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RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE IPCC BUREAU AND TASK FORCE BUREAU

(Submitted by the Secretariat)

A REVISED PROPOSAL ON ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Background

1.1 During discussion at IPCC-XIX, many delegations noted that "... the rules for election of the IPCC Bureau were not very clear. The Panel agreed that clear procedures for elections should be put in place well before the next round of elections". Several issues were raised in the context of election for the Bureau positions other than Chair, namely rotation of posts, role and mandate of the Nominations Committee, limits of the terms of office, distribution of seats between and within regions.

1.2 The Panel decided at its 19th Session that "... well before the next round of elections the Chair would bring to the Panel a proposal describing the rules and procedures to be adopted by the IPCC when conducting elections". IPCC-XX was informed that the Bureau had established a small group chaired by Vice-chair Prof. R. Odingo, to prepare a document on election procedures. The Panel advised that this matter should have priority and that the draft document should be posted on the IPCC website for comments and that these be incorporated in a revised document for submission to IPCC-XXI.

1.3 IPCC Vice-chair Prof. Odingo presented a proposal for election procedures to IPCC-XXI and most delegations expressed the view that more work would be required to refine the proposal. The Panel agreed to establish an open-ended task group to prepare a revised proposal for submission to IPCC-XXII.

1.4 The group, chaired by Prof Odingo (Kenya) and Mr D. Warrilow (UK), included core members from Iran, China, Belgium, Spain, USA, Austria, Georgia and New Zealand. The group met shortly during IPCC-XXI and agreed to work through the IPCC Secretariat.

2. Preparation of the revised proposal

2.1 In November 2003 the Secretariat circulated an electronic copy of the proposal for election procedures to the members of the open-ended task group for their comments, which were collected in December 2003, and circulated to all members of the group for information.

2.2 The Secretariat made a summary of the established procedures for elections in WMO, UNEP, UNESCO, WHO, ICAO, IMO, ITU, UPU, UNFCCC and UNCBD. The summary includes organization structure, size and composition of governing bodies, terms of appointment, Bureau, elections during sessions, voting rights, composition of Credentials and Nominations committees and others. This information was circulated to members of the group and used for the preparation of the revised proposal.

2.3 The draft "Rules and Procedures for the Elections of the IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau" have been prepared by the Secretariat in line with the formats used by international organizations (mainly WMO) and conventions (UNFCCC and others). All comments and proposals received from the members of the open-ended task group have been taken into account.

2.4 This draft has been circulated to members of the group in February 2004 for comments, corrections and proposals, all of which have been incorporated in a revised draft.

2.5 The 31st Session of the Bureau (28-30 April 2004) noted the revised proposal for the election procedures presented by the IPCC Secretariat, and commended the group and the Secretariat for the continued development of the rules and procedures for the election of the IPCC Bureau and the Task Force Bureau. A number of specific comments were made on some rules of procedures, namely on:

- nomination for the position of the IPCC Chair;
- replacement procedures if a member of the IPCC Bureau or Task Force Bureau leaves the Bureau for any reason;
- duration of the appointment;
- requirements for curriculum vitae submission and circulation.

The Session recommended the group to continue the development of the proposal, taking into account also some proposed editorial changes, and to prepare a diagram to show the process and timing for the election of the IPCC Chair and the IPCC Bureau during an assessment period (Figure 1).

2.6 The revised text of the rules and procedures has been circulated to all IPCC governments (28 June 2004) for their review and comments. Comments and proposals from the following nineteen governments have been received: Argentina, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, China, Colombia, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Guyana, Lebanon, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Sweden, UK, USA, Uruguay, Uzbekistan. All comments and proposals have been analysed and some of them have been incorporated in the revised "Rules of Procedures" (Annex I). A short summary of the responses from the Secretariat is presented in Annex II. Copies of the full governments' comments can be made available upon request by the IPCC Secretariat.

