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of Psychological Science

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STATUTES

Section I. Nature, Mission and Objectives of the Union

Article 1
The International Union of Psychological Science is an organization of National Members, Regional Members, and Affiliate Members, as defined in these Statutes.

Article 2
The Union has a legal venue in Montréal, Canada.

Article 3
The Union adheres to the International Science Council (ISC) and recognizes the Council as providing a coordinating and representative body for the international organization of science as a global public good.

Article 4
The Union adheres to the International Science Council's principle of embodying the free and responsible practice of science, freedom of movement, association, expression and communication for scientists, as well as equitable opportunities for access to science, its production and benefits, access to data, information and research material; and actively upholds this principle, by opposing any discrimination on the basis of such factors as ethnic origin, religion, citizenship, language, political or other opinion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or age.

Article 5
The mission of the Union is the development, representation and advancement of psychology as a basic and applied science nationally, regionally, and internationally.

Article 6
The objectives of the Union shall be as follows:
(a) To enhance and promote the development of the science and profession of psychology.
(b) To exchange ideas and scientific information between psychologists of different countries.
(c) To organize the International Congresses of Psychology and other meetings on subjects of general or special interest in psychology.
(d) To contribute to psychological knowledge through publishing activities.
(e) To foster the exchange of publications and other communications among different countries.
(f) To foster excellence in standards for education, training, research and the applications of psychology.
(g) To enable the development of psychological scientists and national associations through capacity building activities.
(h) To foster international exchange, especially among students and young researchers.
(i) To collaborate with other international, regional, and national organizations in matters of mutual interest.

Article 7

The Union may receive subsidies or donations from governments and from private or other sources for its general functioning or for the accomplishment of any special tasks that are in accordance with the objectives set out in these Statutes.

Article 8

(i) No limit shall be set to the duration of the Union. Its dissolution shall only be decided by a two-thirds vote of the Assembly, whether at a meeting or by mail ballot.

(ii) In the event of the dissolution of the Union, any remaining assets shall be transferred to the International Psychology Development Fund, or should the Fund no longer exist, to an international organization of psychology whose objectives are compatible with the aim of the Union.

Section II. Membership of the Union

Article 9: Membership of the Union

9.1 The Union shall consist of three categories of Members:

(a) National Members;
(b) Regional Members; and
(c) Affiliate Members.

9.2 Membership in the Union shall carry such rights, privileges, responsibilities, and obligations as are provided for in these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure.

9.3 All Members shall be subject to, and comply with, the governance framework of the Union as established by these Statutes and Rules of Procedure and other governance instruments adopted in accordance with these Statutes.

9.4 The categories, rights, privileges, responsibilities, obligations, admission, review, suspension, resignation, and termination of membership shall be governed by these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure.

Article 10: National Members

10.1 A National Member is an organization or body that represents psychological science within a country and has been admitted to membership in accordance with these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure.

10.2 A National Member may be:

(a) a national psychological society or association;
(b) a federation or association of psychological societies or associations;
(c) an academy of science, research council, or similar scientific body; or
(d) such other organizations or bodies as the Assembly may determine to be appropriately representative of psychology and psychological science within a country or territory.

10.3 Subject to these Statutes, only one National Member may represent a country within the Union.

10.4 The term ‘country’ shall be understood to include dominions, protectorates, and non-autonomous territories in which independent scientific activity in psychology has been developed. Federated states shall be considered single countries.

10.5 A National Member shall be broadly representative of psychological science within the country that it represents and shall support the purposes and objectives of the Union.

10.6 National Members shall meet such eligibility requirements as may be prescribed by these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure and related policies.

Article 11: Regional Members

11.1 A Regional Member is an organization that represents and advances psychological science within a defined geographical region and has been admitted to membership in accordance with these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure. Regional Members participate in and contribute to the work of the Union while retaining their own legal identity, governance, and decision-making authority.

11.2 The Assembly shall recognize an organization as a Regional Member only where it is satisfied that the organization is appropriately representative of psychological science across the relevant geographical region.

