

## RESOLUTION OF THE MEJLIS OF TURKMENISTAN

### 16. On approval of the Rules of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan

The Mejlis of Turkmenistan **has r e s o l v e d**:

1. To approve the Rules of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan and to enforce it from the moment of its approval.

2. To recognize as expired the Rules of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan and the resolution of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan “On Enforcement of the Rules of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan” adopted on 16 March, 1995 and the resolution of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan on amendments to those Rules, adopted on 15 June 2000 (“Vedomosty of Mejlis of Turkmenistan”, 1995, #1, p 3; 2000, #2, p 29).

**Chairman of the Mejlis  
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**RULES OF THE MEJLIS OF TURKMENISTAN**

*Pursuant to the Constitution of Turkmenistan, Law "On the Mejlis of Turkmenistan" these Rules shall specify the procedure of the work of the Mejlis, its bodies and officials elected by it.*

**CHAPTER 1 SESSION OF THE MEJLIS**

**Article 1** A session of the Mejlis shall include sittings of the Mejlis and sittings of the Mejlis committees and commissions within the period between the Mejlis sittings.

**Article 2** The first session of the Mejlis hold after election shall be opened and presided by the Chairman of the Central Election and Referenda Commission of Turkmenistan. Sittings shall be conducted by him till the election of the Chairman of the Mejlis.

**Article 3** A sitting of the first Mejlis session after election shall be conducted in the following procedure:

- a) After validation of the deputies' credentials the Credentials Commission shall be elected from among the deputies
- b) Based on the presentation of the Credentials Commission the Mejlis shall make a decision on recognition of the deputies' powers; in case of violation of the Law "On Election of Deputies of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan" the Mejlis shall make a decision to recognize the election of particular deputies invalid.
- c) The Returning commission shall be elected to conduct a secret ballot.
- d) The Chairman of the Mejlis shall be elected.

**Article 4** After election of the Chairman of the Mejlis, the Vice-Chairman shall be elected, committees established, Chairmen and Deputy-Chairmen of the committees elected. After that, the Mejlis shall approve the agenda of the session and continue its work in the procedure determined thereof.

**Article 5** Sessions of the Mejlis shall be convened by the Chairman of the Mejlis as necessary, but not less than twice a year.

**Article 6** Extraordinary sessions of the Mejlis shall be convened by the initiative of the President of Turkmenistan or on the proposal by not less than one third of the Mejlis deputies. The proposal on convocation of the extraordinary session shall be submitted to the Mejlis in writing specifying the issued to be considered.

The Mejlis shall convene the extraordinary session within a five-day period from the date of the receipt of the proposal and not later than two days shall notify all deputies on conduct of the extraordinary session.

**Article 7** Sessions of the Mejlis shall be held in Ashgabat in the building of the Mejlis.

Official information on the opening of the Mejlis session shall be published in print media, broadcast on TV and radio or other mass media.

**Article 8** Each regular session of the Mejlis shall be commenced with discussion and adoption of its programme.

The Mejlis shall prepare a draft of the programme and not later than two weeks prior to the commencement of the session shall send it to the Mejlis deputies and the President of Turkmenistan.

**Article 9** A draft of the programme shall include the following:

- a) Issues submitted for consideration of the Mejlis sittings;
- b) Committees responsible for submitting issues at the Mejlis sitting;
- c) Terms for the issue preparation.

**Article 10** The programme of work of the session shall be approved by the Mejlis by open ballot through simple majority of votes of the prescribed number of deputies. In the course of the session the programme of work may be amended and clarified.

On the proposal of the President of Turkmenistan or not less than one-third of the deputies the issue shall be included into the programme of work of the session, as well as into the agenda of the Mejlis sessions.

**Article 11** The agenda of the Mejlis sessions shall be approved by open ballot through simple majority of votes of the prescribed number of deputies

**Article 12** At each session the Mejlis Secretariat shall be elected from the deputies of the Mejlis composed of a Head and two members.

The Secretariat of the Mejlis session shall:

- a) Count votes at open vote;
- b) In the course of the Mejlis session, collect and transfer to the chairperson requests for taking a floor, interpellations and questions of the deputies to the Cabinet of Ministers, ministers and heads of the public authorities, as well as statements, proposals and other written appeals and documents.

