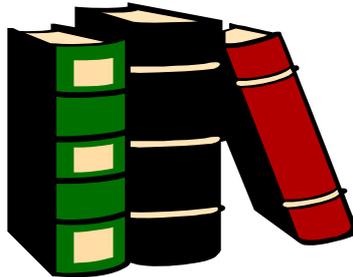




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AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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Pursuant to Article IV.3.b) of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina at its 85th session held on 18 September 2006, adopted the

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Article 1

In the Rules of Procedure of the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of BiH, No. 33/06), in Article 6, a new Paragraph 2 shall be added and shall read as follows:

“(2) Political parties, coalitions, and lists of independent candidates that have their representatives elected to the House of Representatives, shall each propose one candidate at the inaugural session, whereas the elected independent candidates shall be nominated automatically for membership of the Committee on Preparation of Election of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina. At the same session the House shall decide about the membership of the Committee on Preparation of Election of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina immediately after the Collegium of the House is elected.”

Article 2

In Paragraph 2 of Article 7, after the words “to realise her/his functions”, the following words shall be added: “with the exception of the Committee on Preparation of Election of the Council of Ministers”.

Article 3

In Article 30, the new paragraph (2) shall be added to read as follows:

“(2) Paragraph 1 of this Article shall not apply to the composition of the Committee on Preparation of Election of the Council of Ministers.”

The former paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) shall become paragraph (3), (4), and (5).

Article 4

After Article 30 the new Article 30.a) shall be added to read as follows:

“Article 30.a)

(Composition of the Committee on Preparation of CoM Election)

(1) The number of members of the Committee on Preparation of CoM Election (hereinafter referred to as: the Committee) is not constant and shall be established for

each newly elected House separately at the inaugural session depending on the election returns.

(2) The number of the Committee members during the term of office of the newly elected House may not be changed regardless of any potential change in relation to the inaugural session of the House, concerning the membership in the political parties and coalitions, or concerning any subsequent acquisition of status of an independent delegate. The exception shall be the end of mandate for the independent candidate, in case that such position is not to be filled.

(3) The Committee shall be made of one representative of each political party, coalition, list of independent candidates as well as all independent candidates who hold the delegated mandates in the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

(4) In the event that the delegated mandate ends for a member of the Committee as provided under the BiH Election Law, his/her Committee membership shall automatically be awarded to the candidate of the political party, coalition and list of independent candidates that have received the vacant mandate. In the event that the delegated mandate ends for an independent candidate, the position in the Committee shall remain vacant. ”

Article 5

After Article 34, paragraph (4), the full-stop shall be deleted and the following words shall be added: “except for the session of the Committee on Preparation of Election of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.”

The new paragraph (5) shall be added to read as follows:

“(5) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this Article, the sessions of the Committee on Preparation of Election of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be convened at the initiative of the Chair and at the proposal of at least one member of this Committee.”

Article 6

In Article 40, paragraph (1), after the words “Gender equality” the full stop shall be replaced with a comma and the item g) shall be added to read as follows:

g) The Committee on Preparation of Election of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.”

Article 7

After Article 46, the new Article 46a) shall be added to read as follows:

Article 46.a)
(The Committee on Preparation of Election of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina)

(1) The Committee on Preparation of Election of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall research and analyze all available information for the purpose of assessing and establishing the suitability of persons to exercise the functions of the positions as Chair and members of the Council of Ministers to which they have been nominated and shall by providing its opinion make recommendation to the House of Representatives in favor of confirming the candidates nominated to the positions of Chair and members of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

(2) The recommendation of the Committee shall not be binding upon the House of Representatives.

(3) Within the deadline prescribed by the Law, the Presidency and the Chair shall each forward to the Committee, the Presidency for the person nominated to the position as Chair of the Council of Ministers, whereas the Chair for the persons nominated to the positions as Ministers and Deputy Ministers, the following information:

- (a) A signed declaration, the form and content of which shall be prescribed by the Central Election Commission, by which the nominated person provides the information referred to in sub-items 1) to 6) of item (a) of Paragraph 1 of Article 10d. of the Law on the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- (b) An official confirmation from the Central Election Commission certifying his/her compliance with all requirements under Article 10c of the Law on the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 8

After Article 46 the new Article 46b) which reads as follows:

Article 46.b)
(Procedures followed by the Committee on Preparation of Election of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina)

(1) A member of the Committee on Preparation of Election of the Council of Ministers may request that a person nominated to the position of Chair of Council of Ministers, Ministers and Deputy Ministers be invited to attend a session of this Committee and answer questions asked.

(2) The member of the Committee shall have a total of five (5) minutes for asking the questions referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article per person nominated.

(3) Each person nominated shall have a total of fifteen (15) minutes to answer all questions asked by the member of the Committee pursuant to Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article.

(4) The request to attend the session to answer questions referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Committee on Preparation of Election of the Council of Ministers. The Chair shall send the request to the respective addressee.

(5) The Committee may restrict access of the public referred to in 92, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure at the session where the person nominated to the position of Chair of the Council of Ministers, Ministers and Deputy Ministers is supposed to answer the questions asked.

(6) Should the nominated person fail to respond to the invitation to attend the Committee session, the Committee may postpone the discussion on that matter and notify the proponent thereof – i.e. the Presidency and the Chair of the Council of Ministers respectively, and request from them to make sure that the nominated person attends the following session. Should the nominated person fail to respond to the invitation to attend the following session, the person shall not receive the recommendation for his/her confirmation.

Article 9

These amendments shall enter into force eight (8) days after their publication in the “Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina”, and shall apply after 2006 General Elections.

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