

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Rules of Procedure of Executive Council – Proposal

19.2

APPU/UPU REFORM WORKING GROUP

Create the following new Article 1 bis:

Article 1bis

Livestreaming

- 1. The Council may permit the livestreaming of its proceedings by electronic means, i.e., via web/video/audio conferencing facilities made available by the Bureau and / or the host country, subject to any conditions agreed to by the Council.**
- 2. Notwithstanding any other Article in these Rules, the Chair of the Council may invite any person availing themselves of the livestreaming function who would otherwise have the right to “take part”, “participate”, “represent”, or “attend”, to speak during discussion on any agenda item. In the absence of technical difficulties, the Chair will permit such participation unless, for an agenda item, a majority of members of the Council otherwise decides.**
- 3. Union member countries availing themselves of the livestreaming possibility, with no physical attendees, shall not be counted for the purposes of the quorum required under Article 12 of the present Rules, nor be entitled to vote.**

Reasons

The proposal to create new article 1bis makes it possible to have online participation at Executive Council Meetings for both members and observers, while maintaining the in-person nature of the Executive Council.

The ability for online participants to engage in the proceedings of Council by taking the floor is provided on a ‘best efforts’ basis, noting that technology can be unreliable. Recognising this, an online participant (if eligible) will not be able to participate in a vote. During a vote the livestream will continue but virtual participants will not be permitted to speak.

Refer EC 2023 Doc 19 for further details.

Date of entry into force: immediately, for the period until the next Congress (or Extraordinary Congress).