



Amendments Form
for the ILGA World Constitution and Standing Orders

Proposal by the ILGA World Board

This proposal aims to clarify the difference between our decision-making and governance mechanisms at the World Conference and the other parts of the World Conference which is about movement building, by renaming the decision-making and governance part to “General Assembly”.

In our current constitution and standing orders, only one word is used “World Conference”, but refers to the elements of our Conference that are about the decision-making and governance, or what other organization will call an AGM. The Executive Board proposes to call this part of our conference “General Assembly”.

Whilst the General Assembly encompasses all elements of decision-making including caucuses, general workshops, final plenary and elections. The Conference encompasses sessions, pre-conference and other programmatic elements of a standard conference.

In order to implement this change, both the Constitution and the Standing Orders need to be changed.

Changes necessary in the Constitution:

Constitution / Standing Order Provision No.	Current text	Proposed amendment	Explanation/ Note
C2.2	C2.2 The registered office is in Geneva. ILGA World is registered with the <i>registre du commerce</i> of Geneva. The Executive Board of ILGA World, can decide by the majority of its members, to move the registered office elsewhere, even abroad, if special circumstances require so, especially if this has the effect to safeguard its freedom of action. Such a decision must nevertheless be ratified within 180 days by the World Conference by a simple majority of votes cast for and against.	C2.2 The registered office is in Geneva. ILGA World is registered with the <i>registre du commerce</i> of Geneva. The Executive Board of ILGA World, can decide by the majority of its members, to move the registered office elsewhere, even abroad, if special circumstances require so, especially if this has the effect to safeguard its freedom of action. Such a decision must nevertheless be ratified within 180 days by the World Conference General Assembly by a simple majority of votes cast for and against.	
C4.4	C4.4 <i>Admission:</i> Applications for full or associate members which are in conformity with the aims and objectives in this constitution shall be accepted by the Executive Board, subject to final decision by the World Conference. The Executive Board can delegate the acceptance of new members in a region to a regional structure set up in accordance with C5.2.	C4.4 <i>Admission:</i> Applications for full or associate members which are in conformity with the aims and objectives in this constitution shall be accepted by the Executive Board, subject to final decision by the World Conference General Assembly . The Executive Board can delegate the acceptance of new members in a region to a regional structure set up in accordance with C5.2.	
C4.5	C4.5 <i>Suspension and expulsion:</i> A member may be suspended from membership by the Executive Board for failure to comply with	C4.5 <i>Suspension and expulsion:</i> A member may be suspended from membership by the Executive Board for failure to comply with this	



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	<p>this constitution by at least a 50% plus 1 majority of its members voting for the suspension. The suspension, unless revoked by the Executive Board, shall remain in force until the next World Conference. A member may be expelled from membership by motion at a World Conference for failure to comply with this constitution. Members facing the possibility of expulsion have the right to present their defence.</p>	<p>constitution by at least a 50% plus 1 majority of its members voting for the suspension. The suspension, unless revoked by the Executive Board, shall remain in force until the next World Conference General Assembly. A member may be expelled from membership by motion at a World Conference General Assembly for failure to comply with this constitution. Members facing the possibility of expulsion have the right to present their defence.</p>	
C5.3	<p>C5.3 The highest authority for each regional organisation is the regional conference. In accordance with the provisions in C8.3 the regional caucus at the World Conference will take on the duties of the regional conference in case such a conference has not taken place between two World Conferences.</p>	<p>C5.3 The highest authority for each regional organisation is the regional conference. In accordance with the provisions in C8.3 the regional caucus at the World Conference General Assembly will take on the duties of the regional conference in case such a conference has not taken place between two World Conference General Assemblies.</p>	
C6.1.1	<p>The World Conference shall elect a person from a member organisation identifying as a woman to chair the Women’s Steering Committee and also be a member of the World Board.</p>	<p>The World Conference General Assembly shall elect a person from a member organisation identifying as a woman to chair the Women’s Steering Committee and also be a member of the World Board.</p>	

