



Agenda item 2(a): Governance Committee

Proposed Recommendations

The Board is invited to **note** the update on the approved amendments of the PIDC Constitution and Rules of Procedure to accommodate hosting Virtual Regular Annual Meetings

Purpose

This paper provides an update on the approved amendments to PIDC foundation documents.

Background

2. Reviewing PIDC's governance arrangements and foundation documents annually to stay relevant in an evolving operational landscape and support the productivity of the organisation is an important responsibility of the Governance Committee.

Constitution and Rules of Procedure Approved Amendments

3. At the most recent 2021 Virtual Regular Annual Meeting (RAM) in June earlier this year, Members "**endorsed** the amendments to the PIDC Constitution and Rules of Procedure to accommodate hosting Virtual Regular Annual Meetings". These amendments have subsequently been inserted into the revised version of the PIDC Constitution and Rules of Procedure.

Approving Body	Specific Decision	Status Update
RAM 2021	<p>The PIDC endorsed the amendments to the PIDC Constitution and Rules of Procedure to accommodate hosting Virtual Regular Annual Meetings.</p> <p>1. <i>The following text (highlighted) is to be inserted into Article 16.1 of the PIDC Constitution:</i> "The PIDC shall hold a regular annual meeting at which the election of officers, and the Board, shall occur. Where the Members are unable to physically meet for the Regular Annual Meeting in a member country due to exceptional circumstances, the Board may agree for the Regular Annual Meeting to be held using a virtual platform.</p>	<p>The highlighted insertions were approved by the 2021 Virtual RAM and have been inserted into the revised PIDC Constitution.</p>
	<p>2. <i>The following text (highlighted) is proposed to be inserted in Rule 3.1 of the Rules of Procedure:</i> "The PIDC shall hold a Regular Annual Meeting in a member country each calendar year. Where the Board determines that Members are unable to physically meet for the Regular Annual Meeting in a member country due to exceptional circumstances, the meeting shall be held using a virtual platform. Before the end of each Regular Annual Meeting, the Secretariat, in consultation with PIDC members, shall decide the date and approximate duration of the next Regular Annual Meeting."</p>	<p>The highlighted insertions were approved by the 2021 Virtual RAM and have been inserted into the revised version of the PIDC Rules of Procedure.</p>

4. These latest amendments to the Constitution and Rules of Procedure addresses the new operational landscape that members now work with and has enabled the organisation to adapt its governance processes accordingly.