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Draft resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance

The Assembly of States Parties,

Bearing in mind its draft resolution establishing the Committee on Budget and Finance,

Mindful of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties,

Approves the following procedure for the election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance:

A. Nomination of candidates

1. The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties shall circulate through the diplomatic channel the invitations for nominations of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance. The invitations will include the requirement that the candidates be experts of recognized standing and experience in financial matters at the international level.
2. States Parties shall nominate their candidates during the nomination period, which shall be fixed by the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties.
3. Nominations submitted before or after the nomination period shall not be considered.
4. If at the end of the nomination period the number of candidates remains less than the number of seats, the President of the Assembly of States Parties shall extend the nomination period.
5. States Parties to the Statute shall communicate nominations for the election of the members of the Committee on Budget and Finance through the diplomatic channel to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties.
6. Each nomination shall specify how the candidate fulfils the requirements of paragraph 2 of the annex to the draft resolution establishing the Committee on Budget and Finance.

7. The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties shall prepare a list in English alphabetical order of all persons thus nominated, with accompanying documents, and shall circulate it through the diplomatic channel.

B. Distribution of seats

8. Bearing in mind the requirements of paragraph 2 of the annex to the draft resolution establishing the Committee on Budget and Finance, the distribution of seats for the first election is as follows:

African States, [2] seats;

Asian States, [2] seats;

Eastern European States, [2] seats;

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, [2] seats;

Western European and Other States, [4] seats.

C. Election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance

9. Every effort shall be made to elect the members of the Committee by consensus, on the basis of a recommendation by the Bureau. In making its recommendation, the Bureau shall consult the regional groups. In the absence of agreement within the concerned regional group, the Bureau shall abstain from making a recommendation regarding that group.

10. In the absence of a consensus, the election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance shall be a matter of substance, and subject to the requirements of article 112, paragraph 7 (a), of the Statute.

11. The election shall be by secret ballot. The requirement may be dispensed with if the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled or in respect of candidates endorsed by the respective regional groups, unless a delegation specifically requests a vote on a given election.

12. The persons elected shall be those candidates from each group who obtain the highest number of votes and a two-thirds majority of States Parties present and voting, provided that an absolute majority of the States Parties constitutes the quorum for voting.

13. For the purpose of the first election, the President of the Assembly of States Parties shall draw lots to determine, pursuant to paragraph 2 of the annex to the draft resolution on the establishment of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the cadence of term of office for the members elected.

14. The present procedure is without prejudice to the overall composition of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the procedures for future elections or the future distribution of seats.

15. The State Party which submitted the nomination of a member of the Committee on Budget and Finance shall defray the expenses of that member while in performance of Committee duties.