11.3 A Regional Member is composed primarily of national psychological societies, associations, federations, or such other organizations or bodies as the Assembly may determine to be appropriately representative of psychology and psychological science within a defined geographical region.

11.4 A Regional Member shall support cooperation, collaboration, and the advancement of psychological science within the region that it represents and shall support the purposes and objectives of the Union.

11.5 Regional Members shall meet such eligibility requirements as may be prescribed by these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure and related policies.

Article 12: Affiliate Members

12.1 An Affiliate Member shall be a regional or international organization that advances psychological science through its activities, membership, or areas of interest and has been admitted to membership in accordance with these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure.

12.2 An Affiliate Member shall be recognized by the Assembly as making a significant contribution to the advancement of psychological science and as supporting the purposes and objectives of the Union.

12.3 An Affiliate Member may include scientific, professional, educational, disciplinary, practice-based, or other organizations whose activities are aligned with the purposes and objectives of the Union.

12.4 An Affiliate Member shall support the advancement of psychological science and shall support the purposes and objectives of the Union.

12.5 Affiliate Members shall meet such eligibility requirements as may be prescribed by these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure and related policies.

Article 13: Membership Standards and Obligations

13.1 All Members shall uphold and support the purposes and objectives of the Union.

13.2 All Members shall comply with:

(a) these Statutes and Rules of Procedure;
(b) the Code of Conduct adopted by the Union;
(c) the complaints and disciplinary procedures adopted by the Union;
(d) decisions of the Assembly; and
(e) such other governance instruments as may be adopted by the Union in accordance with these Statutes.

13.3 All Members shall maintain the eligibility requirements applicable to their category of membership.

13.4 All Members shall cooperate with any governance, review, complaints, disciplinary, or other processes established by the Union in accordance with these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure.

13.5 All Members shall fulfill such financial obligations as may be prescribed by these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure.

Article 14: Rights and Participation of Members

14.1 Subject to these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure, all Members shall be entitled to:

(a) participate in the activities and programmes of the Union;
(b) receive information and communications from the Union;
(c) participate in consultations conducted by the Union;
(d) submit reports, recommendations, proposals, and other contributions for consideration by the Union; and
(e) exercise such other rights and privileges as may be provided for in these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure.

14.2 National Members shall be represented in the Assembly through Delegates appointed in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

14.3 National Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote in the Assembly and submit nominations for the Executive Committee of the Union, in accordance with these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure.

14.4 Regional Members and Affiliate Members shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Assembly, participate in discussions, and submit reports and other contributions for consideration by the Assembly, but shall not be entitled to vote in the Assembly.

14.5 Members may participate in committees, work groups, advisory bodies, and other activities of the Union in accordance with these Statutes and Rules of Procedure, and any applicable governance instruments, and may exercise such participation or voting rights within such bodies as may be provided for therein.

Article 15: Admission, Good Standing, and Membership Review

15.1 Applications for membership shall be submitted and considered in accordance with these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure.

15.2 The Assembly shall have the authority to admit National Members, Regional Members, and Affiliate Members to the Union.

15.3 Membership categories shall be assigned in accordance with transparent criteria prescribed by the Rules of Procedure.

15.4 Membership shall take effect upon Assembly approval and payment of any applicable first-year dues or fees prescribed by the Union.

15.5 A Member shall be in good standing when it has fulfilled any financial obligations to the Union in accordance with these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure.

15.6 The Assembly may transfer recognition of membership from one organization or body to another where it is satisfied that such transfer is consistent with these Statutes and the interests of the Union.

15.7 The Union may review the status, eligibility, representativeness, or continued suitability of any Member in accordance with these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure.