3. Conclusions and recommendations

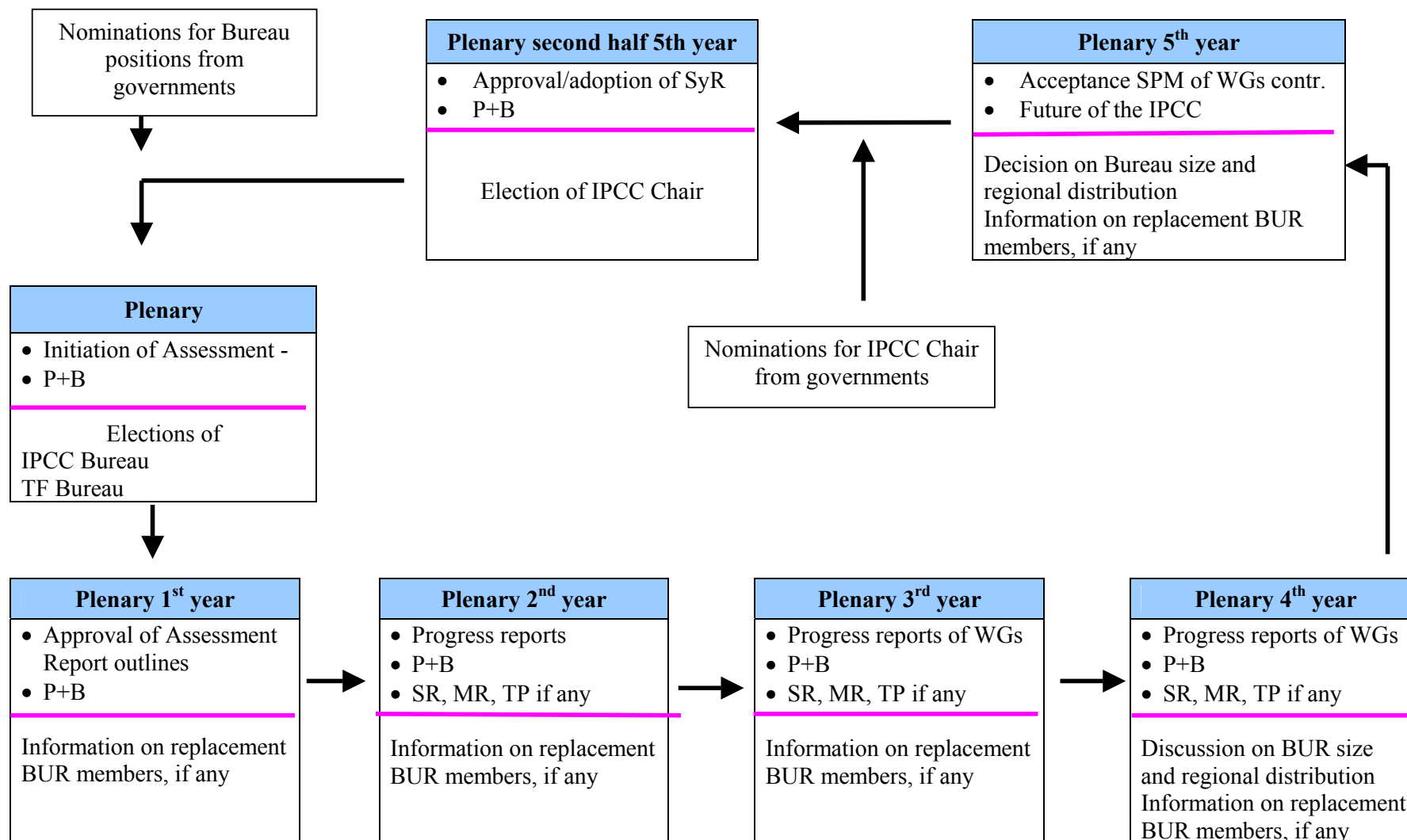
3.1 The document (Annex I) is formatted in such a way that the draft text of the Rules is accompanied, where appropriate, by a short explanatory text or references, inserted in *italics* in square brackets. This explanatory text could assist when considering the proposed Rules, but will be deleted once the Panel has approved the Rules.

3.2 The Panel is invited to consider the revised proposal and to provide comments and guidance for further actions, specifically on the formulation of Rules 12 and 23 where the text is put in square brackets for further discussion and guidance.

3.3 It is proposed to incorporate the outcome of the Panel discussion in the draft Rules and to circulate the draft to governments for comments, corrections and observations, before submission to IPCC-XXIV for approval.

Table 1

PERIOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN IPCC ASSESSMENT REPORT



**RULES OF PROCEDURES
FOR THE ELECTION OF THE IPCC BUREAU
AND TASK FORCE BUREAU**

(Draft)

Explanatory note

This document is formatted in such a way that, for the convenience of the open-ended group, established by the Panel at its 21st session, and of the delegates, the draft text of the Rules to be considered and agreed by the group and the Panel, is accompanied, where appropriate, by a short explanatory text or reference, inserted in italics in square brackets between the relevant paragraphs. The italicized text in square brackets will be deleted, once the Rules have been approved.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Draft Rules of Procedures for the Election of the IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau

I. Scope

Rule 1

These rules of procedures shall apply to any elections of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Bureau and any Task Force Bureau constituted by the Panel.

