



## **INTERNATIONAL NETWORK URGENCI**

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## Voting Procedures for the 2015 General Assembly

### 1) Responsibility of the International Committee

The outgoing International Committee (IC) shall be responsible for ensuring the regularity of the General Assembly and of the legality of the IC election.

The IC shall nominally designate the members of the “electoral commission” who are in charge of overseeing the actual voting process and casting of votes in the IC election. The designated members of this commission should be publicly nominated at the latest at the beginning of the General Assembly. The designated election officers shall be chosen from the Network members, or persons external to the Network, excluding any former IC members and candidates standing for election.

The commission shall be organised into one or several units of 3 people. The duties of the commission are to print ballot papers, check the validity of proxies, register electors at the venue entrance, and again during the actual voting process.

### 2) Eligibility to Vote

In this document LSPPCs as well as their regional and national networks are referred to as partnerships. Partner organisations are those organisations that are involved in actions that support them. Partnerships may cast two votes each (in principle: one producer, one consumer).

In the eventuality of it being impossible for a partnership to send more than one person to attend the General Assembly, this partnership is entitled to be represented by a single person. In this instance this person may cast both the votes on behalf of the partnership.

According to the Articles of Association and the Rules and Regulations of the Procedure of the General Assembly, some partner organisations may be granted the same voting rights as the partnerships that are active members of the association “Urgenci International Network”.

Those people entitled to cast their vote are the physical persons present in the General Assembly and taking part in the voting process, be it with one or several votes. Electors should fall into one of the following categories:

- \* a) A representative of a partnership.

\* b) A representative of a partner organisation that has acquired the status of active membership.

\* c) A person, who although not him/herself representing an active member, represents an affiliate member, and is in possession of one or several proxies held on behalf of active members that were unable to attend the General Assembly.

### 3) Registration of Electors

#### 3.1 Registration, voting cards and ballot papers

On entering the room where the General Assembly is to be held, each elector shall be welcomed by election officers from the election commission, who shall first check that he/she is entitled to vote; this shall be done by checking that membership subscription fees have been duly paid.

He/she shall then sign a registration form. She/he shall finally be given: a voting card, which she/he will hold up during the votes cast and counted by a show of hands.

#### 3.2 Proxies

When he/she enters the room where the General Assembly will take place, each person who is carrying proxy forms should hand the form(s) to the officers of the electoral commission, who subsequently check them by verifying for each of the represented partnerships that the membership application form and the membership subscription fees have been duly received.

The elector shall then be given the number of voting cards and ballot papers that correspond to the number of valid proxies that they hold, as well as his/her own voting card and his/her own ballot papers.

As stated in the Rules and Procedures of the General Assembly, the proxy forms will use the same model as the form available online on the Network website, here.

As stated in article 10 of the Articles of Association, the maximum number of proxies that may be held by any one person may not exceed the number of active members registered for the same region as the partnership she/he represents is registered. There are 7 regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North America, Oceania, and South America.

### 4) Standing as a Candidate to the IC

All candidates who will be present at the GA, will be given the opportunity to make a short presentation to the participants to the General Assembly just before the election is held.

### 5) Voting Procedure and Election to the International Committee

#### 5.1 Voting procedure

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the General Assembly takes its ordinary decisions by a show of hands, with each person holding up the voting cards; this is in order to facilitate the counting of votes by the election officers.

## 5.2 Voting method for the election of the IC

In accordance with the Articles of Association and the Rules and Regulations of the General Assembly, the General Assembly elects five people to the International Committee. The three remaining IC members are subsequently co-opted by the 5 elected members.

At the end of the first round, candidates who have scored 50% or more of the valid votes (absolute majority) and scored the five highest numbers of votes are considered elected.

If the candidates who have been elected after the first round are fewer than 5, a second round is organized straight away, in order to fill the remaining seats. Following the second round, the candidates who polled most votes are considered elected to the remaining seats.