15.8 The Executive Committee may authorize that a National Member be temporarily assigned to non-voting Observer status (Category O). A National Member assigned to Observer status shall remain a Member of the Union but shall not be entitled to vote in the Assembly, shall pay no annual dues, and shall participate in the Assembly as an observer. Such Members shall continue to receive the services and benefits ordinarily provided to Members of the Union. Observer status shall be an exceptional and temporary arrangement intended to support membership continuity and development, with the expectation that the Member shall resume regular dues-paying membership within three years.

15.9 The Assembly can change the dues by a two-thirds vote.

Article 16: Membership Accountability, Resignation, Suspension, and Termination

16.1 A Member may resign from membership of the Union by providing not less than one year's written notice to the Union.

16.2 The Union shall establish procedures relating to complaints, disciplinary matters, membership review, suspension, and termination; and shall establish committees or other governance mechanisms to administer such procedures, through the Rules of Procedure and other governance instruments adopted in accordance with these Statutes, including the Code of Conduct and any complaints or disciplinary procedures adopted by the Union.

16.3 Membership may be suspended or terminated in accordance with these Statutes, the Rules of Procedure, and any governance instruments adopted by the Union. A Member may be considered for termination for failure to fulfill membership obligations or financial obligations prescribed by these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure, including where three annual dues remain unpaid, whether in successive years or otherwise, provided that the Member has been given notice of the arrears and notice that termination of its membership is to be considered by the Assembly.

16.4 Before any decision is taken to suspend or terminate the membership of a Member, the Member shall be afforded procedural fairness and a reasonable opportunity to respond to the matters under consideration, in accordance with the Membership Complaint Procedure.

16.5 The Assembly shall retain ultimate authority in relation to decisions concerning the suspension or termination of membership.

16.6 Any decision to terminate the membership of a Member shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by National Members entitled to vote at the Assembly. Such a decision may be taken only on the basis of a recommendation by the Code of Conduct Committee, made in accordance with the Union's applicable governance and disciplinary framework, and ratified by the Executive Committee. Before the matter is submitted to the Assembly, the Member concerned must have been given a reasonable opportunity to request and participate in a hearing and appeal process provided for under that framework.

16.7 A Member whose membership has been terminated shall forfeit any claim to the funds, property, or assets of the Union.

16.8 A former Member whose membership has been suspended or terminated may apply for reinstatement or readmission to membership in accordance with these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure. The Executive Committee may consider any remedial actions, undertakings, corrective measures, or other matters relevant to the application and may, where it considers appropriate, refer the application to the Assembly with a recommendation. The Assembly shall determine whether reinstatement or readmission is granted.

Section III. Affiliation

Article 17

The Union may become affiliated with international scientific organizations whose objectives are in accordance with Article 6 of the Statutes.

Section IV. Administration of the Union

Article 18

(i) Ultimate authority for the Union shall be vested in the Assembly, which consists of Delegates of the National Members and of elected Executive Committee members, each representative having equal power in discussion and voting. The Assembly shall meet biennially, normally on the occasion of an international congress.

(ii) In the event that a Delegate from a National Member to the Assembly becomes a member of the Executive Committee, that National Member shall be entitled to an additional Delegate to the Assembly.
(iii) At least three months' notice shall be given of the time, place and business to be transacted at a meeting of the Assembly. New items of business may be placed on the agenda by a two-thirds vote at the time of the meeting.

Article 19

The duties and powers of the Assembly shall be:
(a) To elect in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, a President-Elect for a single term beginning at the close of an International Congress of Psychology until the start of the following Assembly, when the President-Elect shall assume the office of President for the next quadrennium. The President and the Past-President shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to the office of President-Elect. The President-Elect must be elected by at least one half plus one of the Delegates to the Assembly present and voting.
(b) To elect in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, a Secretary-General and a Treasurer.
(c) To elect in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, ten regular members of the Executive Committee.
(d) To elect, exclude and revise categories of National Members as provided in Articles 15 and 16.
(e) To receive the reports of the auditors.
(f) To receive the Treasurer's report on current finances and a forecast of finances for the next two years.
(g) To determine the time and place of the next meeting of the Assembly, subject to change by the Executive Committee in case of necessity.
(h) To decide all matters relating to these Statutes. Alterations or amendments to these Statutes shall require a two-thirds vote, subject to Article 20.
(i) To establish Rules of Procedure.

