25th Session of the General Assembly
Abu Dhabi, 24 November 2022

DECISIONS

Decision 1

According to Articles 10 and 11 of the Internal Regulations, the General Assembly established the Credentials Verification Committee composed of:

1. Ms Andréa NOUGI-BOOH, Assistant to the Secretary General;
2. Mr Herve-Philippe BATOUM, Human Resources Officer.

The General Assembly having considered the Credentials Verification Committee’s report confirming that the mandates of all the delegates present were valid.

As stated, the General Assembly unanimously adopted the Credentials Verification Committee’s report. The quorum and right to vote requirements set out in Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution were fulfilled.

Number of Member States: 60
Number of Member States present: 47
Number of Member States absent: 13
Number of Observers present: 1
Number of Affiliated Members: 3

Adopted on 24 November, 2022

Decision 2

Adoption of the Agenda

The General Assembly adopted unanimously the draft Agenda as presented by its President.
Decision 3

Election of the President and Vice-President of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

ELECTED Tunisia, represented by Mr Abdessamed Benjeddou, as President, for the term of 2022-2024.

REAPPOINTED Nicaragua, represented by General Trujillo, as Vice-President for the term of 2022-2024.

Decision 4

Election of members of the Executive Council

The General Assembly,

ACTING in accordance with the Article 14 (b) and Article 18 of the Constitution,

ELECTS the following Member States for a four-year mandate (2022-2026): Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Senegal, Ghana, Sudan.

All these States are called upon to designate a representative to the Executive Council.

The composition of the next Executive Council will be as follows (24 members):

1. Algeria (2024)
2. Kuwait (2024)
3. Saudi Arabia (2024)
4. Bahrain (2024)
5. Mauritania (2024)
6. Tunisia (2024)
7. China (2024)
8. Niger (2024)
9. United Arab Emirates
10. Egypt (2024)
11. Pakistan (2024)
12. Jordan (2024)

13. Qatar (2024)
14. Azerbaijan (2026)
15. Burkina Faso (2026)
16. Cameroon (2026)
17. Cote d’Ivoire (2026)
18. Georgia (2026)
19. Kazakhstan (2026)
Decision 5

New Member States and New Affiliated Members

The General Assembly,

1. Welcomes the admission of the Republic of Vanuatu as new Member State;

2. Welcomes the admission of the following Affiliated Members:

   a. “Semser – ort sondirushi”, Kazakhstan
   b. Association Départementale des Radio-émiteurs au Service de la Protection Civile (ADRASEC), Madagascar
   c. Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction, Kazakhstan
   d. “Synergy Corporation”, Russia
   e. University of Civil Protection of the Ministry for Emergency Situations, Belarus
   f. International Sport Federation for Firefighters and Rescuers
   g. The State Rescuer Training center of the Ministry of Emergency Situation, Kyrgyzstan
   h. Academy of Jordan

3. Calls upon Member States to cooperate fruitfully with the new members.
4. Takes note that Georgia has expressed its objection with the list of affiliated members.

Decision 6
Status of Observer States

The General Assembly,

CONFIRMS, according to Article 2, para. 2 of the Internal Regulations, the Observer status for a two-year period of the following States: Belarus, Chile, Comoros, France, Indonesia, Malta, Mauritius, Monaco, Portugal, Rwanda, Slovakia, Switzerland, South Africa, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe.

Adopted on 24 November, 2022

Decision 7

Report of the Secretary General
on the Activities of the Organization
since the 24th Session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

HAVING EXAMINED with satisfaction the Secretary General’s reports on the activities of the Organization since the 24th session of the General Assembly,

ADOPTS the presented reports.

Adopted on 24 November, 2022
Decision 8

Adoption of the program of ICDO’s activities for the years 2023 and 2024

The General Assembly,

HAVING CONSIDERED the draft program of ICDO’s activities for the years 2023 and 2024,

ADOPTS the program.

Adopted without a vote on 24 November, 2022

Decision 9

Presentation of the budget for the year 2022

The General Assembly,

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.

Adopted on November 24, 2022

Decision 10

Arrears of Contributions

The General Assembly,

RECALLING 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 and for approval by the 26th session of the General Assembly. The commission is composed of the following countries: Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, China, Russia, Niger, Cameroon, Senegal and Côte d’Ivoire.

Adopted on November 24, 2022

Decision 11

Budget for the year 2023

The General Assembly,

HAVING EXAMINED the draft budget for the year 2023 adopted by the Executive Council,

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.
ADAPTS the budget.

Decision 12

Questions submitted by the Secretary General

The General Assembly,

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;
- To conduct consultations with voluntary Member States on the revision of the system of Honours and Awards of the International Civil Defence Order.

INVITES the aforementioned commissions to submit their reports to the 56th session of the Executive Council and the 26th session of the General Assembly.

INVITES the Secretary General to implement these decisions.
Internal Regulations of the ICDO

The General Assembly,

Having considered the amendments to the Internal Regulations as presented by the Executive Council on the following: paragraph 3 Article 2; 53; 64; 66; 68; 77; 78; paragraph 2 Article 83.

1. Thanks the Executive Council for its contributions,

2. Approves the presented amendments;

3. Decides:
   - that the updated standard English version of the Internal Regulation shall enter into force immediately,
   - that term “location of the Secretariat” should be replaced by the term “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 24 November, 2022

Decision 14

Host country of the 26th session of the ICDO General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Having considered that no country proposed itself to host the 26th session,

Invites the Permanent Secretariat to conduct bilateral negotiations with Member States for this purpose.

Adopted on 24 November, 2022

Decision 15

Decisions of the 54th and 55th Sessions of the Executive Council
The General Assembly,

*Having read and examined the Decisions of the 54th and 55th Sessions of the Executive Council,*

*Approves unanimously* these decisions;

*Requests* the Secretary General to implement the aforementioned decisions.

*Adopted on 24 November, 2022*

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*Mr ABDESSAMED BENJEDDOU*
*President of the General Assembly*

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

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