

13th CONGRESS

Rules of Procedure of Congresses – Proposal

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CHINA, NEW ZEALAND

Create the following new Article 4 bis:

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Order of seating

- 1. At Congresses, delegations shall be seated in the English alphabetical order of the member countries represented.**
- 2. The Chair of a Congress shall draw lots for the name of the country to be placed foremost before the rostrum at the next Congress.**

Reasons. - the UPU has a specific procedure in its RoP that sets the order of seating for Congress.

The APPU does not have any written procedure for setting the order of seating for a Congress. Rather, the APPU has an agenda item at a Congress to select a member to be seated on the Chair's extreme right-hand side of the front row (at the next Congress). Other members are then seated in alphabetical order following the selected member.

While the APPU system reflects the fact that it has a process for establishing the order of seating, there are differences in how the systems operate. These differences are not necessarily important. However, the Sub-Group notes that the UPU approach is a formal one, whereas the APPU approach is informal (based on custom and practice).

The Sub-Group believes that a formal approach to the order of seating is relevant to the APPU. It provides certainty of process for a matter that impacts members.