

Rules of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Economic Cooperation Organization (PAECO)

(Framed under Article 5 (b) (iv) of the Charter of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Economic Cooperation Organization (PAECO))

TITLE

Rule 1

These Rules shall be called the Rules of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Economic Cooperation Organization (PAECO).

COMMENCEMENT

Rule 2

These Rules shall be effective from the date of the adoption by the Executive Council.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Rule 3

The Executive Council shall be composed of the Speakers of the Directly Elected House of the member Parliaments of the PAECO.

Rule 4

The Executive Council shall meet at the time of the Annual Conference of the Assembly. It may also meet at any other time and place as may be decided.

Rule 5

Normally four weeks' notice will be required to be given for holding a meeting of the Executive Council.

Rule 6

Quorum for the meeting of the Executive Council shall be five.

Rule 7

- (1) The Speaker of the host country shall be the Chairman of the Executive Council.
- (2) In the absence of the Chairman, Executive Council shall elect from amongst them a member to chair the meeting.

Rule 8

The date, venue and agenda for the meeting or meetings shall be approved by the Executive Council.

Rule 9

The Executive Council shall be the final authority in deciding all matters related to the Conference.

General Conference

Rule 10

- (1) The General Conference of the Assembly shall be composed of the Speaker and not more than 5 Members of Parliament from each Branch
- (2) Secretary-General of each Branch will also be a Member of the Delegation.
- (3) Speaker may be accompanied by up to two officials.

Rule 11

- (1) The Conference shall meet once a year in one of the member-countries by rotation at a place and date to be determined by the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.
- (2) It may also meet at any other time and place as may be decided by the Executive Council.
- (3) The duration of the Conference will be for not less than two days.

Rule 12

Normally six weeks' notice will be required for convening the Conference.

Rule 13

Quorum for the Conference shall be 25 Delegates belonging to not less than 5 member countries.

Rule 14

- (1) The Speaker of the host country shall be the President of the Conference.
- (2) Each Delegation may suggest to the Secretary-General of the Conference one Member of their Delegation to be included in the Panel of Chairman to take the Chair in the absence of the President and the Vice-President.

Rule 15

The agenda for the Conference shall be approved at the meeting of the Executive Council to be held prior to the meeting of General Conference.

Rule 16

The Conference may make such recommendations to the Speakers Council as considered appropriate for effective and efficient working of the Conference.

SECRETARIAT

Rule 17

The Secretary-General of the PAECO shall also be the Secretary-General of the Executive Council.

Rule 18

(1) The Secretary-General will be responsible for the organization and general administration of the Executive Council, the General Conference and all other meetings.

(2) The Secretary-General may designate such officials from his own Parliament Secretariat to assist him in the work of the PAECO as considered appropriate.

Rule 19

(1) The Secretary-General will be responsible for looking after the General Fund of the PAECO in such manner as may be decided by the Executive Council.

(2) The Fund will be deposited in a Bank as designated by the Executive Council.

(3) The Fund will be operated by the Secretary-General but cheques will be issued under the joint signatures of the Chairman and the Secretary-General.

Rule 20

The financial year of the Assembly shall be from 1st January to 31st December.

Rule 21

The Annual Budget of the PAECO shall be presented by the Secretary-General to the Executive Council for approval.

Rule 22

(1) The Annual Accounts of the PAECO shall be prepared under the direction, control and supervision of the Secretary-General of the Conference of the year to which the Accounts for the major part of the year relate.

(2) The Annual Accounts shall be audited by an Auditor to be appointed by the Executive Council.

(3) The Annual Accounts along with the Audit Report shall be presented by the Secretary-General to the Executive Council.
