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## **APPENDIX 7**

(ANNEX 1)

## RULES TO ENSURE POLITICAL BALANCE IN THE ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE SEATS

## **RULE**

- 1. A political group which has a majority on the Council shall have a majority on each committee.
- 2. If there is more than one political group, at least two groups shall have seats on each committee.
- 3. Subject to Rules 1 and 2, the total number of seats for each political group on all committees taken together shall be, as nearly as possible, in proportion to the numbers of members of each group on the Council.
- 4. Subject to Rules 1, 2 and 3, the number of seats for each group on each committee shall be as nearly as possible in proportion to the numbers of members of each group on the Council.

## NOTE:

These Rules shall not apply to the composition of the Cabinet or the Standards Committee. Whilst the Council is responsible for appointing members to committees, it can only do so in fulfilling the wishes of the political groups as to which Member sits on a particular committee or sub-committee.

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