



**SIXTH PLENARY MEETING
INTER-PARLIAMENTARY FORUM OF THE AMERICAS (FIPA)**

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PROSPERITY AND COOPERATION: A NEW AGENDA FOR THE AMERICAS

Resolution

Amendment to Article 6.1 of the FIPA Regulations on the Composition of the Executive Committee

Adopted by the FIPA Plenary Assembly on September 15, 2009

As recommended during the 19th Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in Washington D.C., United States, on June 24, 2009,

THE FIPA PLENARY ASSEMBLY RESOLVES that,

1. Article 6.1 of the Regulations of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas, regarding the Composition of the Executive Committee, be amended as follows:

“6.1 Composition

- The representatives of the Executive Committee shall be active members of their respective national parliaments and shall not simultaneously hold office as cabinet ministers in the executive branch of their state.
- The Executive Committee shall be composed of:
 - The President of FIPA;
 - Two representatives from each of the sub-regions listed under 6.1g);
 - One representative of the country hosting the next plenary meeting;
 - The President of the Group of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas;
 - ~~The immediate past President of FIPA.~~ **The past-Presidents of FIPA.**
- If the President resigns, dies, or becomes ineligible to occupy the position because he/she is no longer a member of parliament or is appointed as cabinet minister in the executive branch of his/her state, the Executive Committee shall elect one of its members as an interim President until the next meeting of the Plenary Assembly.



- The national legislature of each country elected as member of the Executive Committee shall be required to provide, by written communication to the President, the name of the parliamentary delegate who shall serve as its member on the Executive Committee, within 30 days following that country's election to the Executive Committee. This delegate shall serve on the Executive Committee, subject to paragraph (e), for the entire term.
- If any member of the Executive Committee becomes unable to carry out his/her duties because of resignation, death, or loss of status as a member of the legislature of his/her country, or because he/she is appointed as cabinet minister in the executive branch of his/her state, the national legislature to which such member belongs shall appoint an alternate member to serve out the remainder of the term until the next plenary meeting.
- The member countries of the Executive Committee may be re-elected.
- For purposes of observing a balance in regional representation, the hemisphere shall be divided into the following four sub-regions:
 - **North America:** Canada, Mexico and the United States.
 - **Central America:** Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama.
 - **Caribbean:** Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Guyana, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.
 - **South America:** Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.
- Each sub-region shall be free to decide on the method of its choice for electing the member countries which will represent it on the Executive Committee.
- Each member of the Executive Committee shall serve for a period of two years, subject to the following conditions:
 - One of the two member countries representing a sub-region to the Committee will stand for re-election every year at the Plenary Meeting.
 - The term of a member of the Executive Committee who represents the country hosting the Plenary Meeting shall run from the month after the previous annual meeting until the month of the year in which the plenary meeting takes place in that country. “