C6.2.1	C6.2.1 The World Conference shall elect a person coming from a member organisation and identifying as trans to chair the Trans Committee and also be a member of the World Board.	C6.2.1 The World Conference General Assembly shall elect a person coming from a member organisation and identifying as trans to chair the Trans Committee and also be a member of the World Board.	
C6.3.1	C6.3.1 The World Conference shall elect an intersex person coming from a member organisation to chair the Intersex Committee and also be a member of the World Board.	C6.3.1 The World Conference General Assembly shall elect an intersex person coming from a member organisation to chair the Intersex Committee and also be a member of the World Board.	
C6.4.1	C6.4.1 The World Conference will elect a person coming from a member organisation who identifies as bisexual to chair the Bisexual Committee and also be a member of the World Board.	C6.4.1 The World Conference General Assembly will elect a person coming from a member organisation who identifies as bisexual to chair the Bisexual Committee and also be a member of the World Board.	
C6.5.1	C6.5.1 The World Conference shall elect an LGBTIQ person below the age of thirty (30) and coming from a member organisation to chair the Youth Committee and also be a member of the World Board.	C6.5.1 The World Conference General Assembly shall elect an LGBTIQ person below the age of thirty (30) and coming from a member organisation to chair the Youth Committee and also be a member of the World Board.	
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C7.1	The highest authority of ILGA World is the World Conference.	The highest authority of ILGA World is the World Conference General Assembly usually held at the ILGA World Conference.	
C7.2	The time and place of the World Conference shall normally be determined by a prior World Conference. However, if such a decision is not taken or if it subsequently becomes unviable for any reason, the Executive Board shall take steps to ensure that a conference is called, including determining the conference venue and host organisation.	The time and place of the World Conference shall normally be determined by a prior World Conference. However, if such a decision is not taken or if it subsequently becomes unviable for any reason, the Executive Board shall take steps to ensure that a conference World Conference and General Assembly is called including determining the World Conference format and venue. and host organisation.	See C7.1

C7.3	The procedures for the World Conference shall be those set out in this Constitution and the Standing Orders.	The procedures for the World Conference General Assembly shall be those set out in this Constitution and the Standing Orders.	
C7.5	In advance of the World Conference the Executive Board shall send to all members, in accordance with the provisions in the Standing Orders a preliminary agenda with proposals and nominations, and the audited accounts for the previous financial year or years and invite full members to submit amendments to proposals. The Board shall also send to all members, in accordance with the provisions in the Standing Orders, the final agenda with the reports from the Board and each of the Steering Committees and the financial report for the current year.	In advance of the World Conference General Assembly the Executive Board shall send to all members, in accordance with the provisions in the Standing Orders a preliminary agenda with proposals and nominations, and the audited accounts for the previous financial year or years and invite full members to submit amendments to proposals. The Board shall also send to all members, in accordance with the provisions in the Standing Orders, the final agenda with the reports from the Board and each of the Steering Committees and the financial report for the current year.	



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C7.6	<p>The agenda of the World Conference shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Approval of the report from the Executive Boardb) Approval of the report from the Women’s Committeec) Approval of the report from the Trans Committeed) Approval of the report from the Bisexual Committeee) Approval of the report from the Intersex Committeef) Approval of the report from the Youth Committeeg) Approval of the audited accountsh) Approval of the financial report for the current year	<p>The agenda of World Conference General Assembly shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Approval of the report from the Executive Boardb) Approval of the report from the Women’s Committeec) Approval of the report from the Trans Committeed) Approval of the report from the Bisexual Committeee) Approval of the report from the Intersex Committeef) Approval of the report from the Youth Committeeg) Approval of the audited accountsh) Approval of the financial report for the current yeari) Approval of the budgetj) Appointment of an auditor	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Approval of the budgetj) Appointment of an auditork) Proposals and amendments from full member s, the Executive Board, the Steering Committees and Regional Executive Boardsl) Any change in the membership feem) Election of the Secretaries General and alternatesn) Election of the Chairs of the Steering Committees and their alternates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">k) Proposals and amendments from full member s, the Executive Board, the Steering Committees and Regional Executive Boardsl) Any change in the membership feem) Election of the Secretaries General and alternatesn) Election of the Chairs of the Steering Committees and their alternates.	
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C7.7	The conference is chaired by a Chairing Pool, which shall have the functions set out in the Standing Orders	The World Conference General Assembly is chaired by a Chairing Pool, which shall have the functions set out in the Standing Orders	
C7.8	Only full members are entitled to vote at a World Conference. Each full member shall have two votes and may nominate a proxy in accordance with the provisions in the Standing Orders.	Only full members are entitled to vote at a World Conference General Assembly . Each full member shall have two votes and may nominate a proxy in accordance with the provisions in the Standing Orders.	