II. Definitions

Rule 2

For the purposes of these rules:

1. "Delegate" means a member of a delegation.

[WMO General Regulations.]

2. "Meeting" means a single sitting at the plenary level of the governmental representatives to the IPCC.

[WMO General Regulations and Principles Governing IPCC Work.]

3. "Members of the IPCC" are countries, which are Members of the World Meteorological Organization and/or the United Nations Environment Programme.

[Principles Governing IPCC Work, Appendix A.]

4. "Principal delegate" means Head of the delegation of a Member of the IPCC.

[WMO General Regulations.]

5. "Region" means the geographical limits of the six WMO regions as indicated in Attachment A.

[The WMO six Regions are as follows:

Region I – Africa, Region II – Asia, Region III – South America, Region IV – North America, Central America and the Caribbean, Region V – South-West Pacific, Region VI – Europe.

The geographical limits of the corresponding Regions are as indicated in Annex II of the WMO General Regulations.

Members of the IPCC in a Region shall be deemed to be those Members having their seat of government within the Region].

6. "Secretariat" means the permanent IPCC Secretariat established by WMO and UNEP.

7. "Session" refers to a series of meetings at the plenary level of the governmental representatives to the IPCC.

[Principles Governing IPCC Work, Appendix A.]

8. "Task Force" means an open-ended subsidiary body constituted by the Panel with a clearly defined and approved mandate and work plan as established by the Panel.

[Principles Governing IPCC Work, Paragraph 6.]

9. "Votes for and against" means affirmative and negative votes only and shall not include abstentions or blank or invalid voting slips.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 57.]

III. Representation and Credentials

Rule 3

Each Member of the IPCC participating in a session of the Panel shall be represented by a delegation consisting of a principal delegate and such other representatives or advisers as it may require.

[Rules of Procedures of the UNFCCC being applied, Rule 17.]

Rule 4

The credentials of representatives as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretariat prior to a session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Secretariat. The credentials shall be signed by, or on behalf of, an appropriate government authority of the Member of the IPCC and shall be regarded as appropriate credentials for the participation of the individuals named therein in all activity of the session.

The credentials of observers representing international organizations shall be signed by the competent authority of the organization concerned.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 20.]

Rule 5

The Panel may establish a Credentials Committee immediately after the completion of the opening formalities and for the duration of the session in which elections are being held. A representative of the Secretariat at the session shall attend the Credentials Committee with a consultative status.

This Committee shall examine the credentials of delegates and observers as well as any observation, which may be submitted to it by the Secretariat. It shall report thereon as soon as possible to the Panel, starting with the first meeting after the opening. Final decisions regarding credentials shall rest with the Panel.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 22.]

Rule 6

Delegates shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the session, pending a decision by the Panel to accept their credentials.

[Rules of Procedures UNFCCC, Rule 21.]

IV. Composition

Rule 7

The Panel shall decide which elected offices shall constitute the IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau. The Panel shall decide on the total size of the IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau for the next IPCC approved period and

the number of Bureaux positions (places) for each Region. The decision shall be made by the Panel at least one IPCC session prior to the session, at which an IPCC Chair is elected.

[For the SAR cycle the IPCC at its 8th session decided that the size of the Bureau should be 28 and include a Chair, two Vice-Chairs, six Co-chairs (2 per Working Group) and 13 Working Group Vice-Chairs (three for WG I, eight for WG II, and two for WG III), and six Regional Representatives.

For the TAR cycle the IPCC at its 13th session decided that the size of the Bureau should be 30 and include a Chair, five Vice-Chairs, six Co-Chairs (two per Working Group) and 18 Vice-Chairs (six per Working Group).

The IPCC at its 18th session (2001) decided that the size of the Bureau remains at 30 with the current geographical balance. It is also decided that the IPCC Bureau will consist of a Chair, three Vice-Chairs, two Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Inventories and three Working Group Bureaux, each with two Co-Chairs and six members.

The IPCC at its 18th session (2001) also decided to maintain its Task Force on Inventories, co-chaired by two members of the IPCC Bureau (one from an industrialized country and one from a developing country) with twelve additional members on the Task Force Bureau (two per Region). The very extensive discussions at the 19th session regarding regional composition indicate that regional representation will be an important issue in future elections. It is imperative to settle the question of regional composition well in advance of any elections of the Chair or Bureau.]

