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Chair of the Nominations Committee

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Introductory Remarks

Based on the final list of candidatures published on 27 June 2023 and approved by the Nominations Committee, ballot papers have been prepared for the election of Members of the Executive Council for electoral Group II and IV.

Ballot papers, listing Member States that are candidate for the Executive Council, will be distributed to the Representatives of all MSs present and voting.



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Procedural arrangements

- 1. The ballot box will be opened, held up to show clearly to the Assembly that it is empty; it will then be closed and locked and the key handed to the Chair.**
- 2. The Technical Secretary will then read through the full list of Member States of the Commission (in French) and, as each name is read out, one member of the Delegation so called will come forward and place one ballot paper in the ballot box.**
- 3. The names of Member States that do not respond at the first call will be read out again at the end of the list. At the end of this process, the Technical Secretary will announce the number of votes cast.**
- 4. The counting of votes will take place in a separate room in the presence of appointed scrutineers from volunteering Member States and members of the Secretariat.**
- 5. If the number of ballot papers counted do not correspond to the number of votes cast, the Chair will declare the vote void and the procedure will be repeated. If necessary, additional rounds of voting will be held between 15:00 and 18:00 on the same day.**



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Ballots Validity

For a ballot paper to be valid, it should contain (a) cross(es) against no more than the maximum numbers of seats on the Executive Council remaining to be filled per electoral group. **VALID**

A ballot paper shall be declared void thus invalid if among other: **INVALID**

- It contains more selections than the number of places to be filled.
- It has any mark that isn't a cross (X) against the candidate(s) of choice.
- The name of the country who voted is indicated.
- It has (a) strike(s) across a candidate country.
- It is completely crossed out.

During the counting of the votes, the Chair will decide the validity of any ballot paper.



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Procedural arrangements (cont.)

Back in the Plenary, the technical Secretary will announce the final results of the vote, including:

- (i) the number of votes cast;**
- (ii) the number of non-valid ballot papers received;**
- (iii) the number of valid votes cast;**
- (iv) the majority needed by any candidate for election, that is to say the next integer immediately above half the number of valid votes cast;**
- (v) the result of the ballot, that is to say who is elected and/or whether a further ballot is needed.**



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Procedural arrangements (cont.)

When two or more places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates obtaining a majority shall be elected. If, for the last place, candidates obtain the same number of votes, the decision between them shall be taken by drawing lots.



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Thank you