



DECISIONS

Of the 57th Session of the ICDO Executive Council Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, 28-29 October, 2024

Decision 1

Opening of the 57th 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,

1. registers present the following Member States: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Georgia, Ghana, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Mauritania, Niger, Pakistan, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan (the Republic of), Tunisia, United Arab Emirates,
2. confirms hereby the legality of the Session in accordance with Article 25 of the Constitution.
3. welcomes H.E. Mr. Alexander Kurenkov, Minister of the Russian Federation for Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters, as the President of its 57th session.



Decision 2

Adoption of the agenda

The Executive Council,

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

1. *adopts* the agenda (Annex 1).

Decision 3

Report of the Secretary-General on ICDO Activities since the 56th Session of the Executive Council

The Executive Council,

having considered the Report of the Secretary General on ICDO Activities since the 56th Session of the Executive Council,

1. takes note of the report of the Secretary-General,
2. decides to transmit it to the General Assembly for consideration.

Decision 4

Review of the implementation the decisions of the 56th session of the Executive Council

The Executive Council,

recalling the decisions of the 56th meeting of the Executive Council,

1. takes note of the report of the Secretary General,



2. instructs the Permanent Secretariat to continue its endeavours to achieve the formulated objectives.

Decision 5

Report of the ICDO Finance Commission

The Executive Council,

having examined the Report of the ICDO Finance Commission (Annex 2):

1. thanks the Commission for its work;
2. adopts the report of the Finance Commission,
3. demands that the Permanent Secretariat not later than 28 January 2025 circulate with member states a report on the functioning of the ICDO Regional office for Africa (Yaoundé, Cameroon) to decide on its future modalities of work or its closure,
4. tasks the Permanent Secretariat to consult with the Member States concerned and to submit for approval by the 58th session of the Executive Council a strategy for the development of the Organization for the next five years,
5. tasks further the Permanent Secretariat to consult with interested Member States on the feasibility and envisaged modalities for the administrative and budgetary reform of the Organization and, to this end, decides to establish a relevant Working Group, respecting the principle of equitable geographical representation, to limit it to nine members that are not in arrears in the payment of their annual assessed contributions, and to include



- there the following States: Algeria, China, Cote d'Ivoire, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia,
6. recommends that the expenses of the functioning of the Working Group referred to in paragraph 5 of this Decision be borne by the Member States that make up the Working Group,
 7. decides to hold the first meeting of the Working Group no later than the first quarter of 2025,
 8. decides further to extend the mandate of the Working Group until the 58th session of the Executive Council in 2025, with possible further extension.

Decision 6

No Confidence Motion to the ICDO Secretary General

The Executive Council,

having taken into account the concerns of the Chairman of the ICDO Finance Commission,

1. puts to the vote of the Member States of the Executive Council the following question of confidence in Secretary General M. Yap: 'Do you support the early termination of Mariatou Yap's tenure as the Secretary General of the International Civil Defence Organization?'
2. registers the following results of the secret ballot: 10 in favor, 6 against, 8 did not vote,
3. notes, in accordance with Article 25 of the ICDO Constitution, the presence of the quorum of two-thirds of the Council,



4. notes, in accordance with Article 24 of the ICDO Constitution, that a simple majority of those voting, sufficient for the adoption of the decision, has voted in favor of a no confidence motion to the Secretary-General, M. Yap,
5. transfers, under the employment contract of the Secretary General, the decision of the Executive Council to the General Assembly at its 26th meeting for approval.

Decision 7

Budget for the financial year 2025

The Executive Council,

drawing attention to the urgent need to restore the financial stability of ICDO,

1. decides to approve the budget for 2025 in the amount of CHF 2 265 500,00 on the level of the budget for the year of 2024 (Annex 3),
2. decides further to increase the expenditure under Article 'Training' in Chapter 4 of the submitted draft budget to CHF 500,000.00 corresponding to the 2024 level and to increase the number of in person and distant training courses to be conducted,
3. decides also to reduce the expenditure under Article 'Salaries - full-time staff' in Chapter 2 of the submitted draft budget to CHF 780,000.00 corresponding to the 2024 level,
4. decides further to postpone the procurement of goods and services unless their acquisition is critical to the work of the Organization,



5. decides also to reduce the travel costs of the staff of the ICDO Permanent Secretariat to an extent that will not hinder the fulfilment by the ICDO of the goals and objectives enshrined in the statutory documents,
6. decides further, in accordance with Recommendation No. 3 of the ICDO Finance Commission (Geneva, 23-24 September 2024), to amend the Secretary-General's contract to exclude business class travel,
7. encourages Member States to become more active in launching humanitarian projects and to make voluntary contributions to the budget of the Organization, both in form of financial contributions and respective services, which will be used to achieve the objectives and purposes of ICDO as enshrined in its Constitution.

