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47th DIRECTING COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

CD47.R6

**IMPROVEMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF
THE DIRECTING COUNCIL**

THE 47th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the recommendations contained in Document CD47/4,

RESOLVES:

To amend its Rules of Procedure to read as follows:

Rule 2

Notices of convocation together with the provisional agenda shall be sent to all Members, Associate Members, and Observer States not less than 60 days before the date fixed for the opening of a session, except in extraordinary circumstances.

Rule 33

The General Committee shall:

- (a) decide the time and place of all meetings;
- (b) determine the order of the day of each meeting;
- (c) recommend measures to be taken regarding any proposed agenda item submitted after the provisional agenda has been dispatched pursuant to Rule 2, and prior to the adoption of the agenda pursuant to Rule 10;
- (d) propose the deferment of any agenda item to a future Council session;
- (e) fix the date of the adjournment;
- (f) otherwise facilitate the orderly dispatch of the business of the Council.

Rule 9

All working documents relating thereto shall be sent to the Members, Associate Members, and Observer States at least 6 weeks prior to the opening of the session. Such documents shall be concise; any additional information should be attached as an Annex.

Rule 10

The Council shall adopt its own agenda and, in so doing, may make such additions or modifications to the provisional agenda as it may wish, in accordance with these Rules and as recommended by the General Committee.

Rule 12

Except in extraordinary circumstances, a proposal for inclusion of an item in the provisional agenda or agenda shall be accompanied by a working document prepared by the proposer, to serve as a basis for discussion.

Rule 23

The Rapporteur shall be responsible for presenting and drafting, as necessary, proposed resolutions in light of the deliberations of the Council.

Rule 40

Members and Associate Members may propose and the Secretary ex officio may recommend resolutions, amendments, and motions.

Resolutions shall be introduced in writing and shall be handed to the Secretary ex officio, who shall circulate copies to the delegates within 12 hours. Amendments which introduce significant changes in a resolution shall also be submitted in writing. No resolution or significant amendment shall be discussed or put to the vote unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegates at least 24 hours prior to its discussion. Under special circumstances, the President may permit the discussion and consideration of such resolutions or amendments even though they have not been circulated previously.

Proposals shall be voted on in the order in which they are presented except when the Council decides to the contrary. Parts of a proposal or an amendment shall be voted on separately if any delegate so requests.

(Sixth Meeting, 27 September 2006)