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**28th DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
33rd SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

*Washington D.C., 21 September – 1 October 1981*

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***RESOLUTION***

***CD28.R9***

**AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE  
DIRECTING COUNCIL**

*THE 28<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having considered the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council recommended by the Executive Committee contained in Annex III to Document CE86/22, included in Document CD28/9, and

Considering the desirability of facilitating the conduct of business at meetings of the Directing Council,

***RESOLVES***

To adopt, for the Rules of Procedure indicated below, the following wording:

**Rule 43**

For the purpose of these Rules, "Governments present and voting" means Governments casting a valid affirmative or negative vote; or in an election, a valid vote for a person or a Government eligible in accordance with the Constitution of these Rules of Procedure. Governments abstaining

from voting or who cast blank ballots or invalid votes are considered as not voting. In computing a majority, any fraction shall be counted as a whole number.

Rule 44

Motions shall be considered adopted when they have received the affirmative vote of a majority of the Governments present and voting, except when the Constitution or these Rules of Procedure provide otherwise. If the votes are equally divided on a matter other than an election, the motion shall be regarded as rejected.

Rule 52

In an election, each Government, unless it abstains, shall vote for that number of candidates equal to or less than the number of elective places to be filled. Any ballot paper on which there are more names than there are elective places to be filled, or on which the name of any candidate appears more than once, or which is illegible or signed or which reveals the identity of the voter, shall be considered null and void.

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