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Election of the Executive Council's officers for 2011

1. In accordance with rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure (see below), the Council is invited to elect its Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen for 2011.

Officers of the Council

Rule 5

1. *The Council shall elect by secret ballot from among its Members a Chairman, a first Vice-Chairman and a second Vice-Chairman for a term of one year.*

2. *The election shall require a simple majority of the Members of the Council present and voting. If no candidate receives the majority in the first ballot, a second and, if necessary, subsequent ballots shall be held to decide between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes in the first ballot.*

3. *The Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen shall be eligible for a second term of office.*

4. *The Full Members elected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanships of the Council shall designate the persons to perform the duties of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.*

2. Although rule 5 provides that this election shall be by secret ballot, the Council has in practice most often adopted a consensus approach to the election of its Officers.

3. In a letter dated 6 October 2010, the Government of **Italy**, currently second Vice-Chairman of the Council, officially communicated to the Secretary-General the country's intention to present its candidature for the chairmanship of the Executive Council in 2011.

4. The tables of Annexes I, II and III show the States elected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship of the Council, respectively, since the Organization's inception.