V. Terms of Appointment

Rule 8

The IPCC Chair, all Vice-Chairs, Co-chairs and members of Working Group Bureaux as well as members of a Task Force Bureau shall be elected for a fixed period as approved by the Panel. This period shall extend at least one year after the Plenary at which the Assessment Report, for which the outgoing Bureau has been responsible, has been accepted.

Rule 9

The term of office of each Bureau member (for the IPCC Chair see Rule 16) shall start at the end of the session at which he/she is elected and shall end at the close of the session at which their successors are elected.

[WMO General Regulation, Reg. 11.]

Rule 10

An important criterion for the election of an IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau member shall be relevant scientific, technological or socio-economic expertise. Curriculum vitae of all candidates shall be submitted to the Secretariat and made available on request to Members of the IPCC before the elections.

Rule 11

The IPCC Chair and Vice-Chairs, Co-Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Working Groups, as well as the Co-chairs of a Task Force shall be eligible for re-election at the end of their term of office, provided that, if an officer has already served for a continuous period covering more than one term of the same office, he/she shall not be eligible for a further term in the same office, unless he/she has served for less than 7 years, which shall include the period for which he/she may have served in a capacity under the provisions of Rules 13 and 14. This rule will take effect from the next election of the IPCC Bureau and a Task Force Bureau.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 11.

A limitation to two terms of appointment is proposed by the open-ended group members. They believe that re-election is useful to maintain continuity of expertise and preservation of institutional memory.]

Rule 12

The Chair will participate in the IPCC session in that capacity and shall not at the same time exercise the rights of a representative of a Member of the IPCC. [Other members of the IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau represent the regions for which they have been elected and do not represent individual Members.]

[Rules of Procedures, UNFCCC, Rule 22, para 3, as applied.]

Rule 13

If the IPCC Chair resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, a new Chair shall be elected at the next IPCC session to serve the remainder of the term of office of the departing Chair. Until a new Chair is elected an IPCC Vice-Chair, as agreed by the Bureau, shall serve as Acting Chair and shall have the same powers and duties as the Chair.

Rule 14

If a member of the IPCC Bureau or Task Force Bureau, other than the Chair, resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, a representative of the same Member of the IPCC, with relevant expertise, shall be named by that Member to replace the Bureau member for the remainder of the member's term of office. If the relevant government is unable to or fails to provide a replacement within six months of notification, the Chair, after consultation with Members of the IPCC Region, shall propose a suitable replacement from that Region for the approval by the IPCC Bureau, or by the Task Force Bureau for its member. Rule 10 shall apply.

VI. Elections – general principles

[The IPCC's election procedures are based on precedent and where no precedent can be found in previous IPCC elections, they are based on the WMO election procedures with modifications as necessary, to properly fit the circumstances of the IPCC.]

Rule 15

Elections for all positions (places), that are required to be elected, shall be held at a session of the Panel. If the officer chairing the meeting is a candidate for a position (place) for which elections are to be conducted, he/she shall excuse himself/herself from chairing that portion of the meeting during which the election is considered and conducted, in which case the Bureau will select a provisional Chair.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 79.]

Rule 16

The IPCC Chair will be elected by the Panel one Panel session before the remaining IPCC Bureau positions (places) are filled. The term of office of the IPCC Chair shall start at the end of the session at which the Bureau is elected and shall end at the close of the session at which the successor's Bureau is elected.

Rule 17

The remaining positions (places) on the Bureau shall be filled in the sequence and manner specified below:

- a) the Co-Chairs of the Working Group Bureaux and Task Force Bureau shall be elected. Each Working Group and the Task Force Bureau will have one Co-Chair from a developed country and the other from either a developing country or a country with economy in transition;
- b) the Vice-Chairs shall then be elected, each belonging to a different Region;

- c) the remaining IPCC Bureau positions (places), those of the Working Groups' Vice-Chairs will then be elected.

[The overall composition of the IPCC Bureau should reflect the criteria provided for in Paragraph 5 of the IPCC Principles, which states that "the IPCC Bureau, the IPCC Working Group Bureaux and the Bureaux of any Task Forces of the IPCC shall reflect balanced geographic representation with due consideration for scientific and technical requirements.]

Rule 18

Task Force Bureau members shall be elected following election of the Working Group Vice-chairs.

Rule 19

All elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless otherwise decided by the session. When there is only one candidate, he/she shall be declared elected without a ballot.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 81.]

Rule 20

Each delegation represented in the Panel session shall have one vote. The principal delegate of a Member of the IPCC shall have the right to vote or to designate any other member of the same delegation to vote on his/her behalf.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 56.]

