55th Session of the Executive Council
Abu Dhabi, 22-23 November 2022

DECISIONS

Decision 1

Opening of the 55th session

The Executive Council,

ACTING in accordance with Article 25 of the Constitution and Article 11 of the Internal Regulations;

HAVING CONSIDERED the attendance of the Member States of the Council at the Session;

RECALLING its Decision 14 of the 54th Session to re-elect Kyrgyzstan as Chairman of the Executive Council for the period 2021-2023,

1. Notes the presence of the following Member States: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Cote d’Ivoire, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Niger, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Russia;

2. Records that China is attending the session online with the right to vote;

3. Hereby confirms the legality of the session in accordance with Article 25 of the Constitution with 25 Member States present out of a total of 25;

4. Welcomes H.E. Azamat MAMBELOV, First Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan, as Chairman of the 55th Session and Georgia as Vice-President of the session.

Adopted on November 23, 2022
Decision 2

Adoption of the agenda

The Executive Council,

ACTING in accordance with Articles 74 and 75 of the Internal Regulations,

ADOPTS the draft agenda submitted by its Chairman.

Adopted on November 23, 2022

Decision 3

Report of the Secretary General on the activities of ICDO since the 54th session of the Executive Council (Geneva, October 2021)

The Executive Council,

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the Secretary General on the activities of ICDO since the 54th session of the Executive Council,

EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the quality and the transparency of the report of the Secretary General,

ADOPTS this report of activities and will submit it to the 25th session of the General Assembly for consideration and approval.

Adopted on November 23, 2022

Decision 4

Presentation of the budget for the year 2022

The Executive Council,
HAVING EXAMINED the report on the management of ICDO funds in accordance with its missions and the programme for the year 2022,

ADOPTS the 2022 financial statement and will submit it to the 25th session of the General Assembly for approval.

Adopted on November 23, 2022

Decision 5

Arrears of Contributions

The Executive Council,

RECALLS Resolution V of the 22nd Session of the General Assembly which states that "If any Member State fails to meet its financial obligations to the Organization, or otherwise fails to fulfill its obligations under this Constitution, the General Assembly may, by resolution to this effect, suspend such Member State from the exercise of its rights and privileges as a Member of the Organization until such time as it shall have discharged its financial or other obligations."

TAKING IN ACCOUNT the request of some African Member States to implement, as in the past, alleviations plans,

HAVING CONSIDERED the state of arrears of contributions due from Member States and the annual plan for the settlement of arrears proposed by the Secretary General,

HAVING EXAMINED the alleviation plan proposed by the Secretary General for the year 2023,

THANKS those Member States which have paid their contributions and arrears,

ADOPTS the creation of an ad hoc commission in charge of proposing an alleviation plan and reviewing the scale of contributions of Member States for submission to the 56th session of the Executive Council. The commission is composed of the following countries: Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, China, Russia, Niger, Cameroon, Senegal and Côte d’Ivoire.

Adopted on November 23, 2022
Decision 6

Presentation of the current structure of the Organization and the draft Organization chart

The Executive Council,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Organization’s chart of the Permanent Secretariat,

HAVING EXAMINED the recruitment process within the Permanent Secretariat,

APPROVES the Organization’s chart,

DECIDES to publish job vacancies on the official website of ICDO with a clear description of the tasks.

Adopted on November 23, 2022

Decision 7

Budget for the year 2023

The Executive Council,

HAVING EXAMINED the draft budget for the year 2023,

HAVING CONSIDERED the need to save money to keep the Permanent Secretariat running,

DECIDES to hire the services of an external and independent audit cabinet that will conduct an annual audit before adoption of the financial statement that will be submitted to the Executive Council and the General Assembly,

RECOMMENDS:
- To increase transparency in the management of reserve funds;
- To spend the saved amounts of the budget on trainings;
- To maintain the budget of the International Monitoring and Coordination Center at 100,000CHF.

ADOPTS the budget and will submit it to the 25th session of the General Assembly for approval.
Decision 8

Recommendations of the Financial Commission

The Executive Council,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations of the Financial Commission which took place in Geneva from 12 to 13 May 2022,

APPROVES the said recommendations,

INVITES the Secretary General to implement these recommendations.