**Article 13** Chairperson at the Mejlis session shall:

open and close a session;

give a floor for reports, co-reports, organize the debate on the discussed issue, follow time limit adherence;

organize voting and vote counting, declare voting results;

announce interpellations, questions, references, statements and proposals submitted to the Secretariat;

sign the session minutes;

exercise other rights established by these Rules.

The chairperson at the Mejlis session shall promote identification of stands on the issues under consideration, achievement of mutually agreed decisions.

**Article 14** The Mejlis session shall be held based on the extent of how the issues of the programme of work have been prepared. Time of the Mejlis session shall be established by the Mejlis. The draft of the agenda and materials of the session shall be submitted to the deputies of the Mejlis and the President of Turkmenistan not later than seven days prior to its conduct.

**Article 15** All laws and decrees of the Mejlis shall be adopted at its session. The Mejlis session shall be considered competent if not less than two-thirds of the prescribed number of deputies are present there.

**Article 16** A deputy shall have a full voting status on all issued considered at the Mejlis sessions.

Deputies have to be present at the Mejlis sessions. In case a deputy is unable to be present at the session for valid reason, he shall inform the Chairman of the Mejlis thereof.

**Article 17** Sessions of the Mejlis shall be held publicly.

Guest representatives of public authorities, social associations, research institutions invited by the Mejlis, accredited representatives of mass media shall

be present at the sessions. The chairperson shall inform the deputies on the persons invited to be present at the session.

Special seats in the assembly hall shall be allotted to the persons participating in the Mejlis session as guests.

Guests have no right to interfere into the work of the Mejlis; they have to refrain from exposure of approval or disapproval, keep order and obey instructions of the chairperson.

**Article 18** By the decision of the Mejlis its sessions shall be broadcast on TV and radio. Information reports on the Mejlis sessions, official laws and resolutions adopted by the Mejlis shall be published in “Vedomosty of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan” (*The Mejlis Bulletin*), printed media and other mass media. The verbatim reports of the Mejlis sessions shall be made in the state language.

**Article 19** If it supposed that information containing state secret or other data related to the state interests are probably going to be disclosed, by the decision of the Mejlis a closed session would be held.

**Article 20** The President is entitled to be present at all sessions of the Mejlis. Vice-Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers may take part in all sessions of the Mejlis.

**Article 21** Sessions of the Mejlis shall be conducted in the state language. A deputy is entitled to speak in other language informing the chairperson thereof in advance. Such speech shall be supported by the simultaneous translation into the state language.

**Article 22** Sessions of the Mejlis shall be conducted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a 30-minute break and from 3 p.m. till 6 p.m.

The Mejlis shall have a right to make a decision on other time for conducting sessions.

Time for the reports, co-reports and closing speech shall be fixed by the chairperson with the concurrence of the speakers, but not more than one hour for a report and 20 minutes for a co-report.

Questions to the speakers shall be asked in writing or orally.

Persons participating in the debate shall be provided up to 10 minutes; for recurring speeches in the debate, speeches on candidates, as well as speeches on article-by-article discussion of the drafts of the laws – 5 minutes; on the procedure of the session conduct, reasons for voting, for statements, introduction of interpellations, questions, proposals, messages and references – up to 3

minutes. Agreed with the majority of the deputies the chairperson may extend the time for the speech.

At the end of each session up to 30 minutes shall be provided for brief, up to 2-3 minutes, statements and messages of the deputies.

**Article 23** Requests for providing a floor for the speech in the debate shall be submitted in writing to the Secretariat of the session.

The Secretariat shall register requests for the floor in the order of their receipt and shall submit them to the chairperson.

The chairperson at the Mejlis session shall give floor for participation in the debate in the order of the requests' submission. A floor for participation in the debate may be also given if the request from the deputy has been oral. In certain cases the chairperson may change the order of speeches stating the reasons for such change.

A deputy may take a speech on the same issue not more than twice. Transfer of the right to speech in favour of the other person shall be inadmissible.

The floor to the chairperson on the procedure of the Mejlis session, for giving a reference, answers to the question and clarification shall be given to the chairperson out of turn.

The President of Turkmenistan, The Chairman of the Mejlis, the Vice-Chairman of the Mejlis shall have the right to take a floor for the speech at any time.

