

## 13<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS

### Rules of Procedure of Congresses – Proposal

**19.1.91 Rev 1**

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#### AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, THAILAND

Create the following new Article 1 bis:

##### **Article 1bis**

##### **Exceptional definitions and procedures associated with online participation in Congress**

1. **Any reference in these rules to “take part”, “participate”, “seating”, “represented”, being “present”, “attend” and “voting” shall be understood as also including the possibility of online participation of Union member countries (and other observers) by electronic means, i.e., via web/video/audio conferencing facilities made available by the Bureau and / or the host country to ensure active participation, including voting, in Congress meetings.**

2. **The possibility of online participation referred to above shall not apply in the event of: i) any secret ballot; or ii) any non-secret vote that does not use an official electronic voting system, in which case Union member countries availing themselves of the online participation possibility shall not be counted for the purposes of article 9 of the present Rules, nor be entitled to vote or give notices of representation to other Union member countries (as provided for in article 4, paragraph 4 of the present Rules).**

**Reasons** – See Congress 2022 Doc 24.8. The proposal to create new article 1bis is aimed at including the possibility of online participation in the 13<sup>th</sup> APPU Congress, while limiting that possibility to open votes conducted via an official electronic voting system (if such a system is supplied).

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