C7.9	<p>Decisions of a World Conference are taken only by the conference in plenary session. They shall be recorded in a special register in accordance with the Standing Orders.</p> <p>A plenary session can decide on questions of membership, resolutions, constitutional amendments, policy statements, budgetary decisions, elections and other business, in accordance with the procedures in the Standing Orders.</p>	<p>Decisions of a World Conference General Assembly in plenary session. They shall be recorded in a special register in accordance with the Standing Orders.</p> <p>A plenary session can decide on questions of membership, resolutions, constitutional amendments, policy statements, budgetary decisions, elections and other business, in accordance with the procedures in the Standing Orders.</p>	
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C7.11	<p>An extraordinary World Conference shall be convened by the Executive Board in accordance with the Standing Orders if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A World Conference decides that an extraordinary conference should be held, or• 20% of the full members including members from at least twelve countries and two regions request such a conference in order to discuss and take decision on particular issues, or• The Board considers that it is in the interests of ILGA World for such a conference to be held and make decisions on particular issues.	<p>An extraordinary World Conference Extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened by the Executive Board in accordance with the Standing Orders if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A World Conference General Assembly decides that an extraordinary World Conference Extraordinary General Assembly should be held, or 20% of the full members including members from at least twelve countries and two regions request such a extraordinary World Conference Extraordinary General Assembly in order to discuss and take decision on particular issues, or <p>The Board considers that it is in the interests of ILGA World for such a conference Extraordinary General Assembly to be held and make decisions on particular issues.</p>	
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C7.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The notice for such a conference shall specify the issues that are to be discussed, and the agenda for the conference shall be restricted to these issues. At extraordinary conferences decisions can be taken only if at least 15% of the full members including members from at least fifteen countries and three regions are represented at the conference by delegates or by proxy. In all other respects, the provisions of this Constitution and the Standing Orders shall apply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The notice for such a Conference Extraordinary General Assembly shall specify the issues that are to be discussed, and the agenda for the Conference Extraordinary General Assembly shall be restricted to these issues. At Extraordinary Conferences Extraordinary General Assemblies decisions can be taken only if at least 15% of the full members including members from at least fifteen countries and three regions are represented at the conference General Assembly by delegates or by proxy. In all other respects, the provisions of this Constitution and the Standing Orders shall apply. 	
C8.1	C8.1 The Executive Board shall act on behalf of ILGA World between World Conferences, within the framework and goals of this Constitution and the resolutions of the World Conference. The Executive Board appoints among its Members a Treasurer	C8.1 The Executive Board shall act on behalf of ILGA World between World Conferences General Assemblies , within the framework and goals of this Constitution and the resolutions of the World Conference General Assembly . The Executive Board appoints among its Members a Treasurer	



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C8.3	<p>C8.3 Regional representatives and alternates shall be elected by the appropriate regional structures, according to their procedures. At least one of the two regional alternates must identify as a woman. If this is not possible, a regional caucus at a World Conference shall elect representatives until the region elects representatives according to their procedures or until the next World Conference.</p>	<p>C8.3 Regional representatives and alternates shall be elected by the appropriate regional structures, according to their procedures. At least one of the two regional alternates must identify as a woman. If this is not possible, a regional caucus at a World Conference General Assembly shall elect representatives until the region elects representatives according to their procedures or until the next World Conference General Assembly.</p>	
C8.5	<p>C8.5 The World Conference shall elect two Secretaries General, at least one of whom identifies as a woman, to join the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Secretaries General represent the organisation b) The Secretaries General can delegate the representational functions to other board members c) The Secretaries General act as joint line manager to the Executive Director. They can decide to designate one of them as the lead person on this matter. 	<p>C8.5 The World Conference General Assembly shall elect two Secretaries General, at least one of whom identifies as a woman, to join the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Secretaries General represent the organisation b) The Secretaries General can delegate the representational functions to other board members c) The Secretaries General act as joint line manager to the Executive Director. They can decide to designate one of them as the lead person on this matter. 	