Other persons participating in the Mejlis session who are not deputies shall be given a floor for the speech by permission of the deputies.

**Article 24** A speaker at the Mejlis session should not use in his speech rude, disrespectful expressions, call upon illegal and violent actions, and tolerate insult to the deputies and other persons. In such case the chairperson is entitled to make a warning on inadmissibility of such expressions and calls. After the second warning the speaker shall be deprived of the right to have a floor. In the process the chairperson is entitled to switch off a microphone. These persons shall not be given a floor for the recurrent speech on the discussed issue.

If a speaker has taken a floor without permission of the chairperson, a microphone may be switched without a warning.

If a speaker has digressed from the discussed subject, exceeded the time limit for his speech or spoken not to the point of the discussed issue, the chairperson after one warning may deny him the right to speak.

In case of rude violation of the order a person who is not a deputy may be removed from the Mejlis assembly hall by the instruction of the chairperson.

**Article 25** The debate shall be closed by the decision made through open ballot through simple majority of votes of the deputies present. In raising the issue of closure the debate the chairperson shall inform the deputies on the number of the deputies who have signed-up and spoken, and shall clarify who insists on having a floor.

If in addressing the issue on closure of the debate not less than one-third of the deputies insist on giving a floor, the chairperson shall have to give a floor to the deputy.

Upon closure of the debate a speaker and co-speaker shall have a right to have a closing speech. If the deputies have had no possibility to speak due to the closure of the debate, then by the request of the deputies texts of their speeches should be included into the verbatim report of the session.

**Article 26** Decisions of the Mejlis may be adopted either by open or secret ballot of the deputies.

The decision on the choice of voting shall be made by open ballot of simple majority of the prescribed number of deputies, unless otherwise is stipulated by law.

**Article 27** Counting of votes at the Mejlis session in conducting open ballot shall be entrusted to the Secretariat of the session.

Prior to the open ballot the chairperson shall specify the number of proposals to be voted on, clarify their wording, remind what majority of votes (out of prescribed number of deputies, out of present deputies, simple or qualified majority of votes) may result the adoption of the decision.

Voting may be conducted without counting the votes – by obvious majority, unless otherwise is required by any of the deputy.

In conducting voting on one issue each deputy shall have one vote and during the voting shall give it for the proposal, against it or abstain from voting.

Upon the completion of final counting of votes the chairperson at the Mejlis session shall declare the voting results.

**Article 28** In order to conduct a secret ballot and determine its results the Mejlis shall elect by open ballot out from the deputies the Counting board. In case the voting is conducted on election of bodies or officials, the deputies who are nominated as candidates in the composition of the elected bodies or for the positions of the officials, shall not be included into the Counting board.

Ballots shall be made under supervision of the Counting board in accordance with the prescribed form and in a particular amount. A ballot for a secret ballot shall contain information necessary for the voting.

The time and place of voting, the procedure of its conduct shall be set by the Counting board pursuant to the present Rules.

**Article 29** Each deputy shall be provided with one ballot for the secret ballot. Ballots shall be given out by the members of the Counting board in accordance with the list of deputies and on the basis of the presented ID of the Mejlis deputy. A deputy shall fill in the ballot in the polling booth for secret ballot. Ballots of unknown form, ballots where two or more candidates have been marked for one position in case of election of officials, as well as ballots with additional names entered, shall be considered invalid.

**Article 30** The Counting board shall make up protocols on the results of the secret ballot, which are signed by all members of the Counting board. On the basis of the Counting board report the Mejlis through open ballot shall adopt a resolution on approval of the secret ballot results.

**Article 31** If during identification of the voting results errors in the procedure or in the method of conducting voting have been found, then by the decision of the Mejlis a recurrent voting may be conducted.

**Article 32** A deputy has to personally execute his right to vote. A deputy absent during the voting shall not have a right to give his vote later.

## **CHAPTER 2 THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEJLIS**

**Article 33** Pursuant to the Constitutions of Turkmenistan the Chairman of the Mejlis is an official subordinate to the Mejlis to provide organization of the Mejlis activity and fulfill other powers in the bounds provided for by the Constitution, laws and the present Rules.

