

Asian Parliamentary Assembly

The 15th Plenary Session

Executive Council Meeting



Baku, Azerbaijan
18 February 2025



Annotated Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda

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

2. Election of the Bureau

The Head of Delegation /Representative of the APA President (i.e. Azerbaijan) chairs the meeting. Delegations are requested to volunteer for two positions of Vice Chair and Rapporteur of the meeting.

3. Remarks by Chairperson

The Chairperson will present his/her opening remarks.

4. Report by APA Secretary General

Secretary General will present his report on APA activities during 2024.

5. Nomination of APA President for 2026-7

Bahrain and Iran are the candidates for the post of APA Presidency for 2026-7

6. Nomination of Vice Presidents for 2025

Bahrain, Qatar and Russia are the nominees of the APA vice Presidency for the year 2025.

Member parliaments are encouraged to nominate themselves for the position of vice president for the Standing Committee on Political Affairs.

7. Request of Sultanate of Oman for APA full membership

Sultanate of Oman on 12 September 2024 officially requested for the full membership to APA. Participants are requested to address this issue for its final approval by the Plenary.

8. Request of Republic of Belarus for APA observer status

The Republic of Belarus on 10 October 2024 officially requested for APA observer status. Participants are requested to address this issue for its final approval by the Plenary.

9. Consideration of Draft Resolutions of Standing Committees on:

- Social and Cultural Affairs

The Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs during its meeting on 25-28 September 2024 in Moscow, Russian Federation adopted 13 draft resolution. The draft resolution on the "Commission on Women" was deferred to the next meeting.

- Budget and Planning

The standing Committee on Budget and Planning during its meeting on 4-7 November 2024 in Doha, State of Qatar, considered the Draft Resolution on APA Budget & Planning. The Committee unanimously adopted the equal payment of 22,000 USD as assessed contribution.

- Economic and Sustainable Development

The Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development was held on 8-9 December 2024 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. The committee considered and adopted all 7 draft resolutions on its Agenda.

- Political Affairs

The Standing Committee on political Affairs took place on 11-12 January 2025 in Baghdad, Republic of Iraq. The Committee adopted all 8 draft resolutions.

Note: 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

10. Report on the Committee on Palestine

The APA Executive Council in its meeting in November 2023 in Antalya, Turkiye, decided to establish the "Committee on Palestine" and called on 14 APA Plenary to approve it. The first meeting of the Committee was held on January 10, 2024 in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. The Second meeting of the Committee was held on the sidelines of the APA Standing Committee on Political Affairs in Baghdad on January 12, 2024.

11. Report of the Working Group on Statutory Documents

At the Meeting of the APA Working Group on Statutory Documents which was held on 8 December 2024 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain the proposed amendments to the Article 8 of the APA Charter were considered. At this meeting it was decided that the WG in Baghdad would consider amendments to Article 5 of APA Charter and Rule 15 of the APA Rules of Procedure.

At the two sessions of the WG:

- The issue of equal payment and equal voting rights were addressed and agreed by the participants.
- Based on Article 8 of APA Charter the number of delegates remain unchanged.
- It was confirmed that decisions at the Standing committee be taken by consensus
- It was confirmed 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

12. Report of the Bureau Sessions

The APA Bureau had four sessions on the sidelines of the Standing Committee meetings in Moscow, Doha, Manama and Baghdad. The reports of these meetings are presented to the Executive Council for its consideration and approval.

13. Draft Agenda of 15th APA Plenary

Participants are requested to consider and adopt the draft Agenda of the 15th APA Plenary.

14. Any other matters