

(As amended by the Executive Council on 9 November 2024)

1. Establishment of a Steering Committee

- 1.1. For each Biennial International Law Conference (the Conference) the Executive Council (EC) may appoint a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall assist the Director of Studies (DoS) in guiding Committees and Study Groups in the editing and consideration of reports and resolutions.
- 1.2. References to the Steering Committee in this document assume it has been constituted.
- 1.3. The Steering Committee shall consist of the Chair of the EC and not more than six other members of the Association, chosen with due regard to the membership of the Association. The DoS, Executive Chair, and the Secretary-General shall, in addition, be *ex officio* members of the Steering Committee.
- 1.4. In constituting the Steering Committee, consideration shall be had to the desirability of the representation of different legal systems, of various geographical regions, as well as different lived experiences that pertain to the execution of the Conference (including, but not limited to, gender, sexuality, disability, race, socio-economic background, and others). In assessing lived experience in particular, the DoS and EC take into account the privacy of members and their willingness to share or withhold this type of information.

2. Resolutions

- 2.1 Draft Resolutions shall be substantive (not procedural) and shall only be permitted at the termination of the relevant International Committee's mandate. Exceptions will only be made with the permission of the DoS.
- 2.2 Draft Resolutions shall be submitted well before the Conference. Draft Resolutions submitted less than 3 months before the Conference may not be accepted for consideration. Exceptions will only be made with the permission of the DoS.
- 2.3 Draft Resolutions should not seek to adopt the full Committee Report (but rather 'note' it), unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- 2.4 Draft Resolutions shall be forwarded to members of the Steering Committee prior to the Conference. Associated Committee Reports shall also be forwarded to the Steering Committee.
- 2.5 Members of the Steering Committee will each take primary responsibility for particular Draft Resolutions, which shall be distributed among them. Members of the Steering Committee will undertake to liaise with the officers of the relevant International Committee about the Draft Resolution until the time it is put to the final Conference session.
- 2.6 An Officer of the relevant International Committee will be expected to attend meetings of the Steering Committee where the relevant Draft Resolution will be discussed. If no Officer is able to

attend the relevant meetings, they must ensure another Member of the International Committee is able to do so.

3. Biennial International Law Conference Working Sessions

3.1 The Steering Committee may determine the matters which may be discussed at any working session and shall *inter alia* give consideration to:

- (a) the documents to be considered at any working session;
- (b) the Draft Resolution(s) (if any) to be considered at any working session;
- (c) the procedure and timetable of any working session;

and shall give such directives for the conduct of any working session as it deems necessary including, if required, limitations on the lengths of presentations.

3.2 Subject to any decision or directive by the Steering Committee a working session may consider:

- (a) the work of a Committee;
- (b) any Draft Resolution proposed by an International Committee which has been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 4 as above. At least half of the time allocated to the working session should be devoted to the discussion of the Draft Resolution;
- (c) any amendments proposed to any such Draft Resolution. The Chair shall rule as to its admissibility, and his or her ruling shall be final, subject to appeal to the Steering Committee;
- (d) such other matters as may be decided by the Chair of the working session, including in particular dissemination plans for the work of the Committee upon its conclusion.

3.3 The Chairs of working sessions shall be appointed by the DoS. The Chair or Rapporteur of an International Committee shall not be appointed as Chair of the working session. The Chair of the working session shall not be a member of that International Committee.

3.4 Chairs of working sessions, when putting a Draft Resolution to the vote shall emphasise that the wording of the Draft Resolution is subject to the approval of the Steering Committee. Only members of the International Law Association may vote on the Draft Resolution.

3.5 The Chair of the working session shall report any amendments to the Resolution to the Steering Committee and submit in writing the Draft Resolution as adopted at the working session.

3.6 The Steering Committee shall have power, in consultation with the Chair of the session, to settle the form of any Draft Resolution prior to submission to the final session. The Steering Committee may, if it thinks fit, refer any Draft Resolution or any part of a Draft Resolution not to the final session but to the EC or the Full Council (FC).

4. Adoption of Resolutions

4.1 When the terms of a Draft Resolution which has been approved by the Steering Committee following a working session are put to the final session, the Chair of the working session or his or her delegate may be invited to summarise any discussion that has taken place relating to the terms of the Draft Resolution. The Draft Resolution may be adopted by consensus, or, at the discretion of the Chair of the final session, by a majority vote, or rejected. Under no circumstances will any substantive

discussion on the terms of the Draft Resolution be permitted at the final session nor will any amendments be considered.

4.2 Subject to any decision made by the EC, the FC or the Steering Committee, discussions at the Conferences shall be conducted in English or French. The Chair at any meeting may, in his or her discretion, permit a summary verbal translation to be made of any speech and may direct translation of any proposed resolution or motion into the other language.

4.3 No person, other than a member of the Association, may address the Conference except upon the invitation of the EC or the FC. The EC or the FC may delegate its power under this Standing Order to an Officer or Officers of the Association.

5 Termination

The Steering Committee ceases to exist automatically once the Conference has been completed and the Conference Report published.

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