

Article 8

National Assembly

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Delegates to Regional Assembly and World Assembly shall be elected by National Assembly. Each delegation to Regional Assembly or World Assembly from a National Assembly shall be representative of the various groups of disabled persons within the nation and, as far as practicable, shall be fully representative of the national population as to religion, race, language, geography or other factors relevant to the specific nation and should have both sexes equally represented.

Article 9

Regional Assembly

(...)

The Regional Council shall determine its representation on DPI World Council and DPI Committees, and shall resolve all matters for which rules are not set out in this Constitution, nor in the By-laws attached to the Constitution. An official voters' register shall be adopted at the commencement of the Regional Assembly meeting.

Article 11

World Council

The World Council is composed of five representatives from each region, elected by the regions with a four-year mandate starting from the ending of a World Assembly. The five regional representatives may co-opt one additional member from their respective regions.

In no case shall the World Council have more than one representative per nation among the councillors elected from the regions. When conducting elections of representatives to meetings of the World Council, the Regional Assemblies or Councils, as the case may be, shall attempt to ensure that all groups of disabled persons are fairly represented and that both sexes are equally represented in the World Council. Regions may also elect a maximum of six alternates for the World Council members from each region.

Corporate members shall each have the right to elect a maximum of four World Council members, and alternates for them, with a four-year mandate starting from the ending of a World Assembly. Observers who have been granted the status by the World Council have the right to participate in the meetings of the World Council at their own expense. Observers have a right to speak upon decision of the meeting.

The World Council shall, as a first priority, elect a Chairperson, one or more Deputy Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, and any other officers necessary, for a four-year period, starting from the ending of the World Assembly.

It is the responsibility of the World Council to:

1. Organize the business of the World Assembly and the World Congress and issue the date and venue at least one year in advance.
1. Issue a report once in each calendar year on the business and finances of DPI and submit it to the auditions and to all National Assemblies of DPI.
2. Decide the number and boundaries of the regions.

Article 12

Executive officers

In between the meetings of the World Council the affairs of DPI are dealt with by the Executive officers, which is a body composed of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson(S), Secretary, Treasurer, additional officers if necessary, as well as one World Council member and his/her alternate, to represent each Region.

Article 13

World Assembly

There shall be a World Assembly, which will meet at least once every four years. Each National Assembly representing a full member has the right to send a delegation to the Assembly with full voting and speaking rights. There is one vote per National Assembly. Members of the World Council cannot be appointed as delegates to the World Council participate in the World Assembly with speaking rights and the right to make proposals but without voting rights.

National Assemblies representing Provisional members, Associate members, as well as Corporate members, can send delegations to the World Assembly in which they have speaking rights, to be exercised under the supervision of the Presidium of the Assembly. Observers attending the World Assembly can be given the right to speak during the Assembly meeting.

It is the responsibility of the World Assembly to:

1. Adopt long-term plans of action for DPI.

1. Review reports of the World Council and the Auditors on the activities and finance of the organization during the fiscal years since the previous World Assembly.
2. Deal with proposals from the National Assemblies, to be submitted at the latest eight months prior to the Assembly meeting, together with a comment from the Executive officers.
3. Deal with proposals from the World Council.
4. Elect an Election Committee with one representative per region and one representing the corporate members with a four-year mandate, to prepare the election with the World Council of the Executive officers of DPI such as the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson(s), the Secretary and the Treasurer.
5. Deal with questions of constitutional amendments.
6. The World Assembly shall elect its Presiding Officer(s) and Secretary, appoint scrutineers to count the ballots and appoint two persons from amongst the delegates to approve the minutes in consultation with the Presiding Officer(s) of the Assembly.

An official voters' register shall be adopted by the Assembly at the commencement of the meeting.

Article 14

World Congress

A World Congress of DPI can be held to act as a consultative, world forum for discussion of topics of vital interest for disabled persons. The World Council decides on the date, venue, program, finances and organization of the Congress.

By Law
Election of World Council Officers

In accordance with **item 5** of **article 13** of the constitution the World assembly shall elect a nominations committee with one representative from each region to serve a four-year term. This section describes how the election of officers shall take place.

- a) A list of World Council members as elected by each region will be distributed to National Assemblies three months before each World Assembly.
- b) National Assemblies will make their nominations for the position of Chair, Deputy Chairperson responsible for Human Rights, Deputy Chairperson responsible for development and under-represented groups. Nominations will be forwarded to the nominating committee at least 30 days prior to the World Assembly.
- c) At a meeting of the World Council prior to the World Assembly the nominating committee will report on the recommendations of the National Assemblies. World Council members in a secret ballot will elect their officers for a four year term.