**Article 34** The Chairman of the Mejlis shall enter upon his duties after being elected in the established procedure.

**Article 35** In view of convocation and conducting the Mejlis session the Chairman of the Mejlis shall:

Prepare the drafts of the programme of work and agenda of the Mejlis session;

Convene sessions and the first session of the Mejlis on a new convocation;

Ensure preparation and presentation to the Mejlis of the documents and materials received during the period between the Mejlis sessions.  
Address other issues provided for by the present Rules.

**Article 36** The Chairman of the Mejlis shall:

Organize planning of the work to prepare drafts of the laws and enter proposals for consideration by the Mejlis;

Ensure that the deputies, representatives of public and social bodies are informed on the Mejlis sessions and sittings of its committees and commissions;

Take necessary measures to organize agreed and joint activities of the committees and commissions;

Promote scientific provision to the activities of the committees; provide legal, organizational, logistic and other necessary assistance to their work;

Promote timely provision of the committees and commissions with materials and documents on the issues considered by them;

Provide the deputies with official publications and materials on the activities of the Mejlis, its committees and commissions, as well as reference and other materials;

Promote that public authorities, social associations and officials timely consider and implement the proposals and comments expressed at the Mejlis sessions and resolutions adopted by the deputies are being fulfilled

**Article 37** In case of need, the Chairman of the Mejlis shall establish preparatory commissions and working groups from among the deputies, specialists, as well as representatives of public authorities and social associations, research institutions to prepare proposals on issues within its competence.

### **CHAPTER 3 COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS OF THE MEJLIS**

**Article 38** Pursuant to Article 62 of the Constitution the Mejlis shall establish committees from among the deputies to fulfill legislative activity, to preliminary consider and prepare the issues within the area of the responsibility of the Mejlis, as well as to promote enforcement of the laws and other regulations adopted by the Mejlis.

**Article 39** The committees of the Mejlis shall be established at the first session of the newly elected Mejlis for the period of its powers.  
The list of committees shall be adopted by the Mejlis decree.

In case of need, new committees may be established; earlier formed committees may be abolished and reorganized.

Chairmen of the committees, their deputies and members of the committees shall be elected by the Mejlis. Voting for the members of the committees shall be conducted at large on the composition of the committee, in case of need – on each candidate.

The Chairman of the Mejlis and Vice-Chairman of the Mejlis may not be elected to the composition of the committees.

The Mejlis is entitled to re-elect Chairmen of the committees, Deputy-Chairmen of the committees.

Powers of the chairmen of the committees, their deputies and members of the committees may be ceased earlier by the Mejlis at the request of these persons, as well as due to circumstances that make it impossible to execute their powers, and for committing the trespass inconsistent with the status of a deputy.

**Article 41** The Mejlis may establish commissions on any issue of its activity. Objectives and procedure of the commission activities shall be established by the Mejlis at the moment of their establishment.

The commissions shall be elected from among the deputies composed of a chairman and members of the commission by open ballot. The commissions may involve to their work researchers, specialists, practitioners who are not deputies. Based on the results of the activities the commission shall present to the Mejlis a report on the issue which has been the essence of its establishment. The Mejlis may adopt a resolution on the report, findings of the commission.

#### **CHAPTER 4 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEJLIS, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE MEJLIS**

**Article 42** Pursuant to Article 70 of the Constitution the Chairman of the Mejlis shall be elected by secret ballot from among the deputies for the term of the Mejlis powers.

**Article 43** Candidates for election for the position of the Chairman of the Mejlis shall be proposed and discussed at the Mejlis session.

**Article 44** The procedure of conducting a secret ballot for election of the Chairman of the Mejlis shall be determined pursuant to Articles 28-30 of the present Rules.

The candidate shall be considered elected for the position of the Chairman of the Mejlis, if as a result of voting he has got more than half of the votes of the prescribed number of deputies. The law on the election of the Chairman of the Mejlis shall be adopted.

If more than two candidates have been nominated for the position of the Chairman of the Mejlis and none of them has got a required number of votes to be elected, the recurrent voting for two candidates with the majority of votes shall be conducted.

**Article 45** The Chairman of the Mejlis may be relieved on the basis of the law adopted by the Mejlis.

The issue on discharge of the Chairman of the Mejlis shall be included into the agenda of the Mejlis session if not less than one-third of the prescribed number of deputies have voted thereof.

While considering the issue of recall of the Chairman of the Mejlis he should be given the floor for the speech.