Article 20

(i) Quorum for the Assembly shall be achieved when at least one half plus one of the National Members entitled to vote are present.
(ii) Except as otherwise required by the Statutes or Rules of Procedure, questions coming before the Assembly shall normally be decided by at least one half plus one of those delegates present and entitled to vote.
(iii) When the Assembly is not in session, or if quorum at a meeting is not reached, the President may arrange for voting by mail ballot. Approval of an issue voted upon by mail ballot shall not be valid unless at least one half plus one of the possible votes are received.
(iv) Mail ballots may be conducted by post, fax, or email, or another recognized form of written communication.

Article 21

(i) For administering the affairs of the Union there shall be an Executive Committee.
(ii) The Executive Committee shall be composed of ten regular members elected by the Assembly and the five Officers of the Union.
(iii) The Officers of the Union are the President, President-Elect, Secretary-General, Treasurer and Past President.
(iv) Of the ten regular members, there shall not be more than one from any one country. These shall be elected in accordance with the Rules of Procedure at an Assembly and shall serve until the close of the Assembly four years later.

(v) No elected member of the Executive Committee except the President, President-Elect, Secretary-General, Treasurer and Past President may serve on the Executive Committee for more than eight consecutive years.
(vi) All elected members of the Executive Committee shall be voting members of the Assembly.
(vii) The President of the Union shall be Chair of the Executive Committee. The President, the President-Elect, and the Past President shall be members of the Executive Committee.
(viii) The Executive Committee shall meet annually.
(ix) The Executive Committee shall have the power in exceptional circumstances to remove from office or from the Executive Committee any member whose conduct is judged to be unacceptable. The President or President-Elect appoints a three-person committee to investigate the situation and to provide a report to the Executive Committee with their recommendations within no more than 30 days. Any decision must be supported by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

Article 22

The duties and powers of the Executive Committee shall be:
(a) To approve the annual budget.
(b) To ratify the appointment of any person or entity, upon recommendation of the Officers, to perform specific functions on its behalf whether for remuneration or not.
(c) To monitor the progress on the organization of International Congresses of Psychology and other activities conducted under the auspices of the Union.
(d) To call a special meeting of the Assembly in an emergency, and to alter the time and place of a regular meeting as provided for in Article 19 (g).
(e) To present a report to each meeting of the Assembly.
(f) To appoint members of the Standing Committees and to establish and appoint members to committees and work groups.
(g) To appoint annually the auditors and to review the reports of the auditors.
(h) In general, subject to the superior authority of the Assembly, to make all decisions necessary for the operation of the Union and the realization of its aims, in the intervals between meetings of the Assembly.
(i) To purchase, lease or rent movable and immovable property, and make financial investments on behalf of the Union.
(j) To delegate authority to an Officer or the Officers to act on its behalf.

Article 23

There shall be the following Standing Committees of the Union:

- a Standing Committee on Capacity Building
- a Standing Committee on Governance
- a Standing Committee on Membership and Communications
- a Standing Committee on Publications; and
- a Standing Committee on Strategic Planning.

Article 24

The duties and powers of the President shall be:
(a) To preside at all meetings of the Assembly, Executive Committee and Officers. If the President is unable to do so, the President-Elect or Past President shall preside. If both are absent, the Assembly shall choose its own presiding officer.
(b) To coordinate strategic planning and implementation of strategic priorities.
(c) To appoint chairs of committees and work groups in consultation with the Secretary-General.
(d) To represent the Union generally and as required by the Executive Committee and Officers.
(e) To perform the customary duties of her or his office.

