

INTER-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM

RULES OF PROCEDURE

ARTICLE 1) The Second Inter-American Conference for Democracy and Freedom shall be installed on the day and the hour designated in the Call of the Association (IADF). The president shall be elected in advance by mutual consent of the delegates.

ARTICLE 2) The Presiding Council of the Conference shall be composed of the President, Secretary General of the IADF, three auxiliary Secretaries and five members. Any of these may alternate with the President in presiding over the Plenary Sessions.

ARTICLE 3). The work of the Conference shall be divided into Panel Discussions and Plenary Sessions. The former shall be devoted to the discussion of the Working Papers, presented in accordance with the Agenda of the Conference; they shall formulate the final draft of each subject, with respective Conclusions and Resolutions.

The Plenary Sessions shall be devoted to general discussion of the texts of the Conclusions and Resolutions formulated by the Panels.

A) Each of the Panels shall have a Chairman and Secretary designated by the President of the Conference, or a member of the Presiding Council of the Conference.

The Panel may choose from its own membership a Rapporteur whose duty it shall be to set forth and defend the points the points of view developed by the Panels during the Plenary Sessions. Each Committee shall be composed of the Delegates appointed by the President of the Conference and any other delegate who shall have expressed their interest in participating. The delegates may join any Panel which they designate.

B) The Plenary Sessions shall be presided over by the President of the Conference, the Secretary General or, in turn, and of the members of the Presiding Council, who shall have the ability for moderating the discussions.

ARTICLE 4) The President of the Conference shall name, besides the Chairman and Secretaries of the Panels, a Committee of Resolutions and Conclusions. In no case may the Editorial Committee alter the substance of the Conclusions and Resolutions of the Panels.

The Committee on Resolutions and Conclusions shall be responsible for presenting Resolutions or Statements on any special subject not contemplated in the Agenda. It shall also receive suggestions or drafts presented by the Delegates. The drafts of such submitted resolutions shall be presented to the final Plenary Sessions for their approval or rejection.

ARTICLE 5) The Preparatory Committee of the Conference, in concurrence with the Secretary General of the IADF, shall be responsible for the program of the Conference, indicating the time and place for the successive activities. All subjects presented for the consideration of the Delegates shall be concluded by the final plenary session.

ARTICLE 6. During the Panel Sessions, Delegates may occupy the floor as often as is deemed necessary; any proposals which they wish to include in the final text shall be submitted in writing to the secretary of the committee. The Chairman of the Panel shall act as the moderator of the discussions and shall take charge of the work of the Committee, fixing the schedule of the sessions.

ARTICLE 7) Delegates shall be given the floor in the Plenary Session by submitting requests to the Presiding officer. Speakers shall be recognized in the order of their request.

A) During the Plenary Sessions, the recognized speaker shall present his views in not more than ten minutes, and may be accorded an additional five minutes in a second intervention. Proponents of a proposal shall have the right to additional time if necessary in the judgement of the presiding officer to clarify a point.

B) With these exceptions, no delegate shall speak more than twice. In special cases upon advanced request, a delegate may be accorded additional time which in no case shall exceed twenty minutes.

C). When proposals under discussion are withdrawn by proponents, discussion may be continued if other delegates so desire.

ARTICLE 8) The President of our Conference shall have the power to declare discussion closed on any subject. His decision may, however, be appealed to the Assembly. Any delegate may move the termination of discussion in which case, the President shall take a vote of the assembly.

ARTICLE 9) After discussion is closed the motion shall be put to a vote and any amendments shall be voted on in the inverse order of their presentation. Decisions shall be by majority vote; failing a majority vote on any motion debate on the subject may be reopened, by consent of the majority.

ARTICLE 10. The following points may be raised in the discussion:

1. POINT OF ORDER: to keep the debate within the subject matter and the parliamentary procedure.

POINT OF INFORMATION: To enquire as to points to enlighten the assembly.

THE PREVIOUS QUESTION: Which serves to stop the discussion by submitting to a majority vote and without discussion the termination of the debate.

In considering Points of order and requests for the Previous Question the ~~Chairman~~ Presiding Officer shall wait before putting the question or point of order until the speaker on the floor has finished.,

ARTICLE 11). The Delegates shall consist only of those persons invited to participate by the Organizing Committee and who have accepted in advance of the opening of the Conference. and who shall have registered and received their accreditation.

ARTICLE 12: Observers may be accredited upon their request in writing by the Presiding Council of the Conference through majority vote. Observers shall not have the right to vote but by permission of the Presiding Council may be accorded the right to speak in a Plenary Session.

ARTICLE 13. Only delegates shall have access to the Meeting Rooms of the Conference and the administrative personnel may require identifications and exclude those without proper credentials

ARTICLE 14) All other matters not covered by these Regulations shall be decided by the Presiding Council.

II CONGRESO INTERAMERICANO PRO DEMOCRACIA Y LIBERTAD

E X P R E S A

- 1) Su total apoyo al proceso político y social que viene cumpliendo la democracia venezolana practicada por el gobierno con el apoyo de su pueblo, como ha quedado demostrado una vez más frente al último intento criminal cumplido por las fuerzas facciosas que intentaron abatir el régimen de derecho que preside Rómulo Betancourt.
- 2) Hacer resaltar ante los demás países del Continente la ejemplar actitud del Gobierno de Venezuela que ha permitido la realización de este Congreso en el que exhaustivamente se han debatido los problemas que hoy preocupan a nuestros pueblos.
- 3) Formular un llamado a las fuerzas democráticas de América para que se unan en apoyo de la cruzada popular venezolana en defensa de la democracia y de la libertad y denunciar los permanentes intentos de agresión cumplidos por la tiranía dominicana contra Venezuela.