Resolution 1073 (1995)[1]

Amendments replacing a draft text

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Assembly notes that its Rules of Procedure are silent on the admissibility and adoption of amendments replacing a draft text (opinion, recommendation, resolution, order).

2. In order to clarify this matter it hereby decidesto insert, in Rule 30 of the Rules of Procedure, after paragraph 2, a new paragraph worded as follows:

3. "An amendment shall be inadmissible if it is designed to delete or replace the whole of a draft text".[2]

1. See Doc. 7418, report of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, rapporteur: Sir Anthony Durant. Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 9 November 1995.
2. ."The whole of a text" is the complete draft recommendation, opinion, resolution, or order submitted to the vote of the Assembly or the Standing Committee. There may be cases where an amendment, formally speaking, does not entirely replace a draft text but in substance does. It is up to the President to declare such an amendment admissible or not (Rule 30.4). The Committee on Rules of Procedure considers that in any case an amendment should not replace all paragraphs (sub-paragraphs) nor the great majority of the operative part of a draft text, unless it consists of a single paragraph.