



54th session of the Executive Council
Geneva, 26-27 October 2021

DECISIONS

DECISION 1

Opening of the 54th Session of the Executive Council

The Executive Council,

Acting in accordance with Article 25 of the Constitution and Article 11 of the Internal Regulations,

Having considered the question of the presence of Member States of the Council at the session,

Recalling its Decision 15 of the 52nd Session on the re-election of Kyrgyzstan as Chairman of the Executive Council for the period 2019-2021,

1. *registers the presence of the* following Member States:

Algeria	Egypt	Qatar
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Russian Federation
Bahrain	Jordan	Saudi Arabia
Benin	Kazakhstan	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Kuwait	Tunisia
Cameroon	Kyrgyzstan	United Arab Emirates
China	Lebanon	Qatar
Congo	Niger	Russian Federation
Ivory Coast	Pakistan	Saudi Arabia

2. **Registers the absence of the** following Member State:

Mauritania

3. **It hereby confirms the** legality of the sitting in accordance with Article 25 of the Constitution.
4. **Welcomes** H.E. Mr. Boobek Azhikeev, Minister of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan, as Chairman of its 54th session.



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Adopted without a vote on October 26, 2021.
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DECISION 2

Online participation of delegates in the 54th session of the Executive Council

The Executive Council,

guided by the Constitution and the Internal Rules of the ICDO,

given the technical and logistical challenges associated with the coronavirus pandemic,

1. **Decides**, on an exceptional basis, to allow accredited representatives of Member States to make statements, vote and perform other functions as delegates remotely by videoconference.

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Adopted without a vote on October 26, 2021.
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DECISION 3

Adoption of the agenda

The Executive Council,

acting in accordance with Art. 74 and 75 of the Internal Regulations,

1. **Approves the** draft agenda presented by its Chairman.¹³

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Adopted without a vote on October 26, 2021.
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DECISION 4

Report on the activities of the Acting Secretary -General to the 52nd session of the Executive Council (Beirut, April 1919)

Bearing in mind decision 4 of the 53rd session of the Executive Council,

The Executive Council,

Having considered with satisfaction the report of the Acting Secretary General on ICDO activities since the 52nd session of the Executive Council, presented by the Secretary General

1. **Notes** the absence of claims to the implementation of humanitarian projects;
2. **Takes note of the** report of the acting The Secretary-General, who will be forwarded to the 25th session of the General Assembly for approval, and expresses his appreciation to the Permanent Secretariat for its many activities, ambitious strategies and outstanding achievements;
3. **Expresses** its appreciation and support to the Secretary General for her continued efforts to make the work of the Permanent Secretariat in particular and the Organization more efficient;
4. **And** thanks the states and partners who support the ICDO policy.

Adopted without a vote on October 26, 2021.

DECISION 5

Report on the Secretary-General's Activities since the 53rd Session of the Executive Council (Geneva, October 2020)

The Executive Council,

Having regard to Decision 4 of the 53rd Session of the Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on the activities of the ICDO since the 53rd session of the Executive Council,

1. **Notes** that there are no complaints;
2. **Takes note of the** report of the Secretary-General, which will be transmitted to the 25th session of the General Assembly for approval, and expresses its appreciation to the Permanent Secretariat for its many activities, ambitious strategies and outstanding achievements;

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3. **Takes note of the** Action Plan of the Secretary-General,
4. **Instructs** the Secretary General to implement this action plan,
5. **Expresses** its gratitude and support to the Secretary General for his continued efforts to improve the efficiency of the Permanent Secretariat in particular and the Organization as a whole;
6. **And thanks the** states and partners who support the ICDO policy.

Adopted without a vote on October 26, 2021.

DECISION 6

2021 Budget Execution and Secretary-General's Proposal for the 2022 Budget

The Executive Council,

Having examined the budget reports submitted by the Secretary-General,

Having heard the proposals of the Secretary-General,

1. **Decides to** restore the current amount allocated for vocational training, i.e. 500,000 Swiss francs per year;
2. **Also decides to** reduce the travel budget;
3. **Takes note** of the report on the budget period presented by the Secretary-General, which will be forwarded to the 25th session of the General Assembly for approval.

Adopted without a vote on October 26, 2021.

DECISION 7

Contributions and arrears

Executive Council,

Having examined the contributions arrears of Member States,

1. **Expresses its gratitude to** those States that have paid their assessed contributions and arrears;

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2. **Recalls** Resolution V of the 22nd General Assembly, which states that “Article 5 of the Charter applies to countries with arrears of CHF 200,000 or more”;
3. **Takes note of the** statements made by delegates,
4. **Endorses the** proposals by Saudi Arabia and Bahrain to suspend the voting rights of Member States with two-year arrears starting in 2022;

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Adopted by a recorded vote on 26 October 2021
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DECISION 8

Organization structure and proposed organizational structure

The Executive Council,

Having considered the current structure of the Organization,

Having considered the organizational chart proposed by the Secretary General,^[2]

Having taken note of the statements made by the delegates,

acting on the relevant decisions of 53 sessions of the Executive Council and 24 sessions of the General Assembly

1. **Decides to** divide the Administrative Department into independent divisions - the Administrative Department and the Financial Support Department;
2. **Instructs** the Secretary General to continue his activities aimed at improving the efficiency of the Permanent Secretariat.

