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Voting on Constitutional
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This Conference Document 10C proposes a structure on voting during the Conference plenary session to facilitate decision-making.

For any **further questions or clarifications**, you can reach out to José Gabriel Criollo, Director of Institutional Development at the World Scout Bureau, Interamerican Support Centre (jgcriollo@scout.org).

Online Q&A sessions on the proposed Constitutional Amendments will be organised in the first half of October 2018, offering delegations an opportunity to directly interact with Members of the Interamerican Scout Committee as well as the proposing Member Organization and increase understanding of the Constitutional Amendments put forward. Watch the Interamerican Region’s social media channels for more information when these Q&A’s will be scheduled.

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Languages

The official languages of the Interamerican Scout Region are English and Spanish. The World Scout Bureau, Interamerican Support Centre will make all Conference Documents available in both languages. In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Conference Document or any other official document of the World Organization, the English text shall prevail.

Decisions on Constitutional Amendments

There will be a plenary session of the Interamerican Scout Conference on the afternoon of Thursday, 29 November 2018 during which the Conference is invited to arrive at decisions on the proposed Constitutional Amendments.

The Constitutional Amendments which have been proposed under Article 43 of the Regional Constitution are contained in **Conference Document 10A** (Amendments to the Constitution of the Interamerican Scout Region proposed by the Interamerican Scout Committee) and **Conference Document 10B** (Amendments to the Constitution of the Interamerican Scout Region proposed by Member Organizations). No new Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed to this Conference since the deadline for advance notice has expired.

Pursuant to Article 43 of the Regional Constitution and Conference Document 2 (Rules of Procedure-RoP), proposals to make further Amendments to the proposed Constitutional Amendments contained in Conference Documents 10A and 10B may be submitted starting two months before the start of the Interamerican Scout Conference.

The Rules of Procedure allow for Amendments to be submitted until 15:00 hrs on Wednesday 28 November 2018. However, the **Interamerican Scout Committee strongly encourages Member Organizations to submit any Amendments pertaining to the Constitutional Amendments session before 15:00 hrs on Tuesday 27 November 2018**. This is to provide time for the World Scout Bureau – Interamerican Support Centre to translate and distribute any proposals for Amendments to all Member Organizations for reviewing prior to the session.

Any proposed Amendment must be proposed by Member Organizations. Please note also that, in line with RoP, such Amendments may be made **only** where they:

- **remove ambiguities** or otherwise **clarify** the draft which has been circulated, or
- in the opinion of the Resolutions Committee **represent an intermediate position** between the proposed Constitutional Amendments circulated and the status quo.

In case the Resolutions Committee resolves that a proposed Amendment does not comply with the above requirements, it will inform the concerned Member Organization as soon as possible and the Amendment will be ruled out of order. The decision of the Resolutions Committee will be final.

There is no intention to establish a Select Committee to debate any of the proposed Constitutional Amendments.

To facilitate formal decision-making, the following structure for the Conference plenary session is proposed:

- The proposed Constitutional Amendments will be taken **chapter by chapter** of the Constitution, as outlined in the voting procedure below.
- After each proposed Constitutional Amendment has been formally moved by the proposer, an opportunity will be provided for plenary **debate** amongst the delegations.
- In case **additional Amendments** have been received, a vote will first be taken on the additional Amendment(s).
 - After all additional Amendments have been considered, the final proposed Constitutional Amendment (as amended) will be put to vote.
 - In case several **contradictory additional Amendments** need to be considered, the Resolutions Committee will decide the order in which the Amendments are considered.
- Votes taken during this plenary session of the Conference will require a **two-thirds majority** and will be final.
- At the end of the session, a **final vote** will be taken to grant authority to the Interamerican Scout Committee to deal with minor text corrections when producing a new edition of the Regional Constitution.
- Constitutional Amendments approved by the Regional Conference will only come into force after subsequent approval by the World Scout Committee, as foreseen in Article XXII.1 of the World Constitution.

Proposed Voting Procedure

References are to the numbered proposals of Conference Document 10A, in which proposed Amendments are shown in *red*. Other references are to proposed Amendments from Member Organizations contained in Conference Document 10B.

Discussion followed by voting in the following order:

Chapter I – Interamerican Scout Region

Vote No. 1: New Article 1 - a single vote on the proposed Amendment to include the **Scout Method** (Doc 10A – Amendment 01)

Chapter II – The Regional Conference

Vote No. 2: Current Article 7 - a single vote on the proposed Amendment to provisions governing the Regional Conference pertaining to the inclusion of **Electronic Communications** (Doc 10A – Amendment 02)

Chapter III – The Regional Committee

Vote No. 3: Current Article 10 – a single vote on the **proposal by Canada** regarding the addition of **voting rights to Youth Advisors** (Doc 10B)

Vote No. 4: Current Article 21 - a single vote on the proposed Amendments to the Procedure and Voting pertaining to the inclusion of **Virtual Meetings** (Doc 10A – Amendment 03)

Chapter IV – The Regional Office

(no amendments proposed)

Chapter V – Obligations and Rights of the Member Organizations of the Region

(no amendments proposed)

Chapter VI – Supplementary Provision

(no amendments proposed)

Final vote

Vote No. 5: a single vote granting authority to the Interamerican Scout Committee to deal with minor textual corrections in producing a new edition.