Voting on the issue of discharge of the Chairman of the Mejlis shall be conducted in the procedure stipulated by the present Rules for election on the position of the Chairman.

The decision on discharge of the Chairman of the Mejlis shall be taken by the majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes of the prescribed number of deputies.

**Article 46** The powers of the Chairman of the Mejlis may be terminated earlier by the request of the Chairman himself or due to other circumstances which make it impossible for him to fulfill his duties. The decision on early termination of the powers of the Chairman of the Mejlis shall be made by open ballot through simple majority of votes of the prescribed number of deputies. The law on the termination of the powers of the Chairman of the Mejlis shall be adopted.

**Article 47** The Chairman of the Mejlis shall present to the Mejlis a candidate from among the deputies to be elected on the position of the Vice-Chairman of the Mejlis.

Election of the Vice-Chairman of the Mejlis shall be conducted by open ballot.

**Article 48** The candidate shall be considered elected on the position of the Vice-Chairman if he has got more than half of the votes of the prescribed number of deputies.

**Article 49** If the candidate for the position of the Vice-Chairman of the Mejlis has not got the majority support of the deputies, the Chairman of the Mejlis shall propose the other candidate on which a new discussion and voting shall be conducted.

**Article 50** Powers of the Vice-Chairman of the Mejlis may be earlier terminated on the basis of the law adopted by the Mejlis.

The issue on the early termination of the powers of the Vice-Chairman of the Mejlis may be proposed by the deputies and addressed by the Mejlis in the procedure stipulated by the present Rules for early termination of the powers of the Chairman of the Mejlis.

## **CHAPTER 5 PROCEDURE OF CONSIDERING DRAFTS OF LAWS AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE REGULATIONS BY THE MEJLIS**

**Article 51** The right to initiate legislation shall be exercised in the form of entering drafts of new laws, drafts of laws on amendment of current laws, as well as in the form of proposals on adoption of new laws, entering amendments in current laws, recognition of some laws being expired.

**Article 52** Pursuant to the Constitution the right to initiate legislation shall be vested to the President of Turkmenistan, deputies of the Mejlis, Cabinet of Ministers, and Supreme Court.

The drafts of the laws or legislative proposals initiated from the public authorities or social associations having no right to initiate legislation, or from citizens may be submitted to the Mejlis through the authorities or persons having the right to initiate legislation.

**Article 53** Drafts of the laws and legislative proposals shall be submitted jointly with supporting information on the need to develop them, detailed characteristic of goals, objectives and main provisions of future laws and their place in the system of the current legislation, as well as expected socio-economic and other consequences of their application. At the same time, collectives and persons participating in preparation of the draft law should be indicated. In submitting the draft that requires additional material and other expenses its economic and financial substantiation should be attached.

Other requirements specified by legislative acts on the procedure of preparation drafts of laws should be taken into account in drawing up drafts of laws and legislative proposals.

**Article 54** Drafts of laws and legislative proposals subject to consideration by the Mejlis shall be submitted to the Mejlis or the Chairman of the Mejlis.

**Article 55** Drafts of laws or legislative proposals shall be submitted to the relevant committees for preliminary consideration and preparation of the proposals on the procedure of further work with it.

If the submitted proposal disagrees with main requirements of the present Rules and legislative acts on the procedure of preparation drafts of laws, such draft of law or proposal by the relevant committee agreed with the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Protection shall be returned by the Chairman of the Mejlis or the Vice-Chairman of the Mejlis for further improvement.

**Article 56** The Chairman of the Mejlis taking into account the findings of the committee responsible for preparation of the issue, the opinion of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Protection, as well as a report of the Expert Advisory Department of the Mejlis shall decide the issue on inclusion of the draft of law in the agenda of the given session or on continuation of work on the draft of law, or its rejection.

At the same time, the Chairman of the Mejlis may entrust improvement of the draft of law to the relevant committee or increase the composition identifying the term of submitting the draft of law.

The committee may request the opinion of the other committees on the issues under its consideration. Issues related to competence of several committees may be prepared and considered by the committees jointly.

**Article 57** The procedure of consideration the draft of law or legislative proposal, preparation of a report on the draft of law shall be determined by the committee on the basis of the present Rules and other laws.

