

## **Item 16.2: Proposal from French National Committee**

*The following proposal from the French National Committee for a change to Statute 9.2 is presented to the Council for information but not action. The proposal was received at the Secretariat on March 27, 2001, well after the deadline of September 7, 2000, imposed by Statute<sup>+</sup>. It is possible that the ideas presented in the proposal may be brought up during discussion of the proposal in Item 16.1.*

The letter from the French National Committee can be found on the following three pages. The proposed change to Statute 9.2 would allow an NAO to reduce its National Subscription by an amount proportional to its assigned vote based on the calculated NS. That is, an NAO with 3 votes could reduce its NS by 1/3 and retain 2 votes or it could reduce its NS by 2/3 and retain 1 vote. Following the letter from the French National Committee is a table showing the effect on individual National Subscriptions for 2002-3 if each NAO reduced its assigned vote by one, the column labeled Minimum, and if each NAO reduced its vote to one, the column labeled Maximum. If all NAOs reduced their vote by one the total NS for the biennium would be USD 1,070.7K. If all NAOs reduced their vote to one, the total NS for the biennium would be USD 322.5K. For the Minimum Reduction case the reduced NS would be 23% lower than the budgeted NS and would be 12.5% lower than the total budgeted income. For the Maximum Reduction case the reduced NS would be 77% lower than the budget NS and 42% lower than the total budgeted income.

The major effect of this proposal would be to create great uncertainty in the budget for the biennium, since the amount of NS to be expected could vary from the full amount to an amount 77% lower than that budgeted. The impact on IUPAC's programs would be significant. The minimum case would reduce income by an amount equal to 38% of the Divisions' project budgets. The maximum case would reduce income by 129% of the Divisions' project budgets. The effect of these reductions would be to severely restrict IUPAC's ability to function.

<sup>+</sup> Statute 14.3 states:

Changes in the Statutes may be proposed by the Bureau or any Adhering Organization. Notice of changes so proposed shall reach the Secretary General at the Secretariat in writing at least ten months before the meeting of the Council at which the proposal is to be considered. No change shall be made except at a meeting of the Council and with the approval of two-thirds of the total number of votes assigned to the Adhering Organizations.