

Directive for International Commissions

1. Principle

The basis for this Directive is Article 14 and Article 20 of the International Statute.

In accordance with International Statute, Article 14.1, there shall be five standing International Commissions

- International Commission for External Relations (ERC)
- International Cultural Commission (ICC)
- International Internal Commission (IIC)
- International Professional Commission (IPC)
- International Social Commission (ISC)

The IEC may provisionally appoint additional commissions to deal with specific issues. The Chairman of such a commission may be permitted to participate in IEC meetings but without the right to vote.

2. Purpose of the International Commissions

The International Commissions are supporting bodies of the PEB. Within their working areas they should develop ideas and make recommendations to the PEB.

3. Authorities

The International Commissions are not decision-making bodies and any recommendations require the approval of the PEB.

The PEB will decide which Commission will undertake a specific task, which is not already clearly defined in "Allocation of Tasks" below.

When specific assignments are given, the authority to take decisions must be placed on record, together with the available funds. Within this authority the Commissions may complete their assignments independently.

Should it be necessary to contact the National Sections when executing a specific task of the Commission (mailing of questionnaires or requests for information) use of the International Secretary General's "Newsletter" should be taken into consideration.

4. Method of working

Each Commission shall have a member of the PEB as its Chairman. Each shall consist of at least four members who shall be appointed afresh or as new members by the newly elected PEB.

Each Commission may meet once a year for a working session, which will be convened by the Chairman. Prior to finalising arrangements, the Chairman will liaise with the International Treasurer in relation to costing and settlement of accounts.

The venue for Commission meetings must be conveyed to the National Board of the Section where the meeting will take place.

Commissions must co-operate in the case of overlapping tasks and joint meetings may be held with other Commissions, if necessary.

The PEB may request a joint meeting with any Commission to enable a more intensive debate of any task being undertaken.

5. Reports

The Chairman of each Commission will inform the PEB about their work by providing copies of minutes and submitting reports at PEB meetings.

The Commissions will provide any necessary reports for the information of organisations in which the IPA is represented.

The Chairmen of the Commissions will provide IEC Conferences and World Congresses with a written report of their activities in accordance with Article 12.4 of the International Rules.

6. Allocation of Tasks

6.1 International Commission for External Relations (ERC)

Tasks of the International Commission for External Relations are:

- Correspondence with International Organisations approved by the PEB,
- Attendance at conferences of other International Organisations when appropriate,
- Attendance at the centres of other International Organisations when appropriate.
- Collate relevant information for submission to other International Organisations,
- Collate relevant information for IPA Publications.

6.2 International Cultural Commission (ICC)

Tasks of the International Cultural Commission are:

- Promotion of cultural activities,
- International Youth Gatherings (co-ordination and advising organisers),
- International educational events other than policing matters
- International Competitions (proposals for the issuing, execution and prize distribution),
- IEC Conference and World Congress theme topics
- Co-ordination of matters regarding hobbies (collectors, radio amateurs, request for pen-friends, etc.).

6.3 International Internal Commission (IIC)

Tasks of the International Internal Commission are:

- Recommendations for amendments to the International Statute and Rules,
- Assistance to Sections with the wording of motions,
- Recommendations to the PEB and Sections on submitted motions,
- Examination of National Statutes, Rules and supporting documents,

- Examination of draft documentation relating to the admission of new Sections,
- Preparation of suspension of voting rights (investigation, proposals regarding Representation, etc.),
- Drafting of forms and documents
- Preparation of membership statistics,

6.4 International Professional Commission (IPC)

Tasks of the International Professional Commission are:

- Matters relating to police development, structure and history,
- Comparative surveys regarding police work within IPA Sections,
- Crime development, criminology, crime prevention,
- Police techniques,
- Traffic matters,
- Police placement program,
- Representation of IPA at International Education Centres,
- IPA Scholarships (proposals for planning and granting),
- International educational events involving policing issues.

6.5 International Social Commission (ISC)

Tasks of the International Social Commission are:

- Promotion and co-ordination of social activities,
- Co-ordination of emergency and humanitarian aid,
- Matters regarding IPA houses,
- Youth and holiday exchange programmes
- Co-ordination of International Sports events and championships,
- Matters regarding travel.

7. Appointment of Commission members

When the PEB are considering the appointment of Commission members, only personal qualifications should be taken into account. Any appointment is in respect of the individual's personal qualifications and not the Section. Language and translation skills must also be considered for the workability of the Commissions.

Appointments can only take place after their National Sections have been consulted and have given their agreement.

8. Liaison Officers

National Sections may appoint Liaison Officers to the International Commissions. Although these shall not be members of the Commissions, they may be encouraged to participate in Commission work, in particular when their National Section is involved.

9. Entry into Force

This Directive was adopted by the World Congress in Trondheim, Norway and came into force on 20 June 2003, after having been submitted to the Council of Elders. It replaces any previous Directives or decisions on International Commissions.

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