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FURTHER WORK TOWARDS ADOPTING REVISIONS TO “APPENDIX C OF THE PRINCIPLES GOVERNING IPCC WORK: RULES OF PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE IPCC BUREAU AND ANY TASK FORCE BUREAU”

Comments received by United Kingdom

(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

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Dear IPCC Secretariat

Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work

The UK would like to thank the secretariat for consolidating the comments on the Rules of Procedure for Election. The document provides a useful summary of progress so far on this issue and will help the IPCC make final decisions on this important issue. The UK has made some suggestions for further clarification of rules and has raised some issues which we believe require further consideration by the Panel.

UK Comments

Rule 5 We suggest including some guidance for the credential's committee on what constitutes valid credentials

Rule 6 Merge last sentence into 5. IPCC delegates do not need accreditation to take part in meetings, only to vote.

Rule 7 We think it is reasonable to aim to get regional representation in the Bureau and other senior management, but it could prove to be too great a constraint in getting the right chair. Suggest using option 1 as suggested by the secretariat, with a "where possible" clause for co-chairs.

Rule 11 We suggest clarifying this further. We suggest noting that the Secretariat needs to invite members to nominate candidates for the position of chair. We should clarify when they would do this (for example, would a bureau meeting be necessary).

There is also currently no process for the removal of bureau members. This needs to be contained in the rules of procedure and could in after **Rule 11**. It should outline the process for appointing a new chair if such an event arises.

Rule 12 We suggest clarifying the language (see red text) here as follows: –

If a member of the IPCC Bureau or any Task Force Bureau, other than the IPCC Chair, resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, **the Member of the IPCC who nominated the member originally shall be asked to nominate a replacement with relevant expertise.** **The nominee** shall replace the Bureau member as acting member until the next Session of the Panel, **when they should be elected** by the Plenary by simple majority **and serve as** a member of the Bureau for the remainder of the Term of the Bureau. If

the relevant Member of the IPCC is unable to or fails to make a nomination within six months of notification by the IPCC Secretariat, or if the acting member is not confirmed by election by the Panel, the same regional group of the Member of the IPCC will be invited to offer a nominee instead with a view to their election at the next IPCC Session. Rule 18 shall apply.

Rule 14 Add task Force Bureau to the heading and deleted Rule 15.

Rule 19. Suggest summaries at least should be sent to all members. There maybe personal security issues surrounding the widespread dissemination of whole CVs.

Rule 20 We suggest merging paragraphs 20a) and b) and rephrasing the first sentence in para 20c) to read:

Members are invited to submit their nominations in writing to the Secretariat at least one month before a scheduled election.

We also suggest that all nominations should be placed on the website at least 14 days prior to the session.

Rule 21 We agree with previous comments – that it would be useful to clarify the role/functioning of the nominations committee. We would suggest maintaining the usual IPCC practice of having developing and developed country co-chairs.

Rule 24 We suggest that it isn't always clear if nominations for one position would conflict with those potentially available for another. We suggest adding that there first should be checks for such a conflict and in the case one exists, a vote may be necessary.

Rule 24bis We would support the regions having meetings prior to the opening of the session to organise designation to credentials committee, nominations committee and for consideration of Bureaux posts. This would save time and resources in the Panel Session.

Rule 30 We also suggest clarifying that a voting slip can be invalid for other reasons – for example if it is defaced or has comments on it.

We look forward to discussing this issue at the 35 Session.

Kind Regards,

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