Article 25

The duties and powers of the Secretary-General shall be:

(a) To authorize particular expenditures in accordance with the adopted budget and general instructions from the Executive Committee.
(b) With the approval of the President of the Union, to call meetings of the Executive Committee or to arrange for a vote of its members by mail ballot.
(c) To prepare the agenda for meetings of the Assembly and of the Executive Committee in consultation with the President.
(d) To oversee the Union's archives.
(e) To collaborate with the President on strategic planning and implementation of strategic priorities.
(f) To serve as the Union's authorized signatory for contracts and legal documents.
(g) To oversee the activities of the Secretariat, including supervision and performance review of any person or entity performing specific functions for the Executive Committee, and providing periodic reports to the Officers and Executive Committee.
(h) To keep the accounts of the Union.
(i) To bank all dues, subsidies and donations.
(j) To make payments in accordance with the budget.
(k) To collect dues annually from the National Members.
(l) To collaborate with the Treasurer and auditors in the conduct of the annual audit.
(m) In general, to perform the customary duties of his or her office, and to represent the Union as required by the Executive Committee or Officers.

Article 26

The duties and powers of the Treasurer shall be:

(a) To present a budget and statement of accounts annually to the Executive Committee, and to each meeting of the Assembly.
(b) To exercise oversight over all the financial operations of the Union.
(c) To develop external funding sources for the Union, e.g., through grant applications.
(d) To collaborate with the auditors in the conduct of the annual audit.

Article 27

In the extraordinary event that an International Congress of Psychology is cancelled or postponed or if a quorum is not attained at the Assembly, the Officers and other members of the Executive Committee shall continue to serve until the next Assembly at which time elections shall be held and appointments made. Those elected and appointed in this manner shall serve until the close of the next International Congress of Psychology.

Article 28

Dual Service Policy

Dual service is allowed:

- as a Board member in two or more organizations
- as an Officer in one and Board member in another

Dual service is precluded as an Officer in IUPsyS and an Officer in any other organization with which IUPsyS has substantial shared commitments to collaborative activities.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Section I. Organization of International Congresses of Psychology

1. The interval between two International Congresses of Psychology shall normally be four years unless the Assembly decides otherwise.
2. International Congresses of Psychology shall be held under the auspices of the Union, which shall delegate the detailed organization of each Congress to the National Member in whose country it is held, in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) The President of an International Congress of Psychology shall be a psychologist who, except under special circumstances, is a resident of the country in which the Congress is held. The choice of President shall be made after consultations between representatives of the National Member and the President, President-Elect and Secretary-General of the Union.

(b) In advance of each International Congress of Psychology, all National Members shall be consulted on topics for the scientific program. The choice among the topics suggested shall be made by the Scientific Program Committee of the Congress.

(c) The President of the Union, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall appoint a delegate to have advisory and liaison functions to an International Congress of Psychology; the delegate appointed by the Union should participate in the planning of the Congress and be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee (or equivalent) and the Scientific Program Committee of the Congress.

(d) The Union may aid in the preliminary financing of each International Congress of Psychology by advancing a loan of funds where necessary to a maximum of USD 10,000. Such funds are to be repaid when the financial accounts of the Congress have been finally audited to the extent there is a surplus (of Congress revenues over Congress expenditures). Any surplus determined by the audit must be reported to the Treasurer of the Union.

(e) There shall be a written contract between the Union and the National Member, or the organization established by the National Member to organize the Congress. Normally, this contract shall be signed by the respective parties within 12 months of the decision by the Assembly to award a Congress to a National Member. The contract shall include specification of how any surplus will be shared between the parties.