VII. Nominations

Rule 21

(a) The Secretariat shall extend to all Members of the IPCC an invitation to submit to the Secretariat written nominations and accompanying curriculum vitae of candidates for IPCC Chair six months or more before the scheduled election of the IPCC Chair.

(b) The Secretariat shall extend to all Members of the IPCC an invitation to submit to the Secretariat written proposals and accompanying curriculum vitae of candidates for relevant IPCC Bureau (other than the IPCC Chair) or Task Force Bureau positions six months or more before the scheduled election of the IPCC Bureau (other than the IPCC Chair) or a Task Force Bureau.

(c) Members of the IPCC are encouraged to submit to the Secretariat, preferably not less than a month before a scheduled election, the names of the candidates that it is nominating or proposing pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b), above. The Secretariat shall make a reasonable effort to post the names of persons so nominated or proposed, as well as the identity of the Members making the nomination or proposal, on the IPCC's web site in a time frame that will facilitate consideration of such persons by Members of the IPCC.

[Members of the IPCC proposing a candidate may at the same time communicate to the other Members of the IPCC and to the Secretariat any information they consider relevant, including curriculum vitae of a candidate. For candidates from developed countries for posts of Working Group and Task Force Co-Chairs the information on appropriate technical/financial support should be provided.]

Rule 22

Nominations for the position of the IPCC Chair may be made by the government of a Member of the IPCC.

Rule 23

[Nominations for positions other than the Chair are normally made by the government of the candidate, but nominations by other governments or group of Members of the IPCC of the Region are allowed in exceptional circumstances, if appropriate explanations are provided and accepted by the Nominations Committee.]

*[The Nominations Committee has to report to the Panel and make recommendations in its report.
The capacity for accepting the nominations has to remain with the Panel.]*

Rule 24

At those IPCC sessions where an election is to be held, a Nominations Committee may be established for the duration of the session. The Nominations Committee shall be proposed by the Chair and endorsed by the Panel.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 24.]

Rule 25

The Nominations Committee shall prepare and submit to the session a list of nominees for each position (place) for which an election is to be held. Any candidatures proposed and maintained in that Committee by a minority shall be included in the list of nominees. The representative of the Secretariat may be invited to attend the Nominations Committee with a consultative status. The Nominations Committee may meet with any individual group of delegations or representative of any organization participating at the session, as it considers necessary, to perform its task.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 26.]

Rule 26

The Nominations Committee shall consist of two Co-chairs, one from a developed and one from a developing country, and shall take into account appropriate geographical balance, each Region being represented. Any Member of the IPCC that has nominated a candidate for a Bureau position should not be a member of the Nominations Committee. The composition of the Nominations Committee shall be included in the report of the session.

Rule 27

The Nominations Committee shall report to the session of the progress of its work at times specified by the Panel.

Rule 28

Prior to each election for a position, or group of positions, a list of the candidates to be voted upon, comprising the proposals of the Nominations Committee, if any, and nominations from the floor, shall be compiled by the presiding officer of the meeting. This list shall include only the names of those persons who have stated that they are willing to be included among the candidates for election. The list of nominations shall remain open until the presiding officer formally announces that the election procedure has started.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 80. Rules 24 and 25 should also be applicable for "nominations from the floor".]

Rule 29

The Nominations Committee shall aim to develop slates of candidates for each Region, which have the consensus support of the Members of the IPCC of those Regions and have relevant scientific/technical expertise. Where there is consensus support from the Regions, the candidates for Bureau positions (places) may be elected without ballots. If a regional consensus cannot be obtained, elections for those positions (places) shall be held.

VIII. Elections – voting procedures

Rule 30

In all voting by secret ballot, two tellers selected from among the delegates present shall be appointed to count the votes. Before voting begins, the presiding officer of the meeting shall hand to the two tellers the list of Members of the IPCC present at the session and the list of candidates, prepared in accordance with the provisions of Rule 29.

*[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 61;
WHO Guiding Principles for the Conduct of Elections by Secret Ballot.]*

Rule 31

The Secretariat shall distribute a voting slip to each delegation. Each voting slip shall be of the same size and colour without distinguishing marks.

[WHO Guiding Principles for the Conduct of Elections by Secret Ballot.]

Rule 32

The tellers shall satisfy themselves and the delegations that the ballot box is empty and lock it.

[WHO Guiding Principles for the Conduct of Elections by Secret Ballot.]