Decision 8

Contributions and arrears

The Executive Council,

expressing its serious concern at the persistent arrears of certain Member States to the Organization

1. expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure timely payment of their assessed contributions in full,
2. instructs the Secretary-General to prepare a report to the Executive Council on the interim results of her programme of work with Member States in arrears in the payment of their assessed contributions, including a list of those Member States with which the Permanent Secretariat has negotiated and the agreements reached



with them, and decides to extend the programme until the 58th session of the Executive Council,

3. instructs further the Permanent Secretariat to prepare for each Member State in arrears in the payment of its assessed contributions a multi-year supplementary payment plan for the phased settlement of the accumulated arrears, indicating the timing and amount of such payments, and to report to the Executive Council at its 58th session,

4. confirms that participation in multi-year payment plans allows Member States to retain their voting rights in the statutory bodies of ICDO,

5. requests further the Permanent Secretariat to consult with the Secretariats of the UN system organizations on the practice of multi-year supplementary payment plan arrangements,

6. instructs also the Permanent Secretariat to prepare a report on the work done with Member States in arrears in their assessed contributions for each session of the Executive Council,

7. demands, in accordance with Recommendations Nos. 1 and 2 of the ICDP Finance Commission (Geneva, 20 June 2023), that countries in arrears for a period exceeding three years should not be included in the Executive Council, and that the launching of new ICDO projects in these countries should be suspended.

8. in accordance with Resolution 5 of the 22nd Meeting of the ICDO General Assembly and Article 5 of the ICDO Constitution, applies the deprivation of voting rights during the meetings of the General Assembly and suspends the participation of the following countries in the ICDO Executive Council: Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Yemen.



9. reminds of the need to comply with the mentioned Recommendations of the ICDO Finance Commission, endorsed by the Executive Council at its 56th Session (Bishkek, 18-19 October 2023),
10. welcomes member countries to transfer their annual assessed contributions in accordance with the bank account details indicated in the letter of the Permanent Secretariat No. 09/10.24/ACC/A.L. dated 18 October 2024.

Decision 9

Staff of the Permanent Secretariat

The Executive Council,

drawing attention to the urgent need to restore the financial stability of the ICDO,

1. decides to impose a temporary ban on the recruitment of new staff except for secondments from Member States,
2. tasks the Permanent Secretariat to explore with Member States the possibilities of increasing the secondment of respective technical experts.

Decision 10

Appointment of the Deputy Secretary-General

The Executive Council

1. accepts, with effect from 1 December 2024, the resignation of Deputy Secretary-General Andrey Aleksandrovich Kudinov in connection with his letter of 23 October 2024 and thanks him for his work,



2. instructs the Permanent Secretariat to pay to Andrey Alexandrovich Kudinov the money provided for in his employment contract within the established time limits,
3. appoints Roman Petrovich Lapin as Deputy Secretary-General for a period of four years, effective 2 December 2024.

Decision 11

Legal action against the Organization

The Executive Council

1. instructs the Permanent Secretariat to determine the current level of financial claims by former staff members of the Organization seeking compensation through the courts and the feasibility of settling them, as well as the costs of pursuing such litigation, the level of potential growth in such financial claims and the sources of necessary funding,
2. instructs also the Secretary-General to prepare a report thereon and submit it to the Member States at the 58th session of the Executive Council.