C8.6	<p>C8.6 The Executive Board has the following functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to represent ILGA World internationally and implement ILGA World policies, b) to ensure the organisation of world conferences c) to appoint the Executive Director d) to oversee the management of the Executive Director, who manages the administrative office and ILGA World staff. e) to report regularly on their activities to the membership and to each World Conference, f) to select signing officers for the organisation. g) to undertake fundraising for the organisation. h) The board has the mandate to establish committees i) To choose among the members a treasurer who chairs the finance committee and holds joint responsibility with the executive director for the finances of the organisation to set up working parties to assist them in specific areas and to mandate such working parties to act on its behalf where appropriate and within the aims and objectives of ILGA World; 	<p>C8.6 The Executive Board has the following functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to represent ILGA World internationally and implement ILGA World policies, b) to ensure the organisation of world Conferences General Assemblies and World Conferences c) to appoint the Executive Director d) to oversee the management of the Executive Director, who manages the administrative office and ILGA World staff. e) to report regularly on their activities to the membership and to each World Conference General Assembly, f) to select signing officers for the organisation. g) to undertake fundraising for the organisation. h) The board has the mandate to establish committees i) To choose among the members a treasurer who chairs the finance committee and holds joint responsibility with the executive director for the finances of the organisation to set up working parties to assist them in specific areas and to mandate such working parties to act on its behalf where appropriate and within the aims and objectives of ILGA World; 	



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	<p>j) to work closely together with the Steering Committees;</p> <p>k) to promote equality of women, trans, bisexual and intersex persons within and outside ILGA World, bearing in mind the concerns of young as well as elder LGBTI people to act on behalf of the organisation where necessary and undertake such other functions for every purpose falling within the aims and objectives of ILGA World.</p>	<p>j) to work closely together with the Steering Committees;</p> <p>k) to promote equality of women, trans, bisexual and intersex persons within and outside ILGA World, bearing in mind the concerns of young as well as elder LGBTI people to act on behalf of the organisation where necessary and undertake such other functions for every purpose falling within the aims and objectives of ILGA World.</p>	
C8.9	<p>C8.9 Executive Board will have a meeting shortly after the World Conference and at least twice a year after that.</p>	<p>C8.9 Executive Board will have a meeting shortly after the World Conference General Assembly and at least twice a year after that.</p>	
C8.11	<p>C8.11 The term of office of the Secretaries-General and the Chairs of the Steering Committees shall be from the end of the World Conference at which they are elected until the end of the next World Conference. They may run for a maximum of two consecutive terms.</p>	<p>C8.11 The term of office of the Secretaries-General and the Chairs of the Steering Committees shall be from the end of the World Conference General Assembly at which they are elected until the end of the next World Conference General Assembly. They may run for a maximum of two consecutive terms.</p>	

	The term of office of the regional members shall be specified by the appropriate regional structures.	The term of office of the regional members shall be specified by the appropriate regional structures.	
C9.1	C9.1 The financial year of ILGA World is the calendar year, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Board or a World Conference.	C9.1 The financial year of ILGA World is the calendar year, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Board or a World Conference the General Assembly .	
C9.4	C9.4 The World Conference shall approve a suitably qualified auditor who shall be independent of the Executive Board.	C9.4 The World Conference General Assembly shall approve a suitably qualified auditor who shall be independent of the Executive Board.	
C10.1	C10.1 The names 'International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association' and 'ILGA World' as well as the logo of ILGA World can only be used with the authorisation of the Executive Board or the World Conference.	C10.1 The names 'International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association' and 'ILGA World' as well as the logo of ILGA World can only be used with the authorisation of the Executive Board or World Conference General Assembly .	
C11.1	C11.1 An amendment to the Constitution can only be considered at a World Conference if the proposal has been submitted and circulated according to the rules in C7. The World Conference can consider the amendment proposed and any alterations to the amendment, which are not outside the scope of the proposed amendment	C11.1 An amendment to the Constitution can only be considered at a World—Conference General Assembly if the proposal has been submitted and circulated according to the rules in C7. The World Conference General Assembly can consider the amendment proposed and any alterations to the amendment, which are not outside the scope of the proposed amendment	



