

23.2 Voting and Elections

Independent scrutineers will be appointed by the General Assembly in order to supervise the elections and count the votes.

The voting delegates shall receive their ballot sheets containing the names of all candidates standing for the respective body or post at registration. **The voting shall be carried out by marking with an X those candidate/s from the list who the voter wishes to elect.**

Ballot sheets shall not be considered as valid if they include names other than the candidates, contain more names than the vacant posts, or bear any marking permitting the recognition of the voter. Ballot sheets with all candidates' names deleted shall be regarded as abstention and therefore will not be counted.

If all vacancies have not been filled as a result of the first ballot, the following procedure will apply:

- a) The number of candidates who will take part in the second ballot, selected according to the number of votes obtained by each candidate, will be determined according to the following formula:-
Number of vacant post(s), plus one.
- b) In case of an identical number of candidates and vacant posts after the first ballot, all candidates will take part in a second ballot.

In both cases, only the candidate(s) who has/have obtained the absolute majority of half plus 1 (rounded to the higher whole number) of the votes present, will be elected. There will be no third ballot and the remaining post(s) will remain vacant.

Ordinary General Assembly convened by Council. In the event that there would be more than one post to fill during the General Assembly or Extra-Ordinary General Assembly in question, the candidate(s) having obtained the least number of votes will terminate the mandate(s) prematurely vacated.

After the elections, the Chairman of the meeting shall announce the results indicating the total number of votes cast, the number of abstentions as well as the number of void and valid votes. Furthermore, s/he shall announce the number of votes on which the quorum is based as well as the voting result for each of the candidates.

The signed scrutineers' results shall be preserved, but the actual voting papers shall be destroyed immediately after the closing of the respective meeting of the General Assembly or Extra-Ordinary General Assembly, except where the result is challenged. Any such protest must be made in writing and presented to the President before the closing of the relevant meeting of the General Assembly or Extra-Ordinary General Assembly.

For all bodies, only valid votes shall be regarded as votes cast. Abstentions, blank and void votes or ballot sheets shall be deducted before the votes are counted. The necessary quorum shall be established on the basis of votes remaining.