



Resolution 2656 (2026)¹

Restructuring and streamlining of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly regularly revises its Rules of Procedure to ensure that they are up to date, consistent and effective. The last general revision took place in 1999. Since then, numerous amendments have been made to the Rules of Procedure themselves and a considerable number of complementary texts have been added. Consequently, the rulebook that contains the Rules of Procedure and some of these complementary texts has become rather lengthy and unwieldy.
2. The Assembly resolves to restructure and streamline its Rules of Procedure. The aim of this effort is not to introduce significant amendments, but to make the Rules more user friendly. The revised structure divides the Rules of Procedure into four parts: A. Basic principles of the Assembly, B. Rules on the functioning of the Assembly, C. Rules on the functioning of committees and D. Code of conduct for members of the Parliamentary Assembly. To ensure the overall coherence of the entire body of its procedural texts, the Assembly additionally resolves to restructure and streamline its complementary texts.
3. The Assembly adopts its restructured Rules of Procedure contained in the appendix to this Resolution, which shall enter into force at the opening of the January 2027 part-session.

1. *Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 22 May 2026 (see [Doc. 16409](#), report of the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities, rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou).*



Appendix to the Resolution “Restructuring and streamlining of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure”

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