opening of the next ordinary session of the Assembly. He may be re-elected for three further terms, consecutive or not."

1. Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 23 November 1983. See Doc. 5115, report of the Committee on Rules of Procedure.