On the initiative of the committees the Chairman of the Mejlis may establish preparatory commissions or working groups to work on drafts of laws and legislative proposals, involve deputies, initiators of the draft of law, personnel of the Expert Advisory Department of the Mejlis, representatives of public authorities and social associations, specialists and researchers.

If cases of need the drafts of laws shall be submitted to experts, researchers, practitioners for appraisal; opinion on them may be requested from relevant public authorities and social associations.

Alternative drafts of laws shall be considered by the committees concurrently with the main draft.

**Article 58** Comments and proposals submitted in the course of discussion of the draft of law shall be considered by the preparatory commission, and its report on the findings shall be considered at the sittings of the relevant committees. In case of disagreements between the committees participated in the work over the draft of law, the issue shall be submitted to the Mejlis for discussion.

**Article 59** Discussion of the draft of law, legislative proposal in the committees shall be conducted openly, covered by mass media. A deputy who has not participated in the work of the committee is entitled to submit to it his comments and amendments which should be considered by the committee. The committees shall inform the deputies who have submitted the comments and amendments, as a rule orally, on the results of consideration of these comments and amendments.

**Article 60** In considering the draft of law the Mejlis shall hear the report of the committee responsible for preparation of the issue, discuss main provisions of the draft of law and express proposals and comments in the form of amendments, consider proposals on the need to publish the draft of law for nationwide discussion.

If alternative drafts of law on the same issue have been submitted, the Mejlis shall discuss them in the order of their submission and make a decision on what of the considered drafts should be taken as a basis.

**Article 61** As a result of the discussion of the draft of law the Mejlis is entitled either to adopt it or submit it for additional consideration to the same committees or entrust their improvement to the other bodies. By the decision of the Mejlis the draft of law may be brought up for nationwide discussion.

**Article 62** Amendments and proposals to the draft of law for its improvement may be submitted directly to the committee responsible for preparation of the issue or to the other body which has been entrusted to improve the draft of law. The committee responsible for preparation of the issue or the other body which has been entrusted to improve it shall consider the submitted amendments and proposals.

Amendments rejected in the course of improvement of the draft of law shall be attached to the text of the draft.

The improved draft of law shall be submitted by the Chairman of the Mejlis for its consideration by the Mejlis.

**Article 63** Each amendment shall be discussed and voted at the session of the Mejlis separately. If several amendments have been proposed to be included in the same article of the draft, those amendments which adoption or rejection relate to the addressing the issue of other amendments shall be discussed and voted first.

If, with permission of the Mejlis, the amendments have been submitted in the course of the discussion, the chairperson is entitled to announce a break in the work of the session for preparation of the statement on amendments of the relevant committees. The Mejlis shall hear the statements of the committees on the amendments. The floor for justification of the amendment shall be given to the deputy who has entered the amendment, if he disagrees with the proposal of the committee on the given amendment. The debate on the amendments in such case shall not be opened.

**Article 64** Each article separately, or a section, or a chapter of the draft of law with submitted amendments shall be divided, and then the whole draft at large. On the proposal of the chairman of the responsible committee or on his own initiative the chairperson, prior to voting on the draft of law, may submit it to the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Protection for verification on lack of contradictions and on correctness of interconnections of its articles.

**Article 65** Drafts of laws may be brought up for nationwide voting (referendum).

The referendum shall be conducted in the procedure established by law.

**Article 66** Constitutional laws shall be adopted by the Mejlis by the majority of not less than two-thirds of votes from the prescribed number of deputies. Other laws and regulations of the Mejlis shall be adopted by simple majority of votes of the prescribed number of deputies.

**Article 67** The Chairman of the Mejlis shall validate the authenticity of the adopted law with his signature and submit to for the signature to the President of Turkmenistan. In case the President has returned the law with his objections, the Mejlis, as a result of recurrent discussion shall either amend the law by simple majority of votes of the prescribed number of deputies, or confirm the earlier adopted decision by the majority of not less than two-thirds of votes of the prescribed number of deputies.

The law signed by the President of Turkmenistan shall be submitted by the Mejlis for its publication in print media.

## CHAPTER 6 ADOPTION OF OTHER DECISIONS BY THE MEJLIS AND ITS BODIES

**Article 68** For the purpose of fulfilling its powers the Mejlis shall adopt resolutions and the Chairman – orders.

The Mejlis may adopt addresses, declarations, statements. The Chairman of the Mejlis may make addresses and statements.

