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SUBJECT	Timescales for General Conference		
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Introduction

This paper proposes changes to the requirements in the ByLaws of IARU Region 1 in respect of preparation and circulation of papers for Region 1 General Conferences

Background

The Bylaws of IARU Region 1 specify the timescales for preparing for a General Conference, including the time by which papers for a General Conference must be submitted, and circulated to member societies.

The requirements are as follows:

MONTHS PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DATE PROCEDURE

12

Advance note of the convening of a General Conference

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Call for working papers.

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Notification of number(s) of participants from each Member Society

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All documents qualified for inclusion in the Agenda of the General Conference must have been received by the Secretariat

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Distribution of a minimum of 1 set of Conference documents to each Member Society and to E.C and Chairmen or Coordinators of Specialised Bodies

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Final attendance forms, duly completed and returned to the Secretariat by Member Societies

3

Distribution of a set of Conference documents to each Delegate & Observer confirmed by the Member Societies

A number of member societies have questioned whether it is really appropriate in today's environment of e-mail, to require that all papers are submitted a full seven months before the date of the conference. It may also be appropriate to look at the requirement to circulate papers twice.

The EC therefore proposes changes to these timescales as set out in the recommendation below.

Recommendation

That the Bylaws of IARU Region 1 be amended to adopt the following timescales for the production and circulation of papers for a General Conference:

FIVE MONTHS before the Conference:

All documents qualified for inclusion in the Agenda of the General Conference must have been received by the Secretariat

FOUR MONTHS before the Conference

Distribution of a minimum of 1 set of Conference documents to each Member Society and to E.C and Chairmen or Coordinators of Specialised Bodies

TWO MONTHS before the Conference

Distribution of a final set of Conference documents to each Member Society and to E.C and Chairmen or Coordinators of Specialised Bodies

That the Secretary be authorised to conduct a postal ballot of Region 1 Member Societies to give effect to the above, if there are not sufficient member Societies represented at the General Conference.