

**PROCEDURE FOR OPERATION OF COMMISSIONS**

To receive the proposal from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee on the operation of ISAF Commissions

**Current Situation**

At present ISAF has two operating Commissions, the Medical Commission and the International Regulations Commission. The creation, composition and role of a commission is different from a committee. In the first place a commission has no fixed length of time. Secondly commissions are formed to obtain specific kinds of professional or technical advice that normally would not be available from the Executive Committee or ISAF Committee structure. Thirdly it is a body formed to advise the Executive Committee on specific areas of professional or technical expertise.

**Proposal**

The Executive Committee proposes to set out these characteristics in a new regulation that will govern the creation, appointment to and the operation of such commissions as shall be created. The following is the proposed Regulation 41:

- 41.1 Commissions are specialized bodies created to advise the Executive Committee on specific areas of professional or technical expertise. Although a Commission may be created for a temporary period this would not normally be for an anticipated period of less than eighteen months.
- 41.2 Subject to the provisions of Sections 41.3 and 41.4 below, the creation, mandate (including terms of reference), operation of commissions, the appointment of its members and changes in commission membership are the responsibility of the Executive Committee.
- 41.3 The Executive Committee may recommend to Council for its approval the creation of a commission for a temporary or permanent period and a duration to be specified.
- 41.4 The purposes of the Commission shall be expressed by Terms of Reference which shall also be recommended to the Council. On acceptance by the Council of the Executive Committee's recommendation for the establishment of the commission and its terms of reference, the Commission is created either for a specified or indefinite period.
- 41.5 The Commission shall report directly to the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee shall decide how to act on such reports. Reports from Commissions shall, at the Executive Committee's discretion, be confidential until such time as the Executive Committee deems them in the public domain.

**Reasons**

To provide a uniform structure for the creation, mandate (including terms of reference), appointment of members and operation of ISAF commissions.