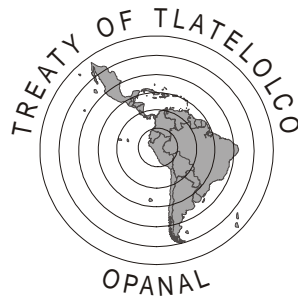


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REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE COUNCIL

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I. Sessions

- Art. 1 The Council shall meet when the President so decides or at the request of any of its Members. However, the interval between Council meetings shall not exceed sixty days.
- Art. 2 The meetings of the Council shall, as a rule, be held at the Agency headquarters, but they may also be held outside of headquarters by majority decision of the Council itself. The President of the Council shall request the Secretary General of the Agency to indicate in due time the place where one or more sessions are to be held.

II. Order of the Day

- Art. 3 The Secretary General of the Agency shall immediately make known to the accredited Representatives on the Council all communications of the States, or bodies of the Agency, or of the Secretary General himself, with reference to any matter which should be considered by the Council.
- Art. 4 The Provisional Order of the Day for each session shall be prepared by the Secretary General, subject to the approval of the Council.
- Art. 5 The Secretary General shall, as a rule, notify the Representatives in the Council of the Provisional Order of the Day no later than three days before each session; however, in urgent cases, the notification may be made simultaneously with that of the session.

III. Credentials

- Art. 6 Each Member of the Council shall be represented at its meetings by an accredited Representative, who may be substituted by any of the Alternate Representatives or, in the absence of either one, by an Adviser.
- Art. 7 As a rule, the Secretary of the Agency shall be notified of credentials twenty-four working hours in advance.
- Art. 8 The Secretary General shall inform the Council of the receipt of credentials and shall keep record of the List of Representatives, Alternate Representatives and Advisers.

- Art. 9 Every Member State of the Agency which is not a member of the Council and every State which is not a member of the Agency, invited to participate in one or more meetings of the Council, shall be required to present credentials accrediting its Representative.
- Art. 10 Representatives whose credentials have not been known to the Council shall have a seat on it provisionally, with those rights granted by the Council.
- Art. 11 Every Representative whose credentials cause objections within the Council shall continue to hold a seat on it with the rights granted by the Council, until such time as the Council may decide otherwise.

IV. Presidency of the Council

- Art. 12 The Presidency of the Council will be exercised by turns, by the Member States of the Council itself, by Spanish alphabetic order. Each President shall remain in office for a period of two calendar months.
- Art. 13 The President, besides conducting the debates and exercising the attributions conferred upon him by other provisions of this Regulation, shall decide upon points of order subject to the Regulation and may propose any measure related to the organization of the work. In the exercise of his office, he shall be subject to the authority of the Council. When he is unable to exercise his office, a new President shall be elected for the time remaining until the expiration of his mandate.
- Art. 14 If the President of the Council deems that in order to faithfully carry out his obligations, he must abstain from presiding the debates of the Council during the study and conclusion of a given issue of direct interest to the Member State he represents, he shall make known his decision to the Council. In this case, the Presidency shall be exercised by the Representative of the Member State which follows the one already mentioned, in Spanish alphabetic order.
- Art. 15 In the event of the abstention of the President from the study and the corresponding voting, the issue under discussion shall be submitted immediately, through the Secretary General, to the other Member States of the Agency.
- Art. 16 If a Member ceases to belong to the Council before the expiration of his mandate, the provision in article 69 of the Regulation of the General Conference shall apply.

V. Secretariat

- Art. 17 The Secretary General shall act as such in all Council meetings. The Secretary General may authorize another official of the Secretariat to represent him at the meetings of the Council.
- Art. 18 The Secretary General or his representative may make verbal or written statements to

the Council on any matter that he believes the Council should study.

Art. 19 The Secretary General shall inform the Representatives to the Council as soon as possible of the date, hour, and place of its meetings.

Art. 20 The Secretary General shall be responsible for the proper preparation and distribution of the documents pertaining to the work of the Council.

VI. Agreements involving expenditures

Art. 21 The measures proposed to the Council involving expenditures not appearing in the Budget shall be adopted taking into consideration the provisions of article 4.02.3 of the Financial Regulations of the Agency.

VII. Organization of the sessions

Art. 22

- a) Quorum of the Council shall be constituted by the attendance of the majority of its Members.
- b) The decisions of the Council shall be taken by the simple majority vote of its attending and voting Members.
- c) Unless agreed otherwise by the Council, debates shall be conducted according to sections XI, XII, and XIII of the Regulation of the General Conference of the Agency.
- d) Verbating records shall be taken of all the public sessions of the Council. Summary records shall be taken by the Secretary General in Private sessions, and shall be distributed among the Representatives of the States who participated in the respective session and who shall have ten days to notify the Secretary General of any corrections they wish to make in said document. The Council may, at any time, permit the authorized representatives of other Member States of the Agency to consult such record.
- e) The Resolutions adopted by the Council shall be reproduced in their entirety in its official documents. Summaries shall be prepared of the other resolutions adopted by the Council, and these summaries shall be subject to approval at the following session.

VIII. Languages

Art. 23 The official languages of the Council shall be those of the Agency.

Art. 24 Every Representative shall have the right to express himself in a language other than the official ones. In this case, the Representative shall provide to the Council, through the Secretariat, and interpretation in the working language or languages.

IX. Publicity

Art. 25 Unless the Council decides otherwise, it will meet in public, taking this decision at an open meeting.

Art. 26 The Secretary General shall be responsible for distributing in due time to the Members of the Council the records of the Council meetings.

Art. 27 The Members of the Council shall make known to the Secretary General, within a period no longer than four working days, any observations they wish to make in regard to the provisional records. Once this time has elapsed, the provisional records may be considered definitive.

Art. 28 The definitive records, with the exception of those in which the Council decides otherwise, shall be subject to general distribution.

Art. 29 All official communications of the Council shall be issued through the Secretary General, upon authorization of the Council.

Art. 30 The Representatives of the Member States of the Agency, duly authorized to do so, shall be entitled to consult the minutes of any session of the Council, in the office of the Secretary General.

Art. 31 The Secretary General shall submit, at each regular session of the General Conference of the Agency, a complete list of the records and other documents issued up to that date. In regard to the Council, he shall proceed in the same manner during periods never exceeding two months.