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Presentation of the report and request of the Executive Board to the GA to mandate the WFO President in collaboration with the Vice-Presidents to prepare a draft amendment to the Constitution according to Decision GA 27/08/13.

1. **The Decision GA/27/08/13** mandated the Executive Board to prepare, during the first trimester of 2014 a draft proposal for a Constitutional Revision, establishing a calendar for the development of the work. The Draft Proposal after the wide consultation among members would be discussed and approved by the 28th Special Session of the General Assembly to be held in December 2014 in China.
2. In February 2014, the President, the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs, Mr. Isidro de Brito and the Vice President for Financial Affairs, Mr. Bruno Lopes started the analysis and discussions on the Constitution through a weekly videoconference.
3. From the beginning, many difficulties were found by the group, due to the amount of time necessary to deeply reflect on the actual status of the organisation and also due to the many changes happening in a global context. Due to these difficulties, the group agreed that an extended period of bibliography consultations on many other organisations with the similar status was needed.
4. In informal consultations with our UN partners, we got the advice to pursue the idea to regain our formal Intergovernmental status in order to improve our relationship with the UN. It's a matter of survival and improve WFO's international representation.
5. Due to the complexity and the time consuming to fulfill this mandate during the year 2014, similarly to the elaboration of the new Strategic Framework 2014-2017, the Executive Board reported to the 28th GA and requested to postpone theses two GA Decisions to be fulfilled during the year of 2015.
6. The year of 2015 was devoted to WFO's active participation on the negotiations of the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, and taking into account that the amendments should reflect the new direction that the organization will like to take encompassing the the guidelines of the Agenda 2013 for Sustainable Development and the respective Global Goals, the President and the the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs, after long reflections and discussions decided that it would be more productive if this task would be postponed to the year 2016, similarly to the elaboration of the new Strategic Framework.
7. Taking into account the explained above, the President and the Vice-President for Legal and Administrative Affairs, on behalf of the Executive Board request to the 29th General Assembly Ordinary Session the following:



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- To ratify the decision taken by the President and the Vice-President for Legal and Administrative Affairs on behalf of the Executive Board.
 - To request the President to lead the preparation process to elaborate a draft proposal for amendment to the Constitution, during the year of 2016.
 - To request the President, in collaboration with the Vice-President for Legal and Administrative Affairs to establish a calendar and a Taskforce to prepare the draft proposal for the amendments during the year 2016.
 - To request the President to consult periodically with the Executive Board Members on the work's progress and present the first draft to be discussed in September 2016.
 - To request the President to present the Proposals for Amendments to the Constitution on the 31st General Assembly Special Session to be held in December 2016, for discussion and approval.