Section II. Membership Categories, Assembly Delegates and Dues

1. For each country, the category assignment system is based on the country's economic resources and population, the population of psychologists in the country and the number of psychologists represented by the adhering body, and the state of development of psychology in the country.
2. The Executive Committee shall establish specific means to determine the measurement of these criteria at least once per quadrennium and report outcomes to the Assembly.
3. As determined by the measurement of the criteria specified in II (1) above, there shall be six dues-paying categories plus non-dues-paying Category O.
4. The categories and their respective Assembly Delegates and Dues are:

Category	Assembly Delegates and Annual Dues
Category 1	1 Delegate; Annual dues $125
Category 2	2 Delegates; Annual dues $775
Category 3	2 Delegates; Annual dues $1550
Category 4	2 Delegates; Annual dues $4650
Category 5	2 Delegates; Annual dues $6200

Category	Assembly Delegates and Annual Dues
Category 6	2 Delegates; Annual dues $15500

5. (i) For each quadrennium, one year prior to the Assembly at an ICP, the Treasurer shall prepare a budget based, in part, on the expected dues revenue from the National Members. After consideration of this budget, the Executive Committee shall make a recommendation regarding the dues amounts for each of the dues-paying membership categories. The Secretary-General shall send this recommendation to the delegates of the National Members who will be called upon to vote on this recommendation at the Assembly.
(ii) The annual dues payment shall be receivable on the first of January of the year to which it applies.
(iii) The Executive Committee may, in special cases, make different arrangements regarding the dues of a National Member. Such arrangements are normally valid for one year only; any further extension would call for a revision of the Category status of that National Member.

Section III. Nominations and Elections

1. Each Assembly shall set up an Elections Committee consisting of four members. The Past President of the Union, being the Immediate Past President, shall serve ex officio as Chair and as a full member of the Committee, together with three persons elected by the Assembly. The Chair of the Elections Committee established by the preceding Assembly shall serve ex officio in an advisory capacity to support continuity between election cycles. If the Past President is unable to serve as Chair, the previous Chair shall assume the role, subject to availability. No member of the Elections Committee can be a candidate in the election under the purview of this Committee.
2. At least 9 months in advance of an International Congress of Psychology, the Chair of the Elections Committee shall request nominations for President-Elect, Secretary-General, Treasurer and seven Executive Committee members from National Members holding voting rights in the Assembly. Each nomination must be accompanied by a one-page curriculum vitae of the person nominated and by a signed statement expressing that person's agreement to be nominated and to serve if elected. Nominations shall be submitted to the Chair of the Elections Committee by a deadline of no less than seven months in advance of an International Congress of Psychology.
3. The Elections Committee shall collate all nominations received. Upon unanimous decision, it may request additional information on a nomination.
4. At least 5 months in advance of an International Congress of Psychology, the Elections Committee shall send a first report to National Members. This report shall include full documentation on all nominations received in good order. A National Member may request the Elections Committee to provide further information on a nomination.
5. The Assembly may not receive additional nominations except when there are fewer than two nominations for a particular position. In that case, the Elections Committee shall present an updated second report to the Assembly at the beginning of its second session during that International Congress of Psychology.
6. Election of the President-Elect, Secretary-General, Treasurer and Executive Committee members shall be in accordance with the following procedures:
(a) All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot; each Delegate entitled to vote in the Assembly has as many votes as positions to be filled in a ballot.
(b) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a), (d) and (e), where, following completion of the first and second Calls for Nominations, only one eligible nomination has been received for the office of President-Elect, Secretary-General or Treasurer, the nominee shall be declared elected by acclamation and no additional nomination for that office shall be received from among Delegates in the Assembly. In all other cases in which additional nominations are required, these shall be from among Delegates in the Assembly and must be nominated by an Assembly Delegate and seconded by at least one further Assembly Delegate at the first session of the

Assembly. In order to be valid, each nomination must follow all requirements set out in IUPsyS Protocol for Nominations and Elections including a 1 page curriculum vitae and the written agreement by the person nominated in accordance with Rule III.2 above.

(c) If additional nominations are required, following completion of these nominations, the Elections Committee shall present a final report at the second Assembly session.

(d) Subject to paragraph (h), election of the President-Elect, Secretary-General and Treasurer shall take place immediately after the report of the Elections Committee.

(e) The President-Elect, Secretary-General and Treasurer shall be elected by at least one half plus one of the votes cast, and may require multiple ballots, with the name of the previous lowest standing candidate removed from the list of names on each successive ballot.

