

PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CICRED STATUTES 2006

Original text of the statutes followed by proposed amendment and rationale for the change

I - AIMS AND COMPOSITION

[...]

ARTICLE 2 : Object

The *Committee for International Cooperation in National Research in Demography* aims to facilitate cooperation among national centres in demographic research and to encourage the promotion of new research, in conformity with the recommendation made by the Expert Group which met in Lyons from 3rd to 11th June, 1971, at the initiative of the Population Division of the United Nations Secretariat.

NEW: The *Committee for International Cooperation in National Research in Demography* aims to facilitate cooperation among national centres in demographic research and to encourage the promotion of new research.

RATIONALE: Remove outdated reference.

ARTICLE 3 : Headquarters

[...]

The host centre chosen by the first General Assembly is the French National Institute for Population Studies (INED), 27 rue du Commandeur, 75675 Paris Cedex 14 (France).

The host centre being transferred to 133 Bd Davout, 75980 Paris Cedex 20, the Committee's headquarters is transferred to the same address.

NEW: The host centre chosen by the first General Assembly is the French National Institute for Population Studies (INED), 133 Bd Davout, 75980 Paris Cedex 20.

RATIONALE: Update.

ARTICLE 4 : Composition

Member Centres

[...]

Centres have to pay an annual membership subscription, the amount to be decided by the Council.

NEW: Centres may have to pay an annual membership subscription. Its amount, to be decided by the Council, may also be waived.

RATIONALE: Subscription should probably be waived.

[...]

II - ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

ARTICLE 6 : The Council

The role of the Council

[...]

The Committee's affairs are administered by a Council of 11 members. The Council approves all Executive Director's operations.

NEW: The Committee's affairs are administered by a Council of 11 members. The Council approves all Executive Director's operations and the choice of the auditor.

RATIONALE: The auditor to be approved by the Council (rather than by the General Assembly).

[...]

The Election of the Centres

[...]

The list is presented to all CICRED member Centres by way of a circular letter signed by the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

NEW: The list is presented to all CICRED member Centres by way of an announcement signed by the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

RATIONALE: The announcement may come by email or through Internet.

[...]

The election of the Centres is carried out by postal ballot. The votes are counted under the responsibility of a representative from IUSSP.

NEW: The election of the Centres is carried out by postal or electronic ballot. The votes are counted under the responsibility of a representative from IUSSP.

RATIONALE: Provision for electronic voting.

[...]

Meetings of the Council

The Council should meet annually and will be convened by its Chairperson. A majority of members present is required for decisions to be carried ; in the case of tied votes, the Chairperson's vote will be final.

NEW: A representative of the host centre will be invited as a non-voting participant.

RATIONALE: The host centre should be informed about CICRED's activities and be heard by the Council.

The Chairperson of the Council

[...]

Candidates must be supported by ten Centres located in at least five different countries.

NEW: Candidates must be supported by seven Centres located in at least four different countries.

RATIONALE: Simplification of the procedure.

[...]

The election of the Chairperson is carried out by postal ballot. The votes are counted under the responsibility of a representative from IUSSP.

NEW: The election of the Chairperson is carried out by postal or electronic ballot. The votes are counted under the responsibility of a representative from IUSSP.

RATIONALE: *Provision for electronic voting.*

[...]

ARTICLE 7 : The Bureau

[...]

Composition of the Bureau

[...]

Both the Treasurer and the Secretary are appointed by the Council.

They may delegate their functions to personalities proposed by the Executive Director.

NEW: They may delegate their functions to persons proposed by the Executive Director.

RATIONALE: More appropriate.

[...]

ARTICLE 8 : The Executive Director

Choice of the Executive Director

The Executive Director is appointed by the Director of the host centre.

NEW: The Executive Director is appointed for a four-year period by the Director of the host centre after consultation with the Chairperson of the Council. The Executive Director must give a minimum of two months notice of his/her resignation to the Chair of the Council.

RATIONALE: *Though the director's identification and selection rest with the host centre, the Council has to be consulted via the Chair. Term duration and resignation conditions should also be detailed.*

[...]

ARTICLE 10 : General Assembly

[...]

The General Assembly names, for a period of four years, two auditors who will audit the accounts presented by the Treasurer before the General Assembly.

The General Assembly elects the members of the Council.

NEW: Remove the two sentences.

RATIONALE: *Auditors being nominated for mandatory periods of 6 years, it is more appropriate to have the Council approving the choice of the auditor. The election procedure of the Council is already described in Article 6.*

[...]

ARTICLE 11 : The Jean Bourgeois-Pichat Award

The beneficiaries

The Council is authorized to give the "Jean Bourgeois-Pichat Award" to a centre in recognition of the quality of its research.

NEW: Remove this article.

RATIONALE: *No use so far for this provision.*

III - FINANCIAL RESOURCES

ARTICLE 12 : Ressources

[...]

2) grants by the host country in which the centre is located (including personnel salary and costs of equipment and space) ;

3) grants from international organizations ;

NEW: 2) grants by the country in which the host centre is located (including personnel salary and costs of equipment and space) ;

3) grants from international and private organizations ;

RATIONALE: *Unnecessary confusion; scope for fund raising unnecessarily limited.*

[...]

IV - AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES, TRANSFER AND DISSOLUTION

ARTICLES 13, 14 and 15 : Amendments to the Statutes, Transfer of CICRED Duration and dissolution

[...]

All mentions to consultation or vote by "mail"

NEW: "mail or electronic ballot".

RATIONALE: *Provision for electronic voting.*

[...]