

# Asian Parliamentary Assembly

## Standing Committee on Planning & Budget



Doha, Qatar  
4-7 November 2024



## Draft Annotated Agenda

### 1-Adoption of the Agenda

Participants are invited to adopt the draft Agenda

### 2-Election of the Bureau

Head of Parliamentary delegation of Shura Council of Qatar will Chair the meeting. Participants are requested to volunteer for the positions of Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the meeting.

### 3-Opening Remarks by Chairperson

The Chair will present opening Remarks

### 4-Report by APA Secretary General

The APA Secretary General will present a summary report on the latest development of the Standing Committee.

### 5-Consideration of Draft Resolution on:

- Planning APA Budget

During the SC meeting held on July 10-11, 2023, in Tehran, Iran, it was agreed that equal payment would serve as the model for Assessed Contribution. The final decision on the contribution amount was deferred to the Executive Council Meeting. At the first Executive Committee Meeting in November 2023 in Antalya, Türkiye, views were

expressed regarding an annual contribution ranging from a minimum of 15,000 USD to a maximum of 50,000 USD for APA annual budget. Some delegations reminded that equal payment for assessed contributions has already been adopted by the Standing Committee. It was also proposed that an estimated and symbolic budget of 1 million USD, divided by 44 member states, would result in an approximate contribution of 20,000 USD per member state per year. Those with financial limitations will be compensated by others. The chair concluded that once the APA Secretariat prepares the estimated budget for 2024, we will be able to decide on the amount of assessed contribution. The Budget estimate for 2024 is now at the disposal of all participants.

## 6-Consideration of Relevant Articles of APA Charter

- Article 8 of the APA Charter: Number of Votes
- Article 13 of the APA Charter: Voting

The Shura Council of Qatar proposes the meeting to consider the above Agenda item and offers the following explanation for it:

Based on the experiences from previous meetings and voting processes on draft resolutions, The proposal to amend the two Articles of the Charter in the Agenda is crucial to address certain challenges and improve the principles and guidelines governing our parliamentary cooperation. This amendment aims to update the current framework in line with recent developments and to enhance the collective decision-making process, ensuring that our discussions align with the values and objectives of the Assembly. Additionally, the amendment will contribute to greater transparency and fairness in the proceedings, allowing all members to participate more effectively in the discussions.

## 7- Any other matters.