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DECISION 9

Financial statements and reporting for 2020

The Executive Council,



Having heard and considered the auditor's report and management letter for the financial reporting and accounting statements for 2020;

1. **Shares the** concerns of the Auditor regarding administrative and financial powers within the Permanent Secretariat of the Organization;
2. **Shares the** auditor's concern regarding the individual authority of the Secretary General to sign financial decisions;
3. **Again confirms** that financial decisions should be made jointly and signed by the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary-General;
4. **Instructs the** Secretary General, based on the recommendations contained in the auditor's report, to develop and implement a transparent system for the approval of contracts, agreements and invoices within the Organization;
5. **Approves the** remainder of the financial statement for 2020, which will be submitted to the 25th session of the General Assembly for approval, and gives an exemption to the Secretary General.
6. **Decides** that the Finance Commission will meet annually prior to the regular session of the Executive Council.

Adopted without a vote on October 26, 2021.

DECISION 10

Transfer of documents

The Executive Council,

referring to Art. 47 and 48 of the Internal Regulations,

Expressing concern that some documents were not circulated in a timely manner,

1. **Reminds and** reaffirms that all documents must be circulated in a timely manner in the six official languages of the Organization, namely Arabic, English, Spanish, Russian and Chinese.
2. **Instructs** the Secretary General to personally ensure the timely distribution of any documents in the prescribed languages within the prescribed time frame.

Adopted without a vote on October 27, 2021



DECISION 11

Amendments to the Internal Regulations of the Organization

The Executive Council,

guided by the Constitution and the Internal Rules of the ICDO,

Reaffirming the decisions of its 53rd session approved by the General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the 2021 session of the Administrative Commission,

1. **Welcomes the** work of the Administrative Commission and expresses its deep gratitude to its members;
2. **Expresses its gratitude to** all Member States for their proposals to amend the internal regulations;
3. **Decides** to include the relevant provisions of decisions 6, 8 and 9 of its 53rd session in the internal rules as they are formulated and in full;
4. **Decides** further that before the approval of the General Assembly, these provisions should be considered by all members of the Permanent Secretariat as an integral part of the Internal Rules;
5. **Instructs the** Secretariat to prepare the relevant amendments to the Internal Rules and submit them for approval to the 25th session of the General Assembly;
6. **Also instructs the** Secretariat to summarize the proposals of the Member States, including Georgia, Senegal, Algeria and the Russian Federation, submitted within the framework of the Administrative Commission, to prepare appropriate draft amendments to the Internal Regulations, Financial Regulations and Personnel Regulations and submit them to the Council members for consideration in 2022;
7. **Decides the** work of the Administrative Commission on the preparation of the reform of the organization and statutory documents to be considered completed.

Adopted without a vote on October 27, 2021.

DECISION 12

Implementation of decisions of the ICDO Executive Council and the General Assembly

The Executive Council,

guided by the Constitution and the Internal Regulations,



Reaffirming its decisions taken at its 52nd and 53rd sessions and subsequently approved by the 24th session of the General Assembly,

Noting that the Permanent Secretariat has submitted papers late and the urgency of the challenges facing the Secretariat,

Instructs the Secretary General:

1. Draw *up a* detailed draft budget for the fiscal year 2022 and distribute it to Council members no later than December 1, 2021;
2. *prepare a* draft organigram with a detailed description of job descriptions, salaries and duties of each official and distribute it to the members of the Council no later than January 1, 2022;
3. *to liaise* with all ICDO Member States that are in arrears in the amount of or in excess of their annual contributions for a period of two years, and to provide members with the results of these contacts and proposals for further possible measures in this regard no later than 31 January 2022.
4. *prepare a* draft action plan for the development of the statutory activities of the ICDO in accordance with Article 2 of the Charter and submit it to the members of the Council by March 31, 2022;
5. to *submit a* report on the implementation of this Decision, as well as all other decisions of the 53rd and 54th sessions of the Executive Council at the 55th session of the Council, taking into account the reporting deadlines set by the Charter and the Internal Rules.

Adopted without a vote on October 27, 2021.

DECISION 13

World Civil Defence Day 2023 theme

The Executive Council,

Recalling that the theme for World Civil Protection Day 2022 was “Civil protection and management of displaced populations in natural disasters and crises, including the role of volunteers and combating the pandemic”;

1. **Decides** that the theme for World Civil Protection Day 2022 will be “The Role of Information Technology in Risk Assessment”;
2. **Invites** states to celebrate World Civil Defence Day for several days.



..... Adopted by vote on October 27, 2021.

DECISION 14

Election of the President and vice-president of the Executive Council

referring to Art. 28 Internal Regulations,

The Executive Council

1. *Re-elect Kyrgyzstan as* President of the Executive Council for the period 2021-2023;
2. *Re-elects Georgia as* vice-president of the Executive Council for the period 2021-2023.

..... Adopted without a vote on October 27, 2021.

DECISION 15

International Federation of Fire and Rescue Sports

The Executive Council

1. *Calls on* all Member States to be active and consider joining the International Sports Fire and Rescue Federation;

..... Adopted without a vote on October 27, 2021.

H.E. Mr. Boobek Azhikeev (Kyrgyzstan)
Chairman of the Executive Council

H.E. Mariatou Yap
ICDO Secretary General