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Background

1. With reference to the Bureau functions the EC stated, at its previous meeting (Action 7 of the first day):

"The EC received with appreciation the paper regarding the "Functions of the EC Bureau" that had been prepared by the 2nd EC Vice Chair, Bárbara Garea from Cuba. Stressing the importance of this paper and recognizing that the absence of the 2nd Vice Chair would make thoughtful consideration of the paper at this meeting very difficult, the EC deferred the consideration of this paper to its next meeting. The EC also asked the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures and the 2nd Vice Chair to further refine the paper to facilitate the EC's consideration of the paper at its next meeting, and to ensure that all responsibilities discussed can be included".

2. The reviewed text with the proposed EC Bureau functions is attached for consideration of the Council.

EC Bureau Functions

To establish the central axes for the work and functions of the Executive Council Bureau, the points established by **Article VI of the Agreement** were used as a point of departure.

Central axes:

- I. Scientific and technological policy, executed principally through its research and capacity building programs, among others. **Principal axis to achieve the mission of the IAI.**
- II. Financial policy, budgetary aspects, movement of funds, fund raising capacity, among others. **Guarantees the existence of the IAI.**
- III. Institutional development. Execution, structure, management, capacity for action, prestige reached in the region and internationally of the Director. **Visibility of the IAI.**

Functions of the Bureau:

1. To elevate to the Executive Council its considerations regarding:
 - 1.1. Scientific and technological policy, executed principally through its scientific and capacity building programs.
 - 1.2. Financial policy, budgetary aspects, movement of funds, fund-raising capacity, among others.
 - 1.3. The functioning, structure, management, capacity for action, and prestige reached by the Director.
2. To annually approve the IAI Director's Performance Plan and to annually carry out the evaluation of the Director.
3. To analyze and to approve the report of the Executive Council Chair made to meetings of this body.
4. To evaluate and to inform the Executive Council on the functioning and the work carried out by the Working Groups.

For its implementation:

- To distribute the oversight of the three central axes according to the composition of the Bureau, to the interests and individual capacities of its members.