



Amendments to Rule Book article 6.5 Disciplinary Measures

Amendment 1:

Add to article 6.5.3 the following line to the bullet-list:

- withdrawal of reimbursement rights;

Motivation:

It is a current practice of the committee to deny reimbursement to delegates of member parties who default on the obligation to pay the membership fee.

1. Member parties which default on their membership fee and have full reimbursement rights don't have the means to pay for these costs. Withdrawing their reimbursement rights will in practice withdraw their right to participate in meetings including the council. This is an undesirable consequence since member parties are obliged to regularly attend council meetings.
2. The practice of the committee is a breach of the spirit of the current article 6.5.3 which says that only the council can withdraw participation rights. By denying reimbursement the committee is curbing participation rights of member parties without approval from the council. By adding this bullet we eliminate any remaining doubt about this interpretation.

Amendment 2:

Delete article 6.5.5.

Motivation:

1. If a member party is unable to pay its membership fee the concerned party should have the right to present its financial situation to the council and explain the reason why it cannot fulfil its obligations. After that the council can discuss if withdrawing the right to vote is an appropriate measure in the given circumstances.
2. The committee lacks transparency about the use of this article. It withdraw 3 of the 98 allocated votes at the council in Istanbul but didn't inform the council about which member parties this concerned. A written inquiry from De Groenen about this matter has until now left unanswered by the committee.