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Terms of reference of the general rapporteur on the budget and intergovernmental programme

Pursuant to Rule 50.7 of the Rules of Procedure, "Committees may appoint one or more general rapporteurs whose terms of reference they shall determine beforehand. The terms of reference shall be submitted to the Bureau for approval and its decision shall be subject to ratification by the Assembly", the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs decided, at its meeting of 26 April 2012, to adopt the following terms of reference¹:

Denomination: general rapporteur on the budget and intergovernmental programme

Term of office: In accordance with Rule 50.7, the general rapporteur shall be appointed for a mandate of two years, renewable a maximum of once.

Subject: it is the duty of the general rapporteur on the budget and intergovernmental programme, in close consultation with the Secretary General of the Assembly, to act on the Assembly's behalf in respect of all matters concerning: the preparation of the Council of Europe draft budgets and those of the Parliamentary Assembly, the budgetary prospects of the Organisation, the choices made with regard to the intergovernmental programme of activities and its funding, the powers and responsibilities of the Assembly with regard to finances, and issues concerning the development of the rules governing the Organisation's finances, the staff regulations, etc. He or she will report regularly to the Committee on any information obtained or action taken.

Responsibilities:

The role of the general rapporteur on the budget and intergovernmental programme is to:

- follow the activities of and maintain working relations with the Committee of Ministers Rapporteur Group on Programme, Budget and Administration (GR-PBA) and to represent the Assembly at its meetings;
- maintain working relations with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Staff Committee;

¹ References to Rule 50.7 and the duration of the mandate were updated on 26 June 2025, to comply with amendments to Rule 50.7 of the Rules of Procedure.

- follow the activities of and maintain working relations with the co-ordinating committees of the co-ordinated international organisations, responsible for recommendations relating to salaries and pensions in respect of these organisations;
- liaise with the committees of national parliaments and interparliamentary assemblies responsible for budgetary issues;
- prepare Assembly resolutions and opinions on the Council of Europe draft budget and on the Assembly's draft budget and monitor the Assembly's decisions in such matters;
- present to the Bureau of the Assembly the annual report on the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations.