

XXVII.

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Appointments procedure
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Decision

The Deputies adopted the following procedure for the appointment of members of the Budget Committee:

1. Duration of term of office

The term of office of members of the Budget Committee ends on 31 December of their third year in office.

2. Presentation of candidates - Timetable

- In principle, members should be appointed at the December meeting of the Deputies (A level) which precedes the first year of their term of office;
- The Secretariat shall notify governments of vacancies before 30 June of the last year of the term of office and candidatures should be deposited with the Secretariat before 15 October of that year;
- The document concerning the notification shall contain all necessary information, including a reminder of the relevant provisions of Article 29 of the Financial Regulations, the rank order of each State for the payment of contributions to the ordinary general budget, and previous participation of States in the work of the Budget Committee;
- The rank order of contribution payments shall be determined by the scale of contributions that will be in force on the first day of the term of office for which vacancies are being notified;
- At the meeting of the Deputies in September, the Secretariat will remind them of the time limit for the deposit of candidatures and inform them of candidatures already received;
- A document listing the candidatures received by 15 October shall be issued immediately after that date; it will set out the candidates following the rank order and groups of States that result from application of the provisions of Article 29(1) of the Financial Regulations;

- If a member does not complete his term of office before the period of three years has elapsed, the proposal for a replacement for the remainder of the period should be submitted without delay to the Committee of Ministers by the State which proposed the member whose term of office has been interrupted.

3. Voting procedure

- If the number of candidates proposed by a group of States as defined by Article 29 of the Financial Regulations is equal to the number of seats allotted to that group, their appointment as members may be made without a vote;

- In the case of the number of candidates exceeding the number of seats to be filled for a given group of States, the Deputies start the selection (or elimination) procedure by holding an indicative vote by secret ballot. Subsequent procedure is then decided in the light of the outcome of the indicative vote, or subsequent indicative votes by secret ballot if they appear to be necessary;

- The ballot papers used for the secret indicative votes referred to in the preceding paragraph shall list the candidates within each group of States in the rank order of contribution scales in which the nominating States are placed, and without indication of titles. The Chairman will indicate during the meeting at which moment the Secretariat should distribute the ballot papers;

- Alternate members of the Budget Committee are appointed in respect of each State whose candidate is appointed a titular member, insofar as the States concerned nominate candidates for alternate members.