Adopted on November 23, 2022

Decision 9

ICDO’s Legal Advisor Report on pending cases

The Executive Council,

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of ICDO’s Legal Advisor,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the proposals made by ICDO’s Legal Advisor,

RECOMMENDS the Legal Advisor:
- To continuously report to the Secretary General and any relevant Body of ICDO upon request of its actions;
  - To take all necessary steps to quickly expedite pending cases.

Adopted on November 23, 2022
Decision 10

Recommendations of the ICDO Training Committee, 18-19 August 2022, Moscow, Russia

The Executive Council,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations of the Training Committee,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Internal Regulations of the Training Committee and the Organization chart of the said Committee,

HAVING CONSIDERED the training plan for the year 2023,

ACKNOWLEDGES the Internal Regulations of the said Committee, pending amendment of paragraph g of section 2.2 with the addition “of all member States” at the end of the paragraph,

APPROVES the training plan presented by the Secretariat,

INVITES the Permanent Secretariat:
- to send the documents related to the said committee to the Member States for their remarks,
- to send back the documents after revision in view of consideration at the 56th session of the Executive Council.

Adopted on November 23, 2022

Decision 11

Questions submitted by the Secretary General

The Executive Council,

HAVING CONSIDERED the matters submitted by the Secretary General,

APPROVES:
- To set up an ad hoc administrative commission composed of Algeria, Lebanon, Egypt, Kazakhstan and Pakistan. Its mandate will be to review Staff Regulations and Financial Regulations in order to adapt them to the Internal Regulations;
- To create a regional platform in Africa comprising a regional office, a regional training centre, a regional warehouse and a regional emergency center;
- To create a regional office located in Yaounde, Cameroon;
- To establish Portuguese as the 7th official language of ICDO;
- To set up a deadline not later than two weeks before the holding of the Executive Council and the General Assembly for the submission of candidacies to the position of President of the Governing Bodies as well as Members of the said Bodies;
- To set the limit for the number of Executive Council members at 25.

INVITES the Secretary General to implement these decisions.

Adopted on November 23, 2022

Decision 12

Revision of the system of Honours and Awards of the Civil Defence Order

The Executive Council,

HAVING CONSIDERED some inadequacies in the Statute of the International Order of Civil Defence,

INVITES the Permanent Secretariat to conduct consultations with voluntary Member States on the following topics:
- The revision of the Statute of the International Civil Defence Order;
- The rehabilitation of the Council and the Committee of the International Order;
- The rehabilitation of the Special Fund of the International Order;
- The creation of medals of bravery awarded based on the risks incurred by rescuers in dangerous situations.

INVITES the Permanent Secretariat to submit a report on the above-mentioned matters to the 56th session of the Executive Council.

Adopted on November 23, 2022

Decision 13
Theme of the World Civil Defence Day 2024

The Executive Council,

HAVING NOTED the interventions of the delegates,

HAVING CONSIDERED the themes of previous Days,

TAKES INTO ACCOUNT that the theme of the World Civil Defence Day for 2023 is: "The role of information technology in risk assessment",

DECIDES that the theme for 2024 will be "Innovative technologies at the service of civil defence", each Member State being free to adapt this theme to its best convenience,

INVITES Member States to spread the celebration of the World Civil Defence Day over several days.

Adopted on November 23, 2022

Decision 14

Review of the implementation of the decisions of the 54th session of the Executive Council

The Executive Council,

RECALLING the decisions of the 54th Session,

INVITES the Permanent Secretariat to continue its efforts to achieve its objectives.

Adopted on November 23, 2022

Decision 15

Adoption of the amendments of the Internal Regulations

The Executive Council,
HAVING CONSIDERED amendments of the Internal Regulations made by Member States,

THANKS the Member States for their contributions,

ADOPTS the amendments made by Member States on the following: paragraph 3 Article 2; 53; 64; 66; 68; 77; 78; paragraph 2 Article 83.

ADOPTS the replacement of “location of the Secretariat” by “Headquarters of the Organization”. This change shall be considered in every other version of the Internal Regulations written in all the official languages of ICDO.

Adopted on November 23, 2022

His Excellency Mr. Azamat MAMBETOV (Kyrgyzstan)
Chairman of the 55th Executive Council.

Her Excellency Mrs. Mariatou YAP
Secretary General of the ICDO.

Abu Dhabi, 23 November 2022
55th Session of the ICDO Executive Council.