

45th Ordinary Session (Part I)

Agenda item 4

Summary of the decisions of the 44th ordinary session (Part II)

Conference is requested to take note of the document.

Summary of the decisions

- **Draft agenda**
The draft agenda for the meeting was adopted as presented.
- **Summary Record of the previous meeting**
The provisional summary record of the first part of the 44th ordinary session of EMBC, which took place on 24 June 2013 in Heidelberg, was approved unanimously.
- **Changes to the EMBC Rules of Procedure**
 - **Rule 1.2, 'The President and the Vice Presidents'**, was amended by inserting the word 'normally' to enable the reelection of a current President beyond the stated maximum duration of four terms. The new Rule states:

"The President and the Vice Presidents may be re-elected, but the combined duration of these consecutive appointments will *normally* be limited to a total of four (4) years for each position for each individual."
 - **Rule 12, 'Languages'**, was changed as follows, the text in italics indicating the new wording:

"At meetings of the Conference simultaneous interpretation ~~shall~~ *may* be provided for statements delivered in English, French or German *if requested by a Member State delegation at least eight weeks before the scheduled start of the meeting*. Conference documents shall in principle be issued in all three languages: where time does not allow a full translation to be made, summaries shall be provided in the working language or languages affected."
- **Appointment of EMBC officers for 2014**
Conference was requested to elect the EMBC officers for 2014. The outcome is the following:
 - Mr Maimets (EE) was reelected for a fifth term as **President** of EMBC (following the change of Rule 1.2 of the Rules of Procedure, see above).
 - Ms Nieto (ES) was reelected for a fourth term as **Vice President**.
 - Mr van Meer (NL) was elected for a first term as **Vice President**.
 - Mr Cramer (DE) was elected for a first term as **Secretary General**.
 - Mr Hiltunen (FI) and Ms Bauer (AT) were reelected for a second term as **Chair** and **Vice Chair of the Finance Committee**, respectively.