



Assembly  
Item 5

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES AND RULES OF THE IPU**

**RULES OF THE ASSEMBLY**

*Amendments deriving from the Governing Council decision (CL/192/8(b)-P.1)  
and sub-amendments submitted within the statutory deadline by the delegations of  
Belgium, Pakistan and United Arab Emirates*

Rule 4.1

**Amendment 1.1**

*Amend the existing Rule as follows:*

1. The Assembly will meet twice a year. ~~The first session will take place in the first half of each year and normally last for five~~ **four** working days. The second session ~~will take place in the second half of the year and normally last for three working days.~~ It will be held in Geneva, unless the IPU Governing bodies decide otherwise.

Rule 10.1

**Amendment 2.1**

*Amend the existing Rule as follows:*

1. The agenda of the Assembly, approved on the occasion of its previous session, shall include a General Debate with an overall theme, ~~and one~~ **normally two** subject items proposed by ~~the each~~ Standing Committees and relating to ~~its~~ **their** own field of competence (cf. Standing Committees, Rule 6.1 and Statutes, Art. 14.1) **as well as possible reports submitted by the Standing Committees.**

Rule 13

**Amendment 2.2**

*Amend the existing Rule as follows:*

As a rule, the Assembly will appoint two rapporteurs for each **subject item proposed by a** Standing Committee, who will prepare a **succinct, action-oriented draft resolution and an accompanying explanatory memorandum** ~~report or reports on the item placed on their Committee's agenda.~~ Members of the Union may contribute to ~~such reports~~ **the drafting process** by submitting **their brief written inputs in one of the official languages of the IPU** (cf. **Assembly, Rule 37.1**) ~~suggestions and comments to the rapporteurs.~~ The arrangements for the submission of such ~~suggestions and comments~~ **inputs** shall be indicated in the convocation of the Assembly (cf. Standing Committees, Rule 12).

### Sub-amendment 1

Modify the original amendment as follows:

As a rule, the Assembly will appoint two rapporteurs for each **subject item proposed by a Standing Committee, who. These rapporteurs** will prepare a **succinct, action-oriented draft resolution and an accompanying explanatory memorandum** ~~report or reports on the item placed on their Committee's agenda.~~ Members of the Union may contribute to ~~such reports~~ **the drafting process** by submitting **their brief written inputs in one of the official languages of the IPU (cf. Assembly, Rule 37.1)** ~~suggestions and comments to the rapporteurs.~~ The arrangements for the submission of such ~~suggestions and comments~~ **inputs** shall be indicated in the convocation of the Assembly (cf. Standing Committees, Rule 12).

#### Explanation

*It is easier to read the sentence if it is split in two. This is, in fact, necessary, at least in the French-language version, because the fact that "Standing Committees" appears in the plural creates a grammatical ambiguity as the relative pronoun should refer to the rapporteurs and not to the Committee.*

(Belgium)

### Sub-amendment 2

Modify the original amendment as follows:

As a rule, the Assembly will appoint two rapporteurs for each **subject item proposed by a Standing Committee, who will prepare a succinct action-oriented draft resolution and an accompanying explanatory memorandum** ~~report or reports on the item placed on their Committee's agenda.~~ Members of the Union may contribute to ~~such reports~~ **the drafting process** by submitting **their brief written inputs in one of the official languages of the IPU (cf. Assembly, Rule 37.1)** ~~suggestions and comments to the rapporteurs.~~ The arrangements for the submission of such ~~suggestions and comments~~ **written inputs** shall be indicated in the convocation of the Assembly (cf. Standing Committees, Rule 12).

(United Arab Emirates)

#### Rule 14.1

##### **Amendment 2.2**

*Delete the existing Rule.*

~~1. — The rapporteurs will also prepare a draft resolution on the subject included on the agenda of their Committee.~~

#### Rule 15.2

##### **Amendment 10.1**

*Delete the existing Rule.*

~~2. — The Assembly may hold a panel discussion on a specific topic of general interest, which could also be the overall theme allocated to the General Debate.~~

Rule 15.3

**Amendment 2.1**

*Amend the existing rule as follows:*

3. The ~~three~~ subject items placed by the Assembly on its agenda shall be debated by the competent Standing Committees, ~~each of which shall prepare a report and a draft resolutions~~ for consideration by the Assembly (cf. Statutes, Art. 13.2).

**Sub-amendment**

*Modify the original amendment as follows:*

3. The ~~three~~ subject items placed by the Assembly on its agenda shall be debated by the ~~competent~~ Standing Committees, ~~each of which shall prepare a report and a draft resolutions~~ for consideration by the Assembly (cf. Statutes, Art. 13.2).

(Pakistan)

Rule 17.1

**Amendment 2.2**

*Amend the existing Rule as follows:*

1. Any delegate may submit amendments relating to the draft resolutions prepared by the rapporteurs on the subject item included in the agenda approved by the Assembly. They shall be deposited with the IPU Secretariat ~~of the Assembly~~ no later than 15 days before the opening of the Assembly. However, the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians shall be permitted to submit amendments incorporating a gender perspective at any time prior to the closure of the first sitting of the respective Standing Committee. ~~This Rule shall apply to the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at the second Assembly of the year~~ (cf. Standing Committees, Rule 12.2).

Rule 38.1

**Amendment 1.3**

*Delete the existing Rule.*

1. ~~The provisional summary record of each sitting shall be made available to delegates within twenty-four hours. Any delegate may request a rectification; the Steering Committee shall decide, in case of doubt, as to its admissibility.~~

Rule 38.3

**Amendment 1.3**

*Amend the existing Rule and move it up to precede current Rule 38.2.*

31. The ~~final~~ summary record of the proceedings shall be published and distributed before the following Assembly.