

RESOLUTION NO. 6/2019
ON AMENDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES
November 13, 2019

The Assembly of Parties,

Recalling that Article IX of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee provides for the possibility of the Standing Committee taking decisions in writing between sessions;

Noting that the rule currently provides that decisions may be taken by consensus through a silence procedure if such decisions are communicated to members of the Standing Committee for their consideration for a period of no less than 30 days;

Recognizing that the Standing Committee must sometimes take decisions on time-sensitive or even urgent matters between sessions;

Taking note that the Standing Committee has submitted a proposed amendment to Article IX that would reduce the amount of time required for consideration of certain proposed decisions before such decisions can be adopted by consensus through a silence procedure;

Further taking note that any member of the Standing Committee can object to a decision being taken by a silence procedure, after which such a decision may be recirculated for a vote;

Acting consistent with Article 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Parties and Article XVII of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee;

Resolves to:

Adopt with immediate effect the following amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee:

Article IX (4) of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee is amended to read as follows:

Decisions may be taken between sessions by consensus through a silence procedure. The Secretariat shall communicate the proposed decision to all the members of the Standing Committee for their approval within a period established by the President that will generally be no less than

30 days of communication, but in cases where expedited action is justified may be no less than 14 days of communication. If no objection is received within the time limit established by the President, the decision shall be deemed to have been adopted by consensus. If an objection is received, the President may request that the Secretariat recirculate the decision for a vote.

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