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Current election procedures and Bureau of 2008-2010 period

1. At its meeting in June 2006, the Committee on Statistics (CSTAT) agreed on the procedures for future elections of the Chair and Members to the CSTAT Bureau. It was agreed that election procedures were to be transparent, democratic and would ideally produce a consensus candidate for all positions. All Delegates would be eligible for these positions, and would be elected in a personal capacity¹. At the same time, attention would be paid to achieving a geographical balance, a balance between small and large countries, and between EU and non-EU countries.

2. In particular, it was agreed to elect Bureau members for a two-year period (with the possibility of a two-year renewal²) with the following composition: three Officers (one chair and two vice-chairs) and up to six members. In addition, the following international organisations were invited to join the Bureau as permanent observers: Eurostat; the International Monetary Fund; the United Nations (ECE and UNSD) and the World Bank. The Committee had agreed that the Chair or one of the two Vice-Chairs (whoever is not requesting or not eligible for re-election) would consult members and then prepare a list of proposed nominees to be submitted to the Committee, together with any additional nominations from members, for a vote. This procedure was followed for the 2008-2010 election of Bureau members.

Election for 2010-2011 period

3. At its meeting on 25 February 2010, the CSTAT Bureau noted that none of its current officers were ineligible for re-election to the Bureau, and subsequently agreed to ask Ms. Jeskanen-Sundstrom as the departing Bureau member to take on the role of consulting members to prepare a list of proposed nominees for the 2010-2011 election of the Bureau.

4. This list of nominees will be presented to members at the June meeting. The Committee will then be invited to elect the new Bureau for the period June 2010 – December 2011.

5. The election procedures for the 2010-2011 Bureau should be considered as a transitional measure given the Council's new Rules of Procedure. The Secretariat is preparing draft revised Election Procedures (see below) for discussion by the Bureau at its February 2011 meeting which will then be submitted to CSTAT for endorsement through the written procedure.

¹ However, if a Bureau member resigns from their position due to a change in function or departure from their post in the NSO, the vacant Bureau position may be offered to the resigning member's replacement at the NSO. If not accepted, the Bureau may decide to leave the position vacant or to invite another CSTAT Member from a country from the same geographical area to participate until the end of the current term.

² If a Bureau member is subsequently elected to an officer position, then the length of service in the new function would be counted from the date of the appointment to the new position, but would not exceed six consecutive years: *e.g.* a member of the Bureau could serve four years followed by a further two-year period as an elected official, or two years as member and a further four-year period as an elected official.

Future elections

6. The OECD Council adopted new Rules of Procedures in 2008 which provide adjusted guidelines on the role and establishment of Committee Bureaus and their election procedures. The Manual for the Guidance of Chairmen of the Subsidiary Bodies of the Organisation is accordingly being updated to reflect these changes. The Secretariat has prepared revised election procedures for future Bureau elections to bring CSTAT's guidelines in line with the new Rules of Procedure, in particular Rule 15 (see an extract in the box below). The new procedure would come into effect in the course of 2011 for election of the 2012 Bureau.

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Rule 15

a) Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 10 of the Convention, the Chair, Vice-Chairs and other bureau Members of bodies of the Organisation shall be designated yearly by mutual agreement through a transparent and fair process.

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c) The term of office for the Chair, Vice-Chairs and other bureau Members of all other subsidiary bodies, to the designated by these bodies, shall begin on 1 January.

d) The Chair, Vice-Chairs and other bureau Members of all bodies shall be designated for the coming year at the last plenary meeting of these bodies or no later than 31 December of the preceding year.

Election Guidelines

Frequency of elections

7. The Chair and members of the Bureau of the Committee on Statistics are to be elected every year in respect of Rule 15 of the OECD Rules of Procedure.

Composition of the Bureau

8. All delegates are eligible for election to these positions. In making its choice, the Committee shall endeavour to elect the persons who appear best qualified to give effective, helpful and impartial direction to its work. Bureau members are to be elected in a personal capacity, without regard to nationality. The Committee will strive however to ensure a good geographical balance amongst its Bureau members.

9. The Bureau will be composed of one Chair, one or two vice-Chairs, and up to five additional members. At the discretion of the Chair, the Bureau may decide to convene meetings in an enlarged capacity to include delegates from other countries in discussion on a specific topic.

Term limits

10. The overall term of office for the Chair, vice-Chair and members of the Bureau should not exceed 3 years. If however a Bureau member is subsequently elected to an officer position, then the length of service in the new function would be counted from the date of appointment to the new position, but should not exceed six consecutive years.

Election procedures

11. Following the CSTAT plenary in June 2011, the Secretariat will send a message to all delegates requesting nominations for the Bureau. Current Bureau members should indicate their intentions to remain on the Bureau at that time.

12. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacant seats, informal consultations should be carried out by the Secretariat to determine whether all candidates wish to continue their candidacy or whether some would decide to withdraw. If no candidate withdraws, informal consultations will take place with all member countries to determine where consensus may lie and which candidates have the widest support. Following this feedback, if no candidate withdraws and if consensus can not be reached, the Committee may decide to conduct a straw poll. In such a case, all candidates would be asked to send their curriculum vitae to the Secretariat along with a short description of their interest highlighting the contribution they foresee they would make to the group. This information would be communicated to delegates who would indicate their preferences. The candidates with the least number of preferences would then be invited to withdraw their application.

13. The proposed list of candidates would then be sent to the Committee for a vote through the written procedure before the end of the year. The new Bureau would take up their functions on 1 January of the next year.