

## **Women’s Representation in Council**

### Article 39.1(f)

A submission from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

#### **Proposal:**

That Council make a submission to the next General Assembly that the Constitution be altered as follows; to delete Article 39.1(f):

### **THE COUNCIL**

39.1 The Council of the Federation shall consist of:-

- (a) the President;
- (b) the seven Vice-Presidents;
- (c) not more than 30 members appointed by Full Members;
- (d) The Chairman of the ISAF Offshore Committee;
- (e) a member appointed by the International Classes Committee;
- ~~(f) a woman member appointed by:~~
  - ~~(i) Women Vice Presidents~~
  - ~~(ii) Women members of Council, and~~
  - ~~(iii) The women of Committees or Sub-committees, the members of which are nominated by Member National Authorities;~~
- (g) the Treasurer who, unless already a member in some other capacity, shall be an ex-officio non-voting member and shall be appointed by the Council;
- (h) The Council as determined by Articles (a) to (g) above will have not less than twenty (20) per cent women members as may be established by agreement by those entitled to appoint member or by Regulation.

If Submission 031-06 is approved by the General Assembly, delete Article 39.1(f), and renumber Article 39.1(g) as Article 39.1(f), etc.

#### **Current position:**

As above

#### **Reason:**

Article 39.1 (f) exists to ensure that there is at least one woman on Council. Council may consider that, as submission 031-06 provides for the appointment of a number of women on to Council, it is logical to delete this provision, provided that submission is approved by the General Assembly. However, if Council considers that the woman member should be retained as well, it would be in order to do so, in which case this submission should be rejected.