Rule 33

Members of the IPCC shall be called in turn to vote in alphabetical order according to the names of the Members of the IPCC. At the conclusion of the calling of the Members of the IPCC, the presiding officer of the meeting shall ensure that all the Members of the IPCC present have been called.

[WHO Guiding Principles for the Conduct of Elections by Secret Ballot.]

Rule 34

After the ballot box has been opened the tellers shall immediately count the voting slips in the presence of the meeting. The voting slips shall be destroyed after the announcement of the results by the presiding officer and its acceptance by the meeting.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 61.]

Rule 35

A voting slip shall be invalid if it contains more names than the number of positions (places) to be filled, or if it includes the name of any other person not appearing in the list of candidates as established by the session in accordance with the provisions of Rule 29.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 82.]

Rule 36

After completion of the elections, the number of votes for and against and the number of abstentions shall be recorded in the report of the session.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 62.]

Rule 37

Candidates shall be elected by a simple majority of the votes cast for and against. The simple majority shall be the next integer immediately above the half of the voting slips received, excluding abstentions and blank or invalid voting slips.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 63.]

Rule 38

The candidate who obtains a simple majority as described in Rule 37 shall be declared elected. If, in the first ballot, no candidate obtains a simple majority, a second ballot, which shall be restricted to the two candidates who obtained the highest numbers of votes in the first ballot, shall be held. However, if any other candidate has obtained the same number of votes in the first ballot as the second candidate, he/she shall also be included in the list.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 86.]

Rule 39

If the number of candidates securing a simple majority exceeds the number of positions (places) to be filled, those candidates who obtained the highest number of votes (to the extent of the number of positions (places) to be filled) shall be declared elected, subject to the provisions of regional balance determined by the Panel.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 87(a).]

Rule 40

If the number of candidates who obtained a simple majority during the first ballot is less than the number of positions (places) to be filled, those who obtained the simple majority shall be declared elected, subject to the provisions of regional balance determined by the Panel, and a further ballot shall be held to fill the remaining positions (places).

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 87(b).]

Rule 41

In the subsequent ballot, the list of candidates shall comprise those not previously elected who secured the highest number of votes in the previous ballot, but the number of candidates in the list shall not be higher than twice the number of positions (places) to be filled. However, if in the previous ballot, any candidate has obtained the same number of votes as the last candidate in the list, he/she shall also be included in the list. The procedures applicable to the results of the first ballot shall be applied to those of the second ballot.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 87(c).]

Rule 42

Similar ballots shall be held as necessary until all positions (places) on the IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau have been filled.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 87(d).]

Rule 43

Whenever more than one ballot is necessary in the elections described in Rules 40, 41, and 42 and any of the ballots results in the attainment of a number of positions (places) for a Region which is equal to the maximum

under the provisions of the regional balance determined by the Panel, the names of all the remaining candidates from that Region shall be deleted from the list of candidates for the next ballot.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 88.]

Rule 44

If, in a ballot, a decision is not reached between two or more candidates because they have obtained the same number of votes, another ballot shall be held and, if no decision is reached in this new ballot, the decision between those candidates shall be made by drawing lots.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 89.]

IX. Amendments and suspension

Rule 45

These Rules of Procedures may be amended only by the Panel. If a Member of the IPCC proposes an amendment to these Rules of Procedures, the Secretariat shall submit such a proposal immediately to the IPCC Bureau members.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 2.]

Rule 46

Any amendments proposed to these Rules of Procedures submitted by Members of the IPCC or by the IPCC Bureau should be communicated to all Members of the IPCC at least eight weeks before they are submitted to the IPCC session.

[WMO General Regulations, Reg. 2.]

IPCC REGIONS

The IPCC has six Regions as defined below. These Regions are identical in geographic extent to the WMO Regions (WMO General Regulations, Annex I).

Region I	- Africa
Region II	- Asia
Region III	- South America
Region IV	- North America, Central America and the Caribbean
Region V	- South-West Pacific
Region VI	- Europe

Members in a Region shall be deemed to be those having their seat of government (capital) within the Region.

