Voting System (amendment)

Current text in the governance and strategy paper:

"The selection of the SC members takes place in the preparation for the GM and the composition of the SC is approved at the GM. The nomination process is carried out within the different electoral groups and may be facilitated, on request, by the MPS. The members within each electoral group are invited to express their interest in becoming a member of the SC. The selection will then be made through a voting system within each electoral group.

The SC members will serve for four years and can be re-elected for a second four-year term. The SC members select a Chairperson and one or two Vice-Chair(s). These positions rotate on a two-year basis to ensure active engagement of new leaders and to avoid extended over-reliance on the willingness of just a few MP members to commit the time, energy and resources that are required to fulfill these roles. The Chair is responsible for conducting the meetings of the SC. The Vice-Chair(s) will conduct SC meetings in the absence of the Chair."

Suggested amendment:

1. Nominations to the SC

The selection of the candidates to the Steering Committee takes place during the preparation for the Global Meeting. The composition of the SC is approved at the GM. The nomination process is carried out within the different electoral groups and may be facilitated, on request, by the MPS. The members within each electoral group are invited to express their interest in becoming a member of the SC. The deadline for MP members to advance their candidacy is one month before the start of the GM. Nominations will have to be sent to the Secretariat and will be published on the MP website until the new SC is formally elected during the GM.

2. Voting System

Following the closing of nominations, the selection of Steering Committee members will be made through a voting system within each electoral group during the GM. Members present at the GM cast their vote during the elections that will take place during the GM. Members unable to attend may choose to nominate a proxy (i.e. delegate another member) from the same electoral group to cast a vote on their behalf. The deadline for MP members to delegate their vote to another organization/government attending the meeting is the first day of the Global Meeting. Members that cannot be present at the GM and wants to nominate a proxy, should send an email to the MPS advising which member will be the proxy. Voters do not have restrictions concerning the number of proxy votes they are able to cast. The organization receiving the proxy will have a free mandate.

3. Elections

During the GM, the voting will be carried out through a written open ballot. All MP members present at the GM are entitled to vote on their behalf and on behalf of their proxies. In case of draw among two or more candidates, members present at the GM will cast again their vote but will be able to choose only among the two leading candidates. In case of draw, members will be able to vote exclusively on their behalf and not on behalf of their proxies. This process will be repeated until a candidate gains the majority of the votes.

In case of resignation from a Steering Committee member, the alternate from its constituency will become the SC member for that group. If no alternate is present, the SC seat will remain vacant. The by-election of the SC member process is carried out within the different electoral groups and may be facilitated, on request, by the MPS.

4. Steering Committee Mandate

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