

# PROCEDURE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR BY THE COUNCIL

35TH SESSION - 4 AND 5 NOVEMBER 2024

## CONSISTENT PAST PRACTICE

If no consensus is reached, the Council decides on the candidate to be appointed as External through a **vote by secret ballot** in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

In the absence of specific majority rule for the appointment of the External Auditor, the External Auditor is elected by a **simple majority vote of the Council**.

*Constitution, Article 24*

## CALCULATING THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

"Majorities provided for in this Constitution or rules made by the Council shall refer to **members present and voting**"

*Constitution, Article 24(2)*

"For the purpose of these Rules, the phrase 'members present and voting' means members **casting an affirmative or negative vote**. Members which **abstain** from voting are considered as not voting."

*Rules of Procedure of the Council, Rule 38(4)*

## VOTING PROCEDURE

### *Rules of Procedure of the Council, Rule 46*

- All candidates are placed on the first ballot.
- The candidate obtaining the greatest number of votes and the required majority on the first ballot is elected.
- If no candidate obtains the required majority, the two candidates having obtained the greatest number of votes are placed on the second ballot.
- The candidate obtaining the greatest number of votes on the second ballot is elected.

**VALID**

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BULLETIN DE VOTE  
PAPELETA DE VOTO

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Candidate B	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D	<input type="checkbox"/>
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A Member State can only vote for **one** candidate

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**INVALID**

Examples of invalid ballots include

**THANK YOU**