

# UEMO 2000/102

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

### DISCUSSION OF UEMO STATUTES & RULES OF PROCEDURE

UEMO Plenary Assembly, Villa Montalto, Florence, 26 May 2000

#### 1. Statutes, basic document

The Draft Statutes in document UEMO 2000/026, prepared on the basis of UEMO 2000/025, were unanimously approved in principle, subject to specific minor amendments decided by the current meeting and to copy-editing of the language and final drafting by a working group for submission to the Plenary Assembly for approval of the final text at the Plenary Assembly in Zurich in October 2000. Thanks were expressed to Sallie Nicholas, Dr. Roger Chapman, and Tom Kennedy for their work on this document.

#### 2. Rules of Procedure

The drafting group would also produce a draft Rules of Procedure, if possible, for consideration and, if possible, adoption at the October 2000 meeting. For this purpose, Dr. Cricelli said that he would provide a "backbone document" to be worked out by the Italian legal counsellor.

#### 3. Drafting Group

The membership of the drafting group was established as the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, and Denmark with T. Kennedy as drafting secretary.

#### 4. Discussion of Items to be used in final drafting of statutes

##### 4.1 Dutch proposal (UEMO 00/066)

Regarding, the Dutch proposal for a clarification of article 8.3 (old 8.2), the U.K. delegation (Dr. Chisholm) suggested that it was implicit in the wording that the president should come from the host country, and it was agreed to pass this on to the drafting committee for clarification of the wording as suggested.

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Regarding the proposal to add to item 8.4 (old 8.3) a stipulation that the Presidency team should also include a Deputy Secretary General, the Dutch delegation withdrew this proposal and suggested instead that consideration be given to including it in the Rules of Procedure. The President suggested that the politically elected president should be free to decide on the technical support he might need to have.

#### 4.2 Portuguese Proposal (UEMO 00/090)

The Portuguese delegation had made a number of suggestions regarding article 10 and clarifications of policy and procedural matters on which they requested a vote. However, on a motion from Austria, seconded by Luxembourg, a vote was taken to reject the proposals in UEMO 00/090 and by a vote of 16 to 2 (Portugal and France), it was agreed to reject the document. Thus, the president's position that it was for the political representatives to decide what was and was not a policy matter was upheld.

#### 4.3 Majority decisions for procedural matters

However, in further discussion, it was pointed out by the U.K. (Dr Evans), Germany (Mrs. Bosch), and by the Belgian jurist that the working draft which had been agreed in principle (item 1 above) was not clear about the point that a simple majority vote was sufficient for decisions on procedural matters. Otherwise, the organization could be paralyzed over minor decisions. It was agreed that the drafting group be entrusted to devise a wording that would clearly reflect this decision for a simple majority vote on procedural matters.

#### 4.4 Irish suggestions

The U.K. delegation expressed its understanding that further proposals were coming forth from Ireland (Dr. Finnegan), but the Irish delegation reported that they had received no information about this, and the discussion was closed.

### 5. Time Plan

#### 5.1 Statutes

Agreement was reiterated that the working document of the statutes (item 1 above) had been approved in principle but with further reference to the above discussion and decisions and subject to technical changes to be made by the drafting group and sent out in advance of the October sessions.

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## 5.2 Rules of Procedure

It was agreed that the drafting group, as soon as it received the Italian background document, would

- prepare a first draft Rules of Procedure to be circulated to the delegations by the end of July for comment with a
- second draft to be prepared on the basis of those comments for circulation by mid-September
- and if possible adopted in October in Zurich.

Thomas E. Kennedy, Copenhagen, 30 May 2000