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<p>C12.1</p>	<p>C12.1 Dissolution of ILGA World can be decided by a World Conference under the rules for the amendment of the Constitution. Notice, in this case, shall be mailed to members at least three months in advance of the conference. In the case of the dissolution of ILGA World, the World Conference shall appoint one or several liquidators, shall define their powers and indicate how to affect distribution of the net assets. The assets of the organisation shall go to a non- for-profit organisation(s) pursuing public interest and aims similar to those of ILGA World and benefiting from tax exemption. In no case can the assets be returned to the individual founders or members of the Association, or to be used by them to receive profit in any possible way. The organisations to be decided by the World Conference or, in default of such decision, by the Executive Board.</p>	<p>C12.1 Dissolution of ILGA World can be decided by a World Conference General Assembly under the rules for the amendment of the Constitution. Notice, in this case, shall be mailed to members at least three months in advance of the conference General Assembly. In the case of the dissolution of ILGA World, the World Conference General Assembly shall appoint one or several liquidators, shall define their powers and indicate how to affect distribution of the net assets. The assets of the organisation shall go to a non- for-profit organisation(s) pursuing public interest and aims similar to those of ILGA World and benefiting from tax exemption. In no case can the assets be returned to the individual founders or members of the Association, or to be used by them to receive profit in any possible way. The organisations to be decided by the World Conference General Assembly or, in default of such decision, by the Executive Board.</p>	
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Changes necessary in the Standing Orders:

Constitution / Standing Order Provision No.	Current text	Proposed amendment	Explanation /Note
SO1.1	SO1.1 These Standing Orders are ILGA World's rules describing the process to be used for all meetings of the World Conference and the Extraordinary World Conference.	SO1.1 These Standing Orders are ILGA World's rules describing the process to be used for all meetings of the World Conference, General Assembly and Extraordinary World Conference the Extraordinary General Assembly .	.
SO1.2	SO1.2 The World Conference shall meet at least every second year.	SO1.2 The World Conference General Assembly meets at least every second year every third year and is usually in conjunction with the World Conference .	
SO1.3	SO1.3 The choice of the site of a conference will take account of the wide geographic spread of members, and the location of previous conferences.	SO1.3 The choice of the site of a conference World Conference will take account of the wide geographic spread of members, and the location of previous conferences World Conferences .	
SO1.4	SO1.4 All sessions of the conference will be non-smoking.	SO1.4 All sessions of the conference World Conference will be non-smoking.	
SO1.5	SO1.5 The conference organisers will take into account the needs of differently abled members in location, access, facilities and duration of sessions, to the best of their ability.	SO1.5 The organisers of the World Conference and the General Assembly will take into account the needs of differently abled members in location, access, facilities and duration of sessions, to the best of their ability.	
SO2	SO2 Standing Order 2: PROCEDURES BEFORE CONFERENCE	SO2 Standing Order 2: PROCEDURES BEFORE CONFERENCE PROCEDURES BEFORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	



