

Request for Special Plenary's Permission to Operationalise the New Rules of Procedure Task Force

This document is submitted to the Plenary for decision.

*It accompanies document GEO-20-5.2b: Terms of Reference (ToR) of the new Rules of
Procedure Task Force (for information).*

- This document presents a request from the Executive Committee to the Plenary **to authorize the operationalization of the new Rules of Procedure Task Force, and to use on an interim basis the Terms of Reference (GEO-20-5.2b) approved by the Executive Committee**, pending approval at a future Plenary session.
- The proposed revision to the GEO Rules of Procedure amendment process, as outlined in document **GEO-20-5.2: Update on the Review of the Rules of Procedure (for decision)**, includes the establishment of a new Rules of Procedure Task Force (RoP TF) to oversee and facilitate the process.
- At its 66th meeting that took place on 6 May 2025, the Executive Committee approved the ToR of the new RoP TF in order to expedite the new process to receive and review proposals for changes to the Rules of Procedure.
- However, given that the Plenary is subject to established submission timelines for documents requiring formal review and approval, and that the Executive Committee meeting took place only one day prior to the start of Plenary-20, it was not possible to submit the ToR in time for decision by the Plenary.
- Accordingly, the Executive Committee requests that Plenary grant special permission to operationalize the RoP TF using the Executive Committee-approved ToR on an interim basis, pending formal consideration and approval at Plenary-21. Once approved, the RoP TF ToR will be formally annexed to the GEO Rules of Procedure.
- The ToR as approved by the Executive Committee, are submitted to Plenary in document **GEO-20-5.2b: Terms of Reference of the new Rules of Procedure Task Force (for information)**.