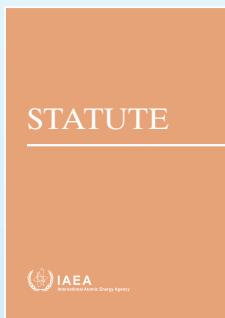


Amendment to Article VI of the Statute of the IAEA: Increasing the Composition of the IAEA Board of Governors

What you need to know about the Amendment to Article VI of the Statute

- Approved by the General Conference in 1999
- Would expand the composition of the IAEA Board of Governors from 35 to 43
- Not yet in force as it requires, as a first step, two-thirds of all IAEA Member States to accept it
- The IAEA General Conference continues to encourage all Member States which have not yet done so to accept the Amendment as soon as possible in accordance with their respective constitutional processes



Statute of the IAEA

- The constituent instrument of the IAEA came into force in 1957 and provides, whether express or implied, the basis for all Agency activities
- Since its adoption the Statute has been amended three times — in 1963, 1973 and 1989

The Amendment to Article VI of the IAEA Statute

- Article VI sets out how the Board of Governors shall be composed
- On 1 October 1999, in resolution GC(43)/RES/19 the IAEA General Conference approved an amendment to Article VI and urged all Member States to accept this amendment as soon as possible
- The Amendment aims to increase the number of seats for area groups on the Board and to provide through this expansion more opportunities for Member States to serve on the Board, in accordance with the Statute

“I hope that your Government will favourably consider accepting the amendment to Article VI of the Statute as soon as possible so as to bring this important amendment into force at an early date.”

IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi

The Amendment has not yet entered into force

- In accordance with Article XVIII.C(ii) of the Statute, two-thirds of all IAEA Member States have to accept the Amendment, as a first step, in order for it to enter into force
- The required number of Member States for a two-thirds majority continues to increase as the Agency’s membership increases

Depositary of the IAEA Statute

Instruments of acceptance of the Amendment should be deposited by Member States with the Government of the United States of America as the depositary Government for the Statute

Further information

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