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### **Report of the Nominations Committee**

The nominations committee recommends that the central committee adopt the following:

1. Amendments to the WCC Constitution and Rules as stated in Doc. No. GEN 06.rev.
2. That the central committee, as a matter of policy, instruct the general secretary to consult regularly with the permanent committee on consensus and collaboration concerning applications for membership in the WCC and to involve the members of the permanent committee on visits to potential members.
3. The document No. Gen/Nom 02.rev., Membership in governing bodies and consultative groups.
4. That the central committee elaborate on whether the number of people in the core group of the programme committee of the central committee can be increased from 7 to 8 members.
5. To receive document Gen 07, Functions of the governing bodies, and to forward the comments to the executive committee for further deliberation. Additionally, the entire document will be acted upon in the next central committee meeting.

#### **Narrative rationale for the above recommendations**

1. Doc. GEN.06.rev
  - a. Rule I – The nominations committee recommends that no. 6 be edited to read resignation and suspension. Additionally, to divide point “6” into A. and B in order to clarify the difference between resignation and suspension.
  - b. Rule VIII.2.c – The nominations committee appreciates the rationale behind the proposal by the executive committee for the addition of 2.c. to Rule VIII, as central committee meetings are held every 18 months (current practice). However, the nominations committee is of the view that the executive committee already has sufficient power under Rule VIII.2.a, b, and c and Rule VII.2 to act in between central committee meetings.

Should the need for urgent action to be taken on matters reserved for the central committee this can be done through electronic mail as has been the practice in the past.

The proposal by the executive committee for the addition of 2c to Rule VIII is therefore not supported.

2. There are no objections to this recommendation.
3. Doc. GEN/NOM 02 rev
  - a. Permanent committee on consensus and collaboration

The nomination of Dr Agnes Abuom will maintain the balances already in place per Inger Aasa Marklund's membership on the permanent committee.
  - b. The nominations committee offers approval of the four names for Echos – Commission on Youth in the Ecumenical Movement and the approval of the five names for the Faith and Order Plenary Commission so that official leadership is in place to carry out the work of Echos and the Faith and Order Plenary Commission.
4. The nominations committee was approached by the Echos steering committee. In order to ensure appropriate balance in the core group of the programme committee of the central committee, Echos asked that the nominations committee return to the approved central committee document GEN 05 and recommend that a young member of the programme committee be included in the core group. The nominations committee reacted to this proposal positively and returns the question of the number of core group members to the central committee for approval and for possible further action.
5. Document GEN 07
  - a. The nominations committee welcomed the opportunity to discuss GEN 07 Functions of the governing bodies.
  - b. In paragraph 1 – 1.1:
    - i. There is a need to add some description of functions of all officers of the central committee, not just the moderator.
  - c. That the functions of the presidents should be mentioned.
  - d. In paragraph 2
    - i. The executive committee acts as a nominations committee to the central committee. Please refer to Rule VII.2
  - e. In paragraph 3
    - i. The central committee elects various committees and consultative bodies.
  - f. In paragraph 3.1
    - i. The words "composition etc." should be deleted from the point 3.1. Please note that Rule X.3.e. speaks of the mandate and size of the commissions for the programme committee.
  - g. In paragraph 3.3
    - i. The nominations committee should be given the task of matters concerning the constitution and staffing, according to current practices within the central committee.

h. In paragraph 3.6

i. The nominations committee recommends the following point:

- Is consulted regularly concerning applications for membership in the WCC.