MEMBERS OF THE IPCC BY REGIONS

AFRICA (Region I)
(53 Members)

Algeria	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Angola	Madagascar
Benin	Malawi
Botswana	Mali
Burkina Faso	Mauritania
Burundi	Mauritius
Cameroon	Morocco
Cape Verde	Mozambique
Central African Republic	Namibia
Chad	Niger
Comoros	Nigeria
Congo	Rwanda
Côte d'Ivoire	Sao Tome and Principe
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Senegal
Djibouti	Seychelles
Egypt	Sierra Leone
Equatorial Guinea	Somalia
Eritrea	South Africa
Ethiopia	Sudan
Gabon	Swaziland
Gambia	Togo
Ghana	Tunisia
Guinea	Uganda
Guinea Bissau	United Republic of Tanzania
Kenya	Zambia
Lesotho	Zimbabwe
Liberia	

ASIA (Region II)
(34 Members and Territories)

Afghanistan	Maldives
Bahrain	Mongolia
Bangladesh	Myanmar
Bhutan	Nepal
Cambodia	Oman
China	Pakistan
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Qatar
Hong Kong, China	Republic of Korea
India	Saudi Arabia
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Sri Lanka
Iraq	Tajikistan
Japan	Thailand
Kazakstan	Turkmenistan
Kuwait	United Arab Emirates
Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Vietnam
Macao, China	Yemen

SOUTH AMERICA (Region III)
(12 Members)

Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Guyana
Paraguay
Peru
Suriname
Uruguay
Venezuela

NORTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (Region IV)
(25 Members and Territories)

Antigua and Barbuda	Haiti
Bahamas	Honduras
Barbados	Jamaica
Belize	Mexico
British Caribbean Territories	Netherlands Antilles and Aruba
Canada	Nicaragua
Costa Rica	Panama
Cuba	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Dominica	Saint Lucia
Dominican Republic	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
El Salvador	Trinidad and Tobago
Grenada	United States of America
Guatemala	

SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC (Region V)
(24 Members and Territories)

Australia
Brunei Darussalam
Cook Islands
Fiji
French Polynesia
Indonesia
Kiribati
Malaysia
Marshall Islands
Micronesia, Federated States of
Nauru
New Caledonia
New Zealand

Niue
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Singapore
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Timor-Leste
Tonga
Tuvalu
Vanuatu

EUROPE (Region VI)
(51 Members)

Albania
Andorra
Armenia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Belgium
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Georgia
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jordan
Latvia

Lebanon
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Malta
Monaco
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
San Marino
Serbia and Montenegro
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland

Responses from the IPCC Secretariat to the comments and proposals received from governments

ARGENTINA

Modifications to the text of several rules have been made based upon proposals and comments from the government of Argentina. The following proposals are not acceptable for reasons explained herewith:

Rules 3 and 20. The term "Principal delegate" is used as given in Rule 2 and not "Head of Delegation".

Rule 8. As a result of the discussion at Bureau-XXXI it was agreed to use the term "fixed period as approved by the Panel".

Rule 12. The second sentence, which states that the IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau members represent Regions and not individual Members of the IPCC, is put in square brackets for further discussion.

Rule 23. The text after "candidate" on the first line has been developed after detailed discussion and agreement at BUREAU-XXXI. Because of several proposals for modifications the text is put in square brackets for further discussion.

Rule 28. The text of this Rule is taken from Regulation 80 of the WMO General Regulations and it is understood that nominations for positions are made following Rule 23.

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AUSTRALIA

Modifications to the text of several rules have been made based upon proposals and comments from the government of Australia. The following proposals are not acceptable for reasons explained herewith:

Rule 2. The term "session" is taken from the WMO General Regulations with specification for the IPCC.

Rule 14. The editorial change in the text is not acceptable because of inconsistency with the language used in the "Rules of Procedures for the Election of the IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau".

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CHINA

The general comments provided by the government of China have been noted and some modifications made to the text of several rules. The following proposals are not acceptable for reasons explained herewith:

Rule 1. "Any Working Group Bureau" is part of the IPCC Bureau. That is why Working Group Bureaux are not specified in the Rules.

Rule 8. The second sentence has been proposed by IPCC Bureau-XXXI.

Rule 17. For the activity and financial support the IPCC presently used the following two groups of countries: "developed countries" and "developing countries and countries with economies in transition".

Rule 22. The text has been agreed by Bureau-XXXI.

Rule 23. The text of this rule has been developed after detailed discussion and agreement at Bureau-XXXI. Because of several proposals for modifications, the text is put in square brackets for further discussion.

Rule 26. The Nominations Committee only prepares and submits to the session a list of nominees proposed by governments and does not have the right to exclude anybody from that list.

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GUYANA

The comments provided by the government of Guyana have been noted and modifications made to the text of the several rules. The following are responses to the comments requesting clarifications:

Rule 4. The word "prior" is taken from Regulation 20 of the WMO General Regulations and, following WMO practice, means before opening a session.

Rule 20. For each voting a delegation represented in the Panel shall have one vote.

