

## 2<sup>nd</sup> ISGF WH Regional Conference, New York, USA

### Circular 06A. Proposals for Amendments to the WH Region MOU



Proposals for amendments to the Western Hemisphere MOU (by the WHR Committee and Member countries)

A two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required for amendments to the MOU (Paragraph 12.2 of the MOU)

Proposed by	Current text	Proposed amendment	Rationale for Amendments
ARGENTINA BRAZIL CHILE URUGUAY	<p><b>Article 4. Languages</b>            4.1 The official languages of the Western Hemisphere Region are those laid down in the ISGF Constitution and Bye-Laws.</p> <p>4.2 The Western Hemisphere Conference may decide to adopt other languages to be official within the Western Hemisphere Region.</p>	<p><b>Article 4. Languages</b>            4.1 The official languages of the Western Hemisphere Region are those laid down in the ISGF Constitution and Bye-Laws.  <i>Spanish will also be an official language within the Western Hemisphere Region.</i></p>	<p><b>Brazil:</b> Taking in consideration the number of Spanish speaking country members, we recommend to adopt Spanish as an official language within the Region.</p> <p><b>Argentina:</b> Based on the number of Spanish speaking countries of the continent as well as the number of members who speaks Spanish as a primary or alternative language. The AISG website permanently incorporates Spanish newsletters and translation of most of Our kit's books in this language, for the very important work carried out by the Cervantes Program.</p> <p><b>Uruguay:</b> Spanish is the common language of Central/South America and the large islands of the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. Brazilians can understand Spanish quite easily. In addition, most people in those areas are not proficient in English or French.</p> <p><b>Chile:</b> Add this point as the urgent and obviously needing of understanding for the many members whom don't speak any of the two official ISGF languages existing within the WH Region</p> <p><b>WHRCom:</b> Taking in consideration the number of Spanish speaking country members in the WH, we also recommend to adopt Spanish as an official language.</p>



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<p>BRAZIL URUGUAY CHILE</p>	<p><b>Article 5. Sub Regions</b> 5.3. South America. At the adoption of this Memorandum of Understanding , one (1 ) Sub Region that of South America has been established in 2012 by agreement with the ISGF World Committee and comprises the following Participating Organizations (NSGFs and CB Groups) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associated Member (AMO) :Argentina,</li> <li>• CB Groups: Chile and Uruguay</li> </ul> <p>Also there are CB with groups/individual members: Brazil (has asked the sub-region to join them), Colombia, Ecuador, Peru.</p>	<p><b>Article 5. Sub Regions</b> 5.3. South America. At the adoption of this Memorandum of Understanding , one (1 ) Sub Region that of South America has been established in 2012 by agreement with the ISGF World Committee and comprises the following Participating Organizations (NSGFs and CB Groups) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associated Member (AMO) : Argentina,</li> <li>• <b>CB Groups: Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Venezuela.</b></li> <li>• <b>Individual members from Colombia, Ecuador and Peru</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Brazil:</b> In 2012 they started the process to form the Sub-region.</p> <p><b>Uruguay:</b> The integration of the South American Sub region should be modified, given that only Argentina, Chile and Uruguay were initially included, but later Brazil and Venezuela joined the SASR.</p> <p><b>Chile:</b> "Colombia, Ecuador and Perú. Never pretended to join South American Sub-region. (SRSA), merely the idea but not intention"</p>
<p>CURAÇAO</p>	<p><b>Article 7 - Officers</b> 7.1 The Western Hemisphere Region Committee will consist of four (4) members with the following responsibilities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chairman;</li> <li>2. Vice Chairman</li> <li>3. Secretary;</li> <li>4. Treasurer.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Article 7 - Officers</b> 7.1 The Western Hemisphere Region Committee will consist of three (3) members with the following responsibilities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Chairman;</b></li> <li><b>2. Secretary;</b></li> <li><b>3. Treasurer.</b></li> </ol>	<p><b>Curaçao:</b> For voting purposes it is better to have an odd numbers of members in the Western Hemisphere Region Committee. That way there is never the possibility of reaching an impasse. This can be achieved by eliminating the position of Vice-President. This is also the original composition of de Region Committee that was proposed in the first draft MOU.</p> <p><b>WHRCom:</b> The functioning of the Committee has been efficiently with 4 members, so we don't see the need for changing.</p>
<p>CURAÇAO</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 9 - Meetings and voting</b> 9.3 Each voting Committee member has one vote, the Chairman has an additional casting</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 9 - Meetings and voting</b> <b>We propose that this paragraph be deleted.</b></p>	<p><b>Curaçao:</b> If article 7.1. is amended as proposed by our NSGF, there is no need for the President of the committee to have an additional vote.</p>



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	vote.		<b>WHRCom:</b> This article remains unchanged if article 7.1 is not changed.
WHRCom New Article	<p><b>Article 10 - Western Hemisphere Region Conference</b> 10.6 The quorum for the Western Hemisphere Region Conference shall be half plus one of the Participating Organizations of the Western Hemisphere Region.</p>	<p><b>Article 10 - Western Hemisphere Region Conference</b> 10.6 The quorum for the Western Hemisphere Region Conference shall be half plus one of the Participating Organizations of the Western Hemisphere Region, <b>including any proxies duly submitted.</b></p> <p><b>10.9 Voting shall be as agreed for World Conferences of the ISGF unless otherwise agreed at a Western Hemisphere Region Conference by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.”</b></p>	<p><b>WHRCom:</b> Equality to WHRegion Rules of Procedure</p> <p>Equality to the constitution ISGF</p>
BRAZIL	<p><b>Appendix 1. Nomination of candidates to the Western Hemisphere Region Committee</b> The Board of each NSGF and Central Branch (CB) group of the Western Hemisphere can propose one (1) candidate for the Western Hemisphere Region Committee. In order to have a Regional Committee reflecting the Western Hemisphere Region’s cultural and geographical particularities, it should be composed of representatives from North, Central/Caribbean and South America Sub-Regions</p>	<p><b>Appendix 1. Nomination of candidates to the Western Hemisphere Region Committee</b> The Board of each NSGF and Central Branch (CB) group of the Western Hemisphere can propose one (1) candidate for the Western Hemisphere Region Committee. In order to have a Regional Committee reflecting the Western Hemisphere Region’s cultural and geographical particularities, it should be composed of representatives from North, Central/Caribbean and South America Sub-Regions. <b>Only if there is not a candidate from one sub-region another sub-region can take more than one sit</b></p>	<p><b>Brazil:</b> Make sure that we will try to have at least one from each sub-region, but allow to have more people from a same sub-region if there is no candidate.</p>