



Resolution 1944 (2013)¹

Final version

Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Iceland

Parliamentary Assembly

1. On 24 June 2013, the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Iceland were challenged on procedural grounds, in accordance with Rule 7.1 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, on the ground that the delegation comprised no female representative, in violation of Rule 6.2.a of the Rules of Procedure.
2. The Parliamentary Assembly reiterates its commitment to promoting the balanced representation of women and men in political and public decision making and to applying the principle of gender equality in its internal structures, in particular by encouraging a balanced representation of women and men in national delegations.
3. The Assembly notes that the composition of the Icelandic delegation does not fulfil the conditions laid down in Rule 6.2.a of the Rules of Procedure and that its credentials have been legitimately challenged. It notes that the delegation has stated that it had been impossible for it to satisfy the condition laid down by the Rules of Procedure in the time available and that it undertakes to ensure full compliance at the earliest opportunity.
4. Accordingly, the Assembly decides to ratify the credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Iceland, but to suspend the voting rights of its members in the Assembly and its bodies in accordance with Rule 7.3.c of the Rules of Procedure, with effect from the beginning of the Assembly's October 2013 part-session, until the composition of this delegation is brought into conformity with Rule 6.2.a in so far as it relates to the appointment in the delegation of, at a very minimum, one member of the under-represented sex as a representative.

1. *Assembly debate* on 26 June 2013 (24th Sitting) (see [Doc. 13246](#), report of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, rapporteur: Ms Vučković). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 26 June 2013 (24th Sitting).