Rule 23. The text is put in square brackets for further discussion.

Rule 38. "Majority" means "the excess of the larger number of votes cast for one candidate over all the rest of the votes" (Webster's New World Dictionary). Single majority means 50% of all votes plus one.

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GERMANY

The proposals for improvement of the text through internal harmonization and involvement of legal experts are noted. All other comments and proposals for modifications in the text of the Rules were taken except for Rule 23, which is in square brackets for further discussion.

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LEBANON

The comments provided by the Republic of Lebanon relate to Rules 12 and 14 on the regional representation in the IPCC Bureau. It is proposed to put the second sentence in Rule 12 in square brackets for further discussion. The proposed modification of Rule 14 where replacement provided by the government of the same Member of the IPCC would require the approval of "representatives of the region" is not acceptable based on the discussion at Bureau-XXXI.

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MALAWI

All proposals for improvement of the text in several rules were taken.

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MEXICO

The comments presented by the government of Mexico for Rules 5, 6 and 10 have been noted. The proposed modification of Rule 28 to limit the period for nomination by "1 or 2 weeks prior to the election plenary" is not acceptable, as the nomination process for the IPCC Bureau positions include even "nominations from the floor" during the plenary session.

NETHERLANDS

Modifications to the text of several rules have been made based upon proposals and comments from the government of the Netherlands. The following proposals are not acceptable for reasons explained herewith:

Rule 1. The Bureaux of Working Groups are not specifically mentioned, as they are part of the IPCC Bureau.

Rule 17. It is proposed to keep Rules 17 and 18 for elections of the IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau separate.

Rules 29 and 30. These Rules are based on the WMO General Regulations (Reg. 80) and following the established practice prior to each election, a list of candidates prepared by the Nominations Committee and presented at the meeting could be amended by a nomination from the floor.

Rule 38. It is not necessary to add the second paragraph to this Rule about reduction to two candidates by lot for the next ballot, as this situation is covered by Rule 41, where simple majority is not applied but "the highest number of votes in the previous ballot" to reduce the number of candidates to two.

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SWEDEN

The comments presented by the government of Sweden on the regional representation, composition of the Bureaux and terms of appointment have been noted.

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UNITED KINGDOM

The comments provided by the government of the United Kingdom have been noted and modifications made to the text of some rules. The following are responses to the comments requesting clarifications:

Rule 4. The term "an appropriate government authority of the member of the IPCC" is very difficult to specify because of different governmental structures in the countries.

Rule 13. Modifications made as proposed by the US.

Rule 14. The approval by the Bureau of a replacement proposed by the Member of the IPCC is not acceptable, based on discussions during Bureau-XXXI and the exchange of opinions between members of the open-ended group.

Rule 27. The last sentence has been deleted and not modified as proposed by the UK.

Rule 37, 38 and 39. These rules are applicable for elections for one or multiple posts following the WMO experience. The issue of "Regional balance criteria" should be studied further and agreed by the Panel prior to the elections.

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UNITED STATES

The modification in the text of Rules 2, 5, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 21 and 30 proposed by the government of the United States are acceptable and have been incorporated in the revised version of the IPCC election procedures. The following proposals are not acceptable for reasons explained herewith:

Rule 2 – Definitions. All proposals are acceptable except the term "assessment cycle". As a result of the discussion at Bureau-XXXI, it was agreed not to use the term "assessment cycle" but to use the term "fixed period as approved by the Panel".

Rule 4. The USA suggests to delete the last sentence of Rule 4, but it is proposed to keep it (the credentials of observers at the IPCC Plenary), because in Rule 25 consultations with "... any individual group of delegations or representative of any organization participating at the session ..." by a Nominations Committee are foreseen.

Rule 7. The comments on the establishment of the total size of the IPCC Bureau and the allocation of the IPCC Bureau positions among the six IPCC Regions have been noted, and the text of Rule 7 has been amended as proposed by the USA, without the proposal on the establishment of the total size of the IPCC Bureau.

Rule 8. The proposed text does not clarify the terms of office of each Bureau member and as such the text prepared by the open-ended group is kept.

Rule 17. It is proposed to keep Rule 18 for Task Force Bureau elections and not to combine it with Rule 17, dealing with IPCC Bureau elections.

Rule 22. It is proposed to keep the formulation as agreed by the majority of the open-ended group members.

Rule 23. The proposal to combine Rules 22 and 23 is not acceptable and it is proposed to keep the rules for nominations for the IPCC Chair and the IPCC Bureau members separate, as agreed by the majority of the open-ended group.