

Asian Parliamentary Assembly



Executive Council Meeting

Antalya , Türkiye
26-29 November 2023



Annotated Agenda

[11/26/2023 by APA Secretariat]-V11

1. Adoption of the Agenda :

Participants are requested to consider the items included in the draft Agenda and adopt it.

2. Election of the Bureau:

The representative of the APA President (i.e. Türkiye) chairs the meeting. Delegations are requested to volunteer for two positions of Vice Chair and Rapporteur of the meeting.

3. Remarks by Chairperson:

The Chair will present his/her opening remarks.

4. Report by APA Secretary General:

Secretary General will report on the Secretariat activities of APA.

5. Nomination of APA President for 2024-5:

Currently, Azerbaijan stands as Candidate for APA Presidency for 2024-2025 through an letter by H.E. Sahiba GAFAROVA, Speaker of Parliament of Azerbaijan. The EC is Called upon to endorse the nominee and recommend it to the 14th Plenary.

6. Nomination of Vice Presidents for 2024

APA Vice-Presidents/Chairperson of four Standing Committees are to be nominated for 2024. Participants are encouraged to announce their candidature for position of VP/Chair of Standing Committees.

7. Consideration of Draft Resolutions of Standing Committees on:

Delegations are requested to pay attention to the latest developments on the draft resolutions of the following Standing Committees. Kindly note that in the meeting of Executive Council only minor/typographical corrections to draft resolutions are allowed (i.e. APA/Decision/2016/01). Major amendments to such documents will be considered during the meeting of standing Committee.

- SC on Political Affairs:

This Standing Committee was held on November 9-12, 2023 in Baghdad, Iraq. Due to latest grave developments in Gaza, participants decided to only address draft Resolution No. 6 on "Asian Parliaments' Unwavering Support for the Palestinian People". "Baghdad Final Communique on Palestine" was also drafted and adopted by the Committee. The rest of draft resolutions were forwarded to the next meeting of Standing Committee for consideration.

- SC on Budget and Planning:

This Standing Committee was held on July 9-12, 2023 in Tehran, Iran. 20 APA member Parliaments attended the meeting. The only one draft resolution before the committee was amended and adopted. The equal payment as the model of Assessed Contribution is agreed upon. The equal amount of assessed contribution is to be decided by Executive Council.

- SC on Social and Cultural Affairs

This Standing Committee was held on September 20-23, 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan. 16 APA member Parliaments attended the meeting. Out of 16 draft resolutions, 11 drafts were adopted.

Draft resolution on Sustainable Tourism was merged with draft resolution on Tourism Cooperation. Draft resolution on Rights of Migrant Workers as well as draft resolution on Humanitarian Aid which have been deferred several time, were discarded. The Committee also decided to avoid consideration of such draft resolution in future.

Operator para 1 of draft resolution on the "Commission on Women" decides to establish Commission Women within the framework of the APA.

Based on Rule 7.3.4 of Rules of Procedure, the Executive Council is called upon to consider this item and decide on it:

The Secretariat propose this draft resolution be considered under Agenda item 8 due to its important nature.

- SC on Economic and Sustainable Development:

This Standing Committee was held on May 16-17, 2023 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. 21 APA member participants attended the meeting. All 8 draft resolutions were adopted by the committee. Due to the long text of some draft resolutions, it was proposed that APA Secretariat be tasked to shorten these documents while keeping the main topics intact. This Proposal is approved by the meeting.

Noting that the Working Groups on Green Funding, Asian Energy Market, Water Crisis have exhausted their mandates, it was proposed that their activities be terminated. This proposal was adopted by the meeting.

8. Establishment of "Commission on Women".

Based on Rule 7.3.4 of Rule of Procedure, the Executive Council has the authority to decide on establishment of any proposed commission.

The following related item should also be discussed and decided:

- Make recommendation to EC and Plenary on existing problem on Women's Rights. (Operative 8.C)
- Submit annual report on the situation with women in member states to APA Plenary Sessions. (Operative 8.D)
- Implement the systematic cooperation with other bodies of APA. (Operative 8.E)
- Decide that the Commission be hosted and chaired annually by Member Country hosting the previous Plenary.

9. Working Group on Statutory Documents:

9.1 Report on 2nd Session of WG

The 2nd session of WG on Statutory Documents was held on 11 July 2023 in Tehran, Iran. 20 Member participants attended the meeting. The Chair concluded that the APA Secretariat be tasked to prepare a report on the variety of views expressed in this meeting and circulate it to all member parliaments prior to its next meeting of Working Group.

The EC is called upon to decide on the date/venue and host of 3rd session of WG on Statutory documents.

9.2 Draft on the Development of Basic Documents of APA

Deputy President of Inter-Parliamentary Group of National Assembly of Kuwait in a letter on 16 November 2023 addressed to Chairperson of Ex.Council requested the addition of the following Agenda item: Draft on the Development of Basic Documents of APA. Participants are called upon to express their views on that topic. Detail discussion is expected to be followed in the 3rd Session of WG.

10. Any other matters

11. Closing