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1. Nomination of candidates

Nomination of candidates to the post of Director General or Deputy Director General shall be made by Member States. This rule shall not apply to the 2008 election of the Director General.*

2. Deadline for presenting candidatures

Candidatures to the post of Director General or Deputy Director General shall be received by the Chairperson of the Council no later than two months prior to the date of the special session of the Council called for the election. No candidature will be accepted after that date, unless the Council decides otherwise.

3. Communication of the official list

Candidatures will be announced by the Chairperson of the Council to the Member States at the time of submission and, eight weeks prior to the special session of the Council, the Bureau of the Council shall communicate the official list to the Member States.

4. Date of the election

The election of a new Director General or Deputy Director General shall be placed on the agenda of a special session of the Council to be held no later than two months prior to the expiry of the term of office.

5. Character of the election session

Elections are held in private session.

6. Rules applicable in case of plurality of candidates

- (a) When there is plurality of candidates, and until such time as the Council adopts a more detailed regulation, the following rule will apply: There will be as many ballots as necessary until a candidate has obtained the required two thirds majority. If there is a need to go to a fourth ballot because no candidate has obtained by then the majority required, the candidate having obtained the smallest number of votes shall be removed from the next ballot. When only two candidates remain on the ballot and the candidate having obtained the greater number of votes has obtained the absolute majority but not the required two thirds majority, that candidate alone will be put on the last ballot, unless the Council agrees to an election by consensus/acclamation in favour of that candidate. However, the whole electoral process shall begin anew if that candidate withdraws or does not obtain the required two thirds majority on the last ballot.

* The candidatures already submitted are accepted and there are no specific formalities on the way in which other candidatures may be presented.

- (b) The Bureau of the Council shall determine, by drawing lots, the order in which the candidates will be placed on the ballot paper.
- (c) Each head of delegation, or his/her designated representative, shall deposit the ballot paper in the ballot box; the ballot shall be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the Member States, beginning with the Member State whose name is drawn by lot by the Chairperson.

7. Rules applicable when there is only one candidate

When there is only one candidate, the requirement of a secret ballot may be waived if there is consensus, and the election may take place by acclamation/consensus.
