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AMCOMET Constitution and Rules of Procedures

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Central Africa:	Chad	
Western Africa:	Mauritania	
Northern Africa:	Morocco	



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Background: Constitution and Rules of Procedures

- **Decision 02/1 Second Session of AMCOMET**
Oct. 2012, decided to:
 - postpone the consideration of the Constitution and Rules of Procedures to allow Member States and other relevant institutions time to consult with legal counsels
 - Establish a Task Force to consider comments and prepare revised drafts



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Background: Constitution and Rules of Procedures

- **EX.CL/Dec 744 (XXII) African Union Summit**
Jan. 2013:
 - took note of the decisions taken during the Second Session of AMCOMET; and
 - Endorse the decisions contained therein



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Decisions on Specialized Technical Committees (STCs)

- **Assembly/AU/Dec. 227 (XII)**, the Assembly:
 - takes note of the Report of the Commission on Specialized Technical Committees (STCs)
 - decides to reconfigure the STCs as follows (14 STCs)
 - Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment



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Decisions on Specialized Technical Committees (STCs)

- **Assembly/AU/Dec. 365 (XII)**, the Assembly:
 - takes note of the Report of the Commission on the implementation of Dec 227 on the STCs
 - decides that STCs should meet at the level of ministers and experts once every two years



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Decisions on Specialized Technical Committees (STCs)

- **Assembly/AU/Dec. 365 (XII)**, the Assembly:
 - Decides that the Coordinating Mechanism of the STCs shall be made up of the Bureaus of the various STCs
 - Authorises that it meets every year and that the Chairpersons of the various STCs attend the sessions of the Executive Council



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Advise from the Office of the Legal Counsel of the AU

- following the reconfiguration of the STCs per Dec 227, Ministerial Conferences will be abolished (restructured) in 2014;
- AMCOMET falls under the STC on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment;
- all Ministerial Conferences use Rules of Procedures of the Executive Council, hence AMCOMET cannot adopt its own Rules of Procedure;



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Advise from the Office of the Legal Counsel of the AU

- AMCOMET cannot adopt its own Constitution since it is only a Sectorial Ministerial Conference and not an organisation;
- AMCOMET, like other organs of the AU, including STCs, should be governed by the Constitution of the Union, namely the Constitutive Act of the African Union.



Feedback From Member States on the Constitution

Article 2: Name and Composition

The **name of the conference shall be** the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology (**hereinafter referred to as** “AMCOMET”), which shall be composed of African Ministers responsible for meteorology.



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Feedback From Member States on the Constitution

Article 2: Appointment of the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the **AMCOMET Bureau**, in consultation with WMO and AUC.



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Feedback From Member States on the Constitution

Tenure of the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary shall **be appointed at each Ordinary Session** of the Conference and shall hold office until the next Ordinary Session, with a **maximum** term limit of **four Ordinary Sessions (8 years)**.



Feedback From Member States on the Constitution

Equitable Distribution of Appointments (the following has been proposed to be included under Article 14.1)

*In appointing staff to offices in the Secretariat, regard shall be had, subject to the paramount importance of securing the highest standard of integrity, efficiency and technical competence, to the desirability of maintaining the **principle of equal opportunities** and an **equitable distribution** of appointments to such offices **among citizens of all Member States**.*



Feedback From Member States on the Constitution

Withdrawal of Member States (the following has been proposed to be included under Article 14.1)

*In the event that a Member State may require to withdraw its membership from AMCOMET, **a notice period of (to be decided)** is required to facilitate the formal withdrawal process and ensure that existing obligations of said Member State are fulfilled prior to withdrawal.*



Feedback From Member States on the Rules of Procedures

Rule 7

2. Extra-Ordinary Sessions of AMCOMET may also be requested outside an Ordinary session by:
 - a) At least **fifteen (15)** member states of the Conference;



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COMMENTS / DISCUSSIONS



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