

13th CONGRESS

Rules of Procedure of Congresses – Proposal

19.4.4

Article 4
Delegation Credentials

CHINA, NEW ZEALAND

Add a new paragraph 2 bis as follows:

2005 Seoul Text

Proposed Text

2 bis. Member countries whose delegates are not in possession of credentials or have not deposited their credentials may, provided the names of such delegates have been communicated by their Government to the Bureau, take part in the debates but shall not have the right to vote until such time as their respective credentials, in due and proper form, are deposited with the authority referred to in paragraph 3.

Reasons. – the proposed text is the current paragraph 4 of Article 3 (Delegates' credentials) in the UPU RoP. It provides for members who do not have credentials, or who have not deposited them, to participate in debates without the right to vote. This arrangement continues until credentials are deposited with the designated party.

From reviewing the report of Credentials Committees at past APPU Congresses, the Sub-Group notes that the practice set out in the UPU RoP Article 3 is, in fact, followed, by the APPU when necessary. Accordingly, to formalise the practice in the APPU and to be consistent with the UPU, it is logical that a new § 2 bis of Article 4 of the APPU RoP be created.

There is one aspect that should be highlighted. Prior to the UPU making the change at Abidjan to its RoP Article 3, delegates who did not have credentials or who had not deposited them, could take part in debates **and could vote**. The change at Abidjan, as reflected in the proposed paragraph 2 bis above, is to remove the ability to vote (until such time as proper credentials are presented). The reason for this is to ensure higher legal security in the proceedings of Congress.