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## **Proposal to amend CEC Standing Orders**

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According to the Standing Orders § 11 (1), the Governing Board shall "appoint an Assembly Coordinator, either from the existing staff or as a temporary position on the staff". The fact that the Assembly Coordinator are to be appointed by the Governing Board, and not by the General Secretary in cooperation and consultation with GB representatives, which is the rule for other positions, can be questioned. One interpretation would be that this elevates the Assembly Coordinator above executive staff members and to some extent to the same level as the General Secretary, who is the only other staff member to be appointed directly by the Governing Board.

Instead, the Personnel Committee would propose to follow the regular procedure for appointment of executive staff in the Staff Recruitment Procedures, with the chair of the General Assembly Planning Committee as an extra member of the interviewing panel (see CEC Staff Procedures § 6 (1)). This would require an amendment of the Standing Orders.

Current Standing Orders	Proposed amendment to the Standing Orders
§ 11 Preparation of the General Assembly  (1) The Governing Board shall 'make appropriate preparations for the General Assemblies' (Const. Art. 8 IX). To this end, the Governing Board shall in particular  • appoint an Assembly Coordinator, either from the existing staff or as a temporary position on the staff; • determine terms of reference for the General Assembly Planning Committee according to § 6 VII of these Standing Orders, including provisions on delegated powers and a time-frame.	§ 11 Preparation of the General Assembly  (1) The Governing Board shall 'make appropriate preparations for the General Assemblies' (Const. Art. 8 IX).  To this end, the Governing Board shall in particular determine terms of reference for the General Assembly Planning Committee according to § 6 VII of these Standing Orders, including provisions on delegated powers and a time-frame.

## The Governing Board is invited to

**amend** Standing Order § 11 (1) by deleting the words "appoint an Assembly Coordinator, either from the existing staff or as a temporary position on the staff".