



**Report of the APA Working Group on Statutory Documents  
(Alongside the APA Standing Committee Meeting)  
Baghdad- Republic of Iraq**

January 11, 2025

The APA Working Group on Statutory Documents was held on 11 January 2025 on the sidelines of the Standing Committee Meeting on Political Affairs in Baghdad, Republic of Iraq, and chaired by Mr. Al-Kinani, Head of Delegation of the Council of Representatives of Iraq.

Participants of the Standing Committee Meeting on Political Affairs attended this Working Group Session.

After adoption of the attached agenda and a brief summary addressed by the APA Secretary General, the attached non-paper on updated version of Article 5 of the APA Charter and Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure were presented by the APA Secretary General.

Participants debated and exchanged views on the contents of this non-paper and agreed that:

- There should only be four Standing Committees. Any other issue to be addressed should be considered within the scope of sub-committees which will directly report to the relevant Standing Committees.
- Representative of the APA Secretariat clarified that the issue which was agreed by this Working Group will be reported to the Executive Council for its review and final approval.

# Asian Parliamentary Assembly

## APA Working Group on Statutory Documents

### (On the sidelines of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs)



Baghdad, Iraq

11-12 January 2025

## Draft Agenda

(12/30/2024 by APA Secretariat)

1. Adoption of Agenda,
2. Remarks by APA Secretary General,
3. Consideration of amendments to Article 5 of APA Charter and Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure,
  - It was decided to review Article 5 of the Charter as well as Rule 15 of Rules of Procedure and update the title of the four existing Standing Committees in the next meeting of the Working Group to be held on the sidelines of Standing Committee on Political Affairs in Baghdad.
4. Any other matters.



## **Non-Paper WG on Statutory Documents ( January 2025)**

The following text is proposed to replace Article 5 of the APA Charter and Rule 15 of the APA Rules of Procedure: (Proposed by APA Secretariat) amended by Russian Delegation.

### Basic Organs and Structure

Article 5-A: Basic Orders of APA Organs,

The APA Shall be composed of the Plenary, the Executive Council, the Bureau of the Assembly, the Standing Committees and the Secretariat,

Activities of the APA Organs and establishment of subsidiary bodies shall be regulated by the Rules of Procedure of the APA,

Article 5 B: Organizational Structure of the APA,

The organization of the hierarchy structure shall be arranged in a democratic manner indicating clearly the specific composition, function, powers and rules of procedure of each organ, to reach balance, harmony and effectiveness of the APA work , as an institution, all, subject to the approval of the Plenary

IV. Standing Committees and Sub-committees :

Rule 15:

1. The Plenary may set up Standing Committees and Sub-Committees as deemed necessary to deal with any subject of interest and to examine the issues on its agenda. These bodies shall submit as appropriate their draft resolutions , reports and recommendations to the Plenary for its consideration and decision.
2. The APA shall have four Standing Committees on: Political Affairs, Economic and Sustainable Development, Social and Cultural Affairs, Budget and Planning.
3. Upon suggestion of the Bureau or at least ten Member Parliaments, establishment of Sub-Committees, shall be put on the agenda of the Executive Council.

The recommendation of the Executiv Council on this issue is approved by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting in the Plenary.

4. The inter-sessional meeting of sub-committees shall be convened by the Member Parliament hosting the previous Plenary, unless following mutual agreement of the President and the Permanent Secretariat, may be hosted by another Member Parliament.
5. Number of membership of each Sub-Committee, taking into account the equitable geographical distribution, and the duration and number of their inter-sessional meeting shall be approved by the Plenary