(f) After the election of the President-Elect, the Secretary-General and Treasurer shall be elected. Duly nominated candidates who are not elected for President-Elect, Secretary-General and Treasurer are automatically added to the list of candidates for the Executive Committee should they consent and be eligible by virtue of not having already served the immediately preceding eight consecutive years on the Executive Committee.

(g) Election of seven members of the Executive Committee from the Assembly shall take place immediately after election of the Treasurer. If in the election of these seven members of the Executive Committee two or more candidates from the same country receive more than half of the votes cast, only the candidate with the highest number of votes shall be elected.

(h) The members elected under (g) shall be elected in no more than two ballots. In the first ballot a member is elected by at least one half plus one of the votes cast. If a second ballot is necessary in order to obtain sufficient members, the second ballot will consist of no more than twice as many candidates as the number of positions to be filled in the second ballot. For this second ballot the remaining list of candidates is reduced to this number by striking out any candidate coming from a country already represented among those elected in the first ballot; if necessary, the number of candidates for the second ballot is reduced further by striking out those who received the lowest number of votes in the first ballot. In this second ballot those with the highest number of votes shall be elected. In the event of a tie vote for the last remaining position to be elected under (g), only the candidates who are tied shall be submitted to the Assembly for an additional ballot. Should there still be a tie, only those candidates now tied shall be submitted to the Assembly for a second additional ballot. Should that ballot result in a tie, the President shall determine the outcome by the toss of a coin.

(i) Three regular members of the Executive Committee may be elected in accordance with the Rules of Procedure at the Assembly meeting between International Congresses of Psychology. These three members shall enable greater representativeness of the Executive Committee according to geography and gender and such other criteria as the Assembly may specify as relevant prior to receiving nominations for these positions.

(j) No speeches favoring any candidate shall be made although factual information of a biographical nature may be presented with respect to candidates to be elected when deemed desirable by the President and when Assembly members ask for it. Each candidate for President-Elect, Secretary-General and Treasurer shall be provided the opportunity to make a brief statement to the Assembly immediately following the Elections Committee's final report at the second Assembly session. The President shall ensure that no statement exceeds three minutes.

Section IV. Assembly Business

1. The Assembly during an International Congress of Psychology shall normally meet for at least two sessions on two separate days.

2. The Assembly meeting between International Congresses of Psychology shall normally meet for two half-days, with a day between the sessions.

3. A motion to terminate the membership of a Member of the Union may be considered by the Assembly only after it has been reviewed through the governance process established by the Union, including a recommendation from the appropriate governance body. Before the motion is considered by the Assembly, the Member must be given an opportunity to request and participate in a hearing.
Motions to terminate membership shall be considered during the membership section of the Assembly agenda, following consideration of applications for admission to membership and any changes to membership status or adhering bodies.
A motion to terminate membership shall be adopted only if supported by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Assembly. Unless the Assembly determines otherwise, the decision takes effect immediately upon adoption.

Section V. Strategic Plan

1. The Union shall function on the basis of a Strategic Plan and the process of strategic planning shall be a fundamental principle for the Union's governance and management.
2. At each Assembly, the Executive Committee shall submit a progress report on the Strategic Plan as well as any proposed revisions. The Assembly shall consider the report and any proposals.
3. At the first meeting of the Executive Committee at the start of a new quadrennium the President shall propose appointments of Executive Committee members to committees, work groups and other duties to enable implementation of the strategic plan. The President may also propose participation of non-members of Executive Committee to committees and work groups. The terms of reference of standing committees, other committees, and work groups shall be adopted by the EC, consistent with the mission and objectives of the Union, and strategic priorities.
4. At the first meeting of the Executive Committee at the start of a new quadrennium, the President together with the Secretary-General shall propose to the Executive Committee a chair for each work group, person(s) responsible for special activities to be conducted under Union auspices, and representatives to external organizations. If the chair of a work group or person responsible for a special activity is not an Executive Committee member, an Executive Committee liaison for the work group or special activity shall also be proposed.