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<i>Draft Decision</i>	<b>19 GA 4</b>
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## TEXT

### 4. Revision of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly

#### Draft Resolution: 19 GA 4

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined Document WHC-13/19.GA/4,

2. [Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Palestine, Peru] Recalling Article 8, paragraph 2, of the World Heritage Convention which stipulates that "Election of members of the Committee shall ensure an equitable representation of the different regions and cultures of the world",

2-3. [Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Palestine, Peru] Also recalling Resolution ~~of the 13 GA 9~~ concerning the reserved seat for States Parties which do not have sites on the World Heritage List, equitable representation in the World Heritage Committee,

4. [Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Palestine, Peru] Decides to ~~delete~~ amend Rule 14.1 ~~article c)~~ from its of the Rules of Procedures as follows:-

## Rule 14 - Election of members of the World Heritage Committee

14.1 a) The election of members of the World Heritage Committee shall be conducted by secret ballot whenever five or more delegations having the right to vote so request, or if the Chairperson so decides.

b) *[Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Palestine, Peru]* ~~In case one or more electoral group(s), as defined by the UNESCO General Conference at its most recent session, might have no State Party in the composition of the next Committee<sup>4</sup>, one seat per such electoral group(s) shall be reserved.~~ **The election of members of the Committee shall be conducted on the basis of the composition of the electoral groups of UNESCO, as determined by the UNESCO General Conference at its most recent session, it being understood that 'Group V' shall consist of two separate groups, of African States and Arab States respectively.**

c) *[Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Palestine, Peru]* ~~Notwithstanding, at each election, one seat shall be reserved for States Parties with no property on the World Heritage List.~~ **Seats on the Committee shall be distributed at each election among the electoral groups in proportion to the number of States Parties from each group, provided that, after such distribution, a minimum of three seats have been attributed to each of the six electoral groups, *[Brazil, Palestine, South Africa]* as follows: Group I: 3 seats, Group II: 3 seats, Group III: 3 seats, Group IV: 4 seats, Group Va: 4 seats, Group Vb: 3 seats and 1 floating seat shall rotate among Group I and Group III.**

d) *[Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Palestine, Peru]* **If the number of candidates within geographical distribution is the same as or less than the number of seats to be filled, the candidates shall be declared elected without the need to hold a ballot.**

e) *[Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Palestine, Peru]* ~~d) Ballot(s) for reserved seat(s) shall precede the ballot(s) for the remaining seats to be filled. Unsuccessful candidates in a ballot for any reserved seat shall be eligible to stand for election in subsequent ballot(s).~~ **The General Assembly shall agree upon the distribution of the 21 Committee seats in order to determine thereafter the distribution of the vacant seats.**

3-5. *[Brazil, Palestine, South Africa]* Requests the World Heritage Centre, to provide, at each session of the General Assembly, a list of candidatures including the names of the representatives nominated by States Parties and the number of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List in their territories.