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<p>SO2.1</p>	<p>SO2.1 The Executive Board will decide and circulate to all members a detailed timetable to enable the following steps to be taken not later than the time stated. Timetable before the first day of a conference: - Call for proposals and nominations (from the office) 15 weeks; - Submission of proposals and nominations (to the office) 12 weeks; - Publication of preliminary agenda with proposals and nominations (by the office) 10 weeks; - Submission of amendments (to the office) 6 weeks; - Publication of final agenda (by the office) 3 weeks.</p>	<p>SO2.1 The Executive Board will decide and circulate to all members a detailed timetable to enable the following steps to be taken not later than the time stated. Timetable before the first day of a conference General Assembly: - Call for proposals and nominations (from the office) 15 weeks; - Submission of proposals and nominations (to the office) 12 weeks; - Publication of preliminary agenda with proposals and nominations (by the office) 10 weeks; - Submission of amendments (to the office) 6 weeks; - Publication of final agenda (by the office) 3 weeks.</p>	
<p>SO2.2</p>	<p>SO2.2 Proposals, amendments, and other appropriate business may be proposed for the Conference in accordance with Section C 7 of the Constitution. The date and time by which these shall be received by the office shall be stated in the timetable to be published under SO 2.1.</p>	<p>SO2.2 Proposals, amendments, and other appropriate business may be proposed for the Conference General Assembly in accordance with Section C 7 of the Constitution. The date and time by which these shall be received by the office shall be</p>	

		stated in the timetable to be published under SO 2.1.	
SO2.4	SO2.4 If an extraordinary World Conference is convened, the notice to members shall specify the issues to be discussed, in accordance with article C 7.14 of the Constitution, and this shall constitute the preliminary agenda. The timetable shall otherwise be in accordance with SO 2.1.	SO2.4 If an extraordinary World Conference Extraordinary General Assembly is convened, the notice to members shall specify the issues to be discussed, in accordance with article C 7.14 7.11 of the Constitution, and this shall constitute the preliminary agenda. The timetable shall otherwise be in accordance with SO 2.1.	7.14 does not exist, it refers most likely to 7.11
SO3.1	SO3.1 A chairing pool will manage the conference and will ensure the smooth running of the conference to preserve order and to ensure that the business of the conference is completed.	SO3.1 A chairing pool will manage the conference General Assembly and will ensure the smooth running of the conference General Assembly to preserve order and to ensure that the business of the conference General Assembly is completed.	
SO3.3	SO3.3 In order to allow the Chairing Pool the possibility to prepare and ensure the smooth running of the conference, the Executive Board will ask the Regional Boards and Steering Committees to make nominations for the chairing pool in accordance with SO3.2. The Executive Board will ensure that the chairing pool reflects the diversity of the membership, and include persons experienced in chairing or familiar with the Constitution and Standing Orders of ILGA World.	SO3.3 In order to allow the Chairing Pool the possibility to prepare and ensure the smooth running of the conference General Assembly , the Executive Board will ask the Regional Boards and Steering Committees to make nominations for the chairing pool in accordance with SO3.2. The Executive Board will ensure that the chairing pool reflects the diversity of the membership, and include persons experienced in chairing or familiar with the Constitution and Standing Orders of ILGA World.	



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SO3.4	SO3.4 The chairing pool as proposed by the Executive Board will be approved by a simple majority of delegates of full member organisations at the first plenary session. Until this time, the conference will be managed by the Executive Board and the host organisation.	SO3.4 The chairing pool as proposed by the Executive Board will be approved by a simple majority of delegates of full member organisations at the first plenary session. Until this time, the conference General Assembly will be managed by the Executive Board and the host organisation.	
SO3.5	SO3.5 If a member resigns, the chairing pool may propose a replacement to the conference. If a member fails to attend two or more meetings without reasonable excuse, that person shall be deemed to have resigned.	SO3.5 If a member resigns, the chairing pool may propose a replacement to the conference General Assembly . If a member fails to attend two or more meetings without reasonable excuse, that person shall be deemed to have resigned.	
SO3.7.1	SO3.7.1 decide the order in which proposals, workshop recommendations and other agenda items shall be dealt with at each of the plenary sessions (the "order of business"), subject to the approval of Conference;	SO3.7.1 decide the order in which proposals, workshop recommendations and other agenda items shall be dealt with at each of the plenary sessions (the "order of business"), subject to the approval of Conference General Assembly ;	
SO3.7.2	SO3.7.2 ensure that the Constitution and these Standing Orders (relating to the business of the Conference in session) are observed, and notify the Presiding Conference Chair of any violation that may be brought to the Chairing Pool's notice;	SO3.7.2 ensure that the Constitution and these Standing Orders (relating to the business of the Conference General Assembly in session) are observed, and notify the Presiding Conference Chair of any violation that may be brought to the Chairing	

