

**Procedure Applicable by Derogation to the Election of a Council Member
during the 93rd General Session**

HAVING REGARD TO

Articles 8 to 10 and Article 53 of the General Rules of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)¹, as well as Article 6(c) of the Organic Rules of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)²,

NOTING THAT

1. Dr Roland Xolani Dlamini (Eswatini) was appointed, through Resolution No. 9 of 2024, as a member of the Council representing the region of Africa, for a period of three years (2024 – 2027).
2. Dr Roland Xolani Dlamini's retirement prior to the end of his term has resulted in a vacancy within the Council that must be filled in accordance with Article 10 of the General Rules.

CONSIDERING THAT

1. Pursuant to Article 10 of the General Rules which provides that when a member of the Council is unable to fulfil the functions of the position, an election shall be held during the subsequent annual session of the Assembly to fill the vacant position,
2. An election to fill the vacancy of a Council member representing the region of Africa must be held at the 93rd General Session,
3. The Organisation has used in recent years different electronic voting systems to carry out notably elections of Council members in an agile and efficient manner,
4. The use of a new and fully-tested electronic voting system, although planned for the election cycle in 2027, was not possible in 2026 due to time constraints,
5. The Assembly approved in the past that partial elections of Council members be held by show of hands, instead of secret vote, notably during the 80th General Session (2012) and 83rd General Session (2015),
6. In this context, and in order to avoid any technical issues caused by the use of a new electronic voting system which the Secretariat was unable to fully test, the Council approved at its October 2025 meeting the conduct of partial elections, including those by secret vote, in a more traditional format consisting of a vote by show of hands,

¹ *General Rules of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)* (adopted 24 May 1973, as amended by Resolution No. 10 (2011) of the World Organisation for Animal Health Assembly of Delegates, 27 May 2011) (General Rules).

² *Organic Rules of the Office International des Epizooties* (adopted 24 May 1973) (Organic Rules)

7. It is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, that the Assembly afford the Organisation with the flexibility to adjust the voting modalities to fill in the vacancy of a Council member, in a manner that enhances agility and efficiency,

THE ASSEMBLY, ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE COUNCIL,

DECIDES

That, notwithstanding Article 53 of the General Rules, which provides that elections of Council members shall be conducted by secret vote, the election during the 93rd General Session of one member of the Council shall be conducted by a show of hands, instead of secret vote.
