



## EUROPEAN UNION OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

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### **Proposals for amendments of the UEMO Statutes**

Following the discussion at the Uemo General Assembly 30-31 May 2003 here are some proposals for amendments of the UEMO Statutes:

-To add a "not" in the article 10:1 ("...abstentions are *not* counted as votes cast.").

-To be consistent and to avoid misunderstandings the sentence "Abstentions are not counted as votes cast." is proposed to be added in the following articles: 4.2; 6.2; 6.3; 8:1; 8:2; 9:6; 10:2.

-In Annex I the proposed amendments is to change the Conférence Internationale des Ordres et des Organismes d'Attributions Similaires (CIO) to Conférence Européenne des Ordres de Médecins (CEOM), which is the new name of the organisation.

#### **Article 4:2**

##### **Current wording**

Application for admission to membership in the UEMO shall be made to the Presidency which will present a recommendation to the General Assembly for its decision. Admission requires a majority vote of three-quarters of members present. No reason need be given for the refusal of a request for admission.

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#### **Article 6:2**

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**Article 6:3**

**Current wording**

A member organisation which fails to pay its full annual contribution before the spring meeting of the following year shall automatically be suspended until payment of the arrears has been made, unless the General Assembly, after thorough consideration, decides otherwise by a three-quarters majority of all members present and entitled to vote. Any member organisation with continuing arrears of two years or more shall have its membership status considered by the General Assembly, which may decide to exclude that member in accordance with articles 6.1 and 6.2 and annex III to this document.

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**Article 8:1**

**Current wording**

The Presidency of the UEMO shall consist of the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer, as well as four Vice-Presidents. The procedure for electing the national member organisation hosting the Presidency and the President him- or herself shall be as follows:

Firstly, the General Assembly shall agree upon the national member organisation which is to assume the presidency for a four-year term. The order of rotation shall be decided by the General Assembly on the basis of applications made by delegations at the autumn meeting one full year before the final autumn meeting of the existing Presidency.

When the national member organisation is so agreed upon, the President shall be elected for one four-year term by the General Assembly by a three-

quarters majority of members present and entitled to vote (cf. articles 9.2 and 10.1). He or she shall not be eligible for re-election.

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## **Article 8:2**

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In special circumstances, the host member association may propose a change in the Presidency. The General Assembly can also decide to refuse this proposal and accept applications from other national member organisations, but the President may only be removed from office by the General Assembly on the basis of a three-quarters majority vote, and any change in the Presidency is subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

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## **Article 9:6**

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### **Article 10:1**

#### **Current wording**

Decisions made by the General Assembly shall normally be by consensus. In the event of a vote, all decisions shall require a three-quarters majority of those delegations present and entitled to vote. A vote shall be required if two delegations request it. For voting procedures, when reference is made to the three-quarter majority, abstentions are counted as votes cast.

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### **Article 10:2**

#### **Current wording**

Modification of the statutes shall require a decision by three-quarters of all members present and entitled to vote. Changes in the statutes shall be notified to members at least three months prior to the General Assembly at which they are to be adopted. Any change to the annexes is not considered a change to the statutes and shall follow the procedure laid down in Article 10 (1).

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## **Annex I**

### **Current wording**

#### **UEMO Inter-organisational co-operation**

With reference to Article 3, Objectives, fifth indent, following are the names of some of the organisations with which UEMO currently works to strengthen the position and unanimity of the medical profession in Europe in order to maintain the highest possible standards of education, ethics and patient care:

- The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME);
- The European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS);
- The Permanent Working Group of European Junior Doctors (PWG);
- The World Health Organisation (WHO).

Other organisations with which the UEMO currently works in co-operation include:

- The European Society of General Practice/Family Medicine (WONCA Region Europe);
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