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# CONFERENCE

## Thirty-seventh Session

Rome, 25 June - 2 July 2011

### Amendment to the Rule XII.11 of the General Rules of the Organization (Draft Resolution)

*Extract from the Report of the 140th Council Session (29 November-3 December 2010)*

63. The Council endorsed a proposal to amend Rule XII.11 of the GRO to reflect a practice followed by the Conference whereby, in an election for an elective place, other than the election of the Director-General, if there were more than two candidates and none obtained the required majority of the votes cast, successive ballots would be held and the candidate with the lowest number of votes for each ballot would be eliminated.

64. The Council endorsed the following Draft Conference Resolution, and agreed to forward it to the Conference for approval:

#### Draft Resolution for the Conference

#### *Amendment to the General Rules of the Organization*

#### THE CONFERENCE,

**Recalling** that the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM) at its 91<sup>st</sup> Session examined some inconveniences arising out of the procedures set out in Rule XII.11 of the General Rules of the Organization whereby “*in any election for one elective place, other than that of the Director-General, if a candidate fails on the first ballot to obtain a majority of the votes cast, successive ballots shall be taken at such time or times as the Conference or Council shall decide, until a candidate obtains such a majority,*” insofar as they could lead to an inconclusive number of ballots, and proposed an amendment to the General Rules of the Organization for approval by the Conference at its session in 2011;

**Noting** that the Council at its 140<sup>th</sup> Session endorsed the amendment proposed by the CCLM, and recommended that Rule XII.11 of the General Rules of the Organization be amended in order to ensure that in an election for one elective place in which there were more than two candidates, the candidate having obtained the lowest number of votes at each ballot would be eliminated;

**Having considered** the text of the amendment to the General Rules of the Organization proposed by the Council at its 140<sup>th</sup> Session;

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**Decides** to adopt the following amendment to Rule XII.11 of the General Rules of the Organization:

*"11. In an election for one elective place, other than that of the Director-General, if a candidate fails on the first ballot to obtain a majority of the votes cast, successive ballots shall be taken until a candidate obtains such a majority, provided that in an election for one elective place in which there are more than two candidates, the candidate having received the lowest number of votes at each ballot shall be eliminated."*