Decision 12

Report of the Scientific and Educational Committee of ICDO

The Executive Council,



drawing attention to the importance of improving the capacity of the national civil defence services of the ICDO Member States through advanced training of respective technical experts,

1. welcomes the report of the Director of International Cooperation on the activities of the Scientific and Educational Committee,
2. expresses its satisfaction with the improvement of the quality of the trainings conducted,
3. encourages member countries to make proposals for adjustments to the Committee's International Training Plan 2025 before the end of 2024,
4. tasks the Permanent Secretariat to analyze the readiness of the countries hosting the trainings to cover a part of the costs of accommodation and meals for foreign participants,
5. tasks further the Permanent Secretariat to explore the possibility of organizing a part of the ICDO training programs on-line and to prepare a report to this effect for the 58th Session of the Executive Council,
6. tasks also the Permanent Secretariat to develop and circulate to the Member States a plan for on-line training courses, specifying the organizational modalities for participation.

Decision 13

ICDO Headquarters

The Executive Council,

noting the historic ICDO Headquarters building being a symbol of the Organization,



1. tasks the Permanent Secretariat to consolidate the efforts of the Member States and to make additional efforts aimed at preserving the historic ICDO Headquarters building in the use of the Organization.

Decision 14

Procedure for the preparation and submission for approval by the ICDO statutory bodies of initiatives with financial implications for the budget of the Organization

The Executive Council,

1. demands that all draft decisions prepared by the Permanent Secretariat that imply additional budgetary costs in their implementation be submitted to the Member States for approval only with a calculation of such budgetary implications and an indication of the source of funding.

Decision 15

Procedures for the preparation of reporting documents of the Permanent Secretariat for Project Activities

The Executive Council,

noting the unsatisfactory quality of the reporting documentation provided by the Permanent Secretariat on ICDO project activities,

1. decides to prepare interim progress reports for donor States on the implementation of technical assistance projects to Member States on a semi-



- annual basis, including an indication of the results achieved for each project activity and the resources utilized for these means,
2. decides also to prepare final reports to donor States on the implementation of technical assistance projects no later than three months after their completion, indicating all project activities implemented, their conformity with the original objectives, and the resources expended and unexpended,
 3. decides further to provide interim reports to donor States by 31 March 2025 on all ongoing technical assistance projects currently funded by them, as well as on all projects completed in the last five years that have been funded by such donor States,
 4. decides, in accordance with Article 15 of the ICDO Internal Regulations, to establish a Working Group of Russian experts to monitor and coordinate the implementation of Russian humanitarian projects,
 5. decides further to continue to fund all humanitarian projects implemented with donor funds from the Russian Federation in coordination and in close contact with the Working Group.

Decision 16

Amendments to the Internal Regulations of the ICDO

The Executive Council,

1. proposes to amend Article 77 of the ICDO Internal Regulations by reducing the term of office of the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary General from six to four years, with the change of the term of office not effecting the existing contracts of the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary General,



2. proposes further that Article 78 of the ICDO Internal Regulations be amended and that in paragraph 1.1, after the words 'a senior official of the civil defence or other emergency service of an ICDO Member State', be added 'and/or engage in international cooperation'.
3. transfers the decision of the Executive Council to the General Assembly at its 26th meeting for approval.

Decision 17
Affiliate Members

The Executive Council,

1. registers the absence of applications for ICDO affiliate member.

Decision 18
Theme for World Civil Defence Day 2026

The Executive Council,

1. decides that the theme of World Civil Defence Day 2026 shall be "Managing Environmental Risks for a Resilient and Sustainable Future".

Decision 19
Arabic version of the ICDO web-page

The Executive Council,



1. Thanks Kuwait for having translated the official ICDO website into Arabic,
2. notes with satisfaction that this donor project of Kuwait raises awareness of the populations in accordance with the principle of multilingualism,
3. invites Member States to assist the Permanent Secretariat in translating the ICDO webs-page into the other official languages of the Organization.

Decision 20

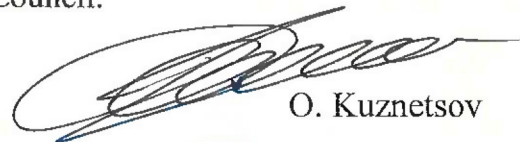
ICDO Regional Office for Central Asia and Asia

The Executive Council,

having heard the report of the representative of Kyrgyzstan on the activities of the ICDO Regional Office for Central Asia and Asia (Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek) in the year of 2024,

1. thanks the Kyrgyz side for its efforts in launching the ICDO Regional Office,
2. encourages to continue the work of the Office and to report on the results of its activities to the 58th session of the Executive Council.

The President of the Executive Council:



O. Kuznetsov

The Vice-President of the Executive Council:



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