		Pool's notice; Chairing pool of any violations.	
SO3.7.4	SO3.7.4 co-ordinate the conduct of elections held during the Conference;	SO3.7.4 co-ordinate the conduct of elections held during the Conference General Assembly ;	
SO4.1	SO4.1 The main discussion body of an ILGA World World Conference is the general workshop. Only general workshops may produce recommendations to the Conference.	SO4.1 The main discussion body of an ILGA World World Conference General Assembly is the general workshop. Only general workshops may produce recommendations to the Conference General Assembly .	
SO4.2	SO4.2 Apart from the general workshop there are also other workshops at the conference, which can take several forms. All these workshops may produce a report to be entered into the conference report. There are also caucuses.	SO4.2 Apart from the general workshops there are also other workshops are also caucuses at the Conference General Assembly , which can take several forms. All these workshops may produce a report to be entered into the conference General Assembly report. There are also caucuses.	
SO4.3.1	SO4.3.1 General workshops will appoint a minute-taker for the workshop. If no minute-taker is appointed, the workshop may not report or make recommendations to the Conference.	SO4.3.1 General workshops will appoint a minute-taker for the workshop. If no minute-taker is appointed, the workshop may not report or make recommendations to the Conference General Assembly .	
SO4.5	SO4.5 No workshop or caucus may change its status to a general workshop without giving	SO4.5 No workshop or caucus may change its status to a general workshop without	



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	prior notice of this to the Conference in a plenary session.	giving prior notice of this to the Conference General Assembly in a plenary session.	
SO4.6	SO4.6. <i>Caucus Meetings and Pre-Conferences:</i>	SO4.6. <i>Caucus Meetings and Pre-Conferences:</i>	Pre-conferences are part of the Conference programme and furthermore they are described in this section
SO5.1	SO5.1 A full member organisation which is not represented at the Conference and which would otherwise be entitled to vote may nominate a person attending the Conference or one of the Steering Committees to exercise by proxy the votes to which the organisation is entitled, in accordance with SO6.	SO5.1 A full member organisation which is not represented at the Conference General Assembly and which would otherwise be entitled to vote may nominate a person attending the Conference General Assembly or one of the Steering Committees to exercise by proxy the votes to which the organisation is entitled, in accordance with SO6.	
SO6.2	SO6.2 Wherever possible the conference will seek to reach consensus on issues. When this is not possible voting will be in accordance with	SO6.2 Wherever possible the Conference General Assembly will seek to reach consensus on issues. When this is not possible voting will be in accordance with	

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SO7.1	SO7.1 The Chairing Pool will be responsible for coordinating all elections held at conference.	SO7.1 The Chairing Pool will be responsible for coordinating all elections held at Conference General Assembly .	
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SO8.6	SO8.6 The chair will use their judgement as to when to terminate a debate - taking into account the weight of the matter, the number of people wishing to speak, the general feeling of the meeting, and the conference timetable.	SO8.6 The chair will use their judgement as to when to terminate a debate - taking into account the weight of the matter, the number of people wishing to speak, the general feeling of the meeting, and the conference General Assembly timetable.	
SO9.1	SO9.1 One or more of these Standing Orders may be suspended by resolution of the Conference in relation to a specific item of business, provided that such suspension would not be in contradiction with the provisions in the Constitution.	SO9.1 One or more of these Standing Orders may be suspended by resolution of the conference General Assembly in relation to a specific item of business, provided that such suspension would not be in contradiction with the provisions in the Constitution.	



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SO9.2	SO9.2 Amendments to these Standing Orders may only be made by Conference approving, by simple majority, a proposal which has appeared on both the preliminary and final conference agendas. Such a proposal may have been amended in the normal way by simple majority. Standing Orders may not be changed in any other way, but they may be temporarily suspended under SO 9.1.	SO9.2 Amendments to these Standing Orders may only be made by Conference General Assembly approving, by simple majority, a proposal which has appeared on both the preliminary and final conference General Assembly agendas. Such a proposal may have been amended in the normal way by simple majority. Standing Orders may not be changed in any other way, but they may be temporarily suspended under SO 9.1.	
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