**Article 69** The Mejlis shall adopt resolutions:

- on setting the election of the President, deputies of the Mejlis, members of velayat (*province*), etrap (*district*), city representative bodies and Gengeshi;
- on approval of the Cabinet of Ministers program of activities;
- on approval of the candidate for the post of the Chairman of the Supreme Court, General Prosecutor, Minister of Interior, Minister of Justice as well as submissions on their discharge;
- on approval of the laws adopted by the President of Turkmenistan;
- on awarding the President of Turkmenistan with state awards, military ranks and distinctions;
- on compliance of normative legal acts of the public authorities with the Constitution;
- on reversal of earlier adopted resolutions;
- on withdrawal of powers from the deputy;
- on interpellations of deputies;
- on other issues referred to the competence of the Mejlis by the Constitution and laws.

The Mejlis shall adopt resolutions by open ballot through simple majority of votes of the prescribed number of deputies, unless other procedure of adopting resolutions by the Mejlis is provided for by the Constitution of Turkmenistan, Law “On Mejlis of Turkmenistan” and the present Rules.

A resolution of the Mejlis shall be signed by the Chairman of the Mejlis.

**Article 70** Decisions of the Mejlis on procedural issues shall be taken by simple majority of votes of the delegates present at the sitting, unless other procedure of addressing these issues is stipulated by the present Rules. Decisions of the Mejlis on procedural issues shall take shape in the text of the verbatim record in the form of a protocol, without taking a decision.

**Article 71** The committees of the Mejlis shall give their opinions on the drafts of laws and other issues of their competence.

Findings of the committees shall be adopted by simple majority of votes of the members of the committees present at the relevant sittings.

## **CHAPTER 7 CONSIDERATION OF THE CABINET OF MINISTER'S PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES, STATE BUDGET OF TURKMENISTAN B REPORT ON ITS EXECUTION**

**Article 72** The Programme of activities of the Cabinet of Ministers shall be submitted to the Mejlis not later than one month prior to its consideration at the session of the Mejlis.

The Chairman of the Mejlis shall determine the committee responsible for the preparation of the issue and submit the programme for its preliminary consideration and preparation of the statement to the committees of the Mejlis.

**Article 73** The committees of the Mejlis not later than two weeks prior to consideration of the programme of activities of the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit their proposals and comments to the committee responsible for preparation of the issue.

**Article 74** Based on the results of the discussion of the programme of activities of the Cabinet of Ministers the Mejlis shall adopt a resolution on adoption or rejection of the programme by simple majority of votes of prescribed number of deputies.

**Article 75** A draft of the State Budget of Turkmenistan for the next year shall be submitted by the President of Turkmenistan for consideration and approval at the session of the Mejlis.

**Article 76** The committees shall preliminary consider the draft of the State Budget of Turkmenistan and submit their proposals to the committee responsible for preparation of the issue.

**Article 77** The law "On the State Budget of Turkmenistan" shall be adopted by the Mejlis by simple majority of votes of prescribed number of deputies.

**Article 78** A report of execution of the Law of Turkmenistan on the State Budget for the previous year should be submitted for consideration at the session of the Mejlis.

The report on execution of the Law of Turkmenistan on the State Budget shall be approved by the resolution of the Mejlis.

## CHAPTER 8 FINAL PROVISIONS

**Article 79** Budget of expenditures related to the work of the Mejlis and its bodies, deputies shall be approved by the Mejlis or with its consent – by the Chairman of the Mejlis.

**Article 80** Organizational, technical and other service of the activities of the Mejlis and its bodies, deputies shall be provided by the relevant responsible services of the Mejlis. In order to organize coverage of the activities of the Mejlis by mass media a special group of the Mejlis shall be established.

**Article 81** Regulations on the services of the Mejlis, their structure, and personnel shall be approved by the Chairman of the Mejlis taking into account that these issues are considered at the committees and commissions of the Mejlis.

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### **17. On approval of the Regulation on provision of activities of the deputies of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan**

The Mejlis of Turkmenistan **has r e s o l v e d:**

1. To approve the Regulation on provision of activities of the deputies of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan and to enforce it from the moment of its approval.

2. To recognize as expired the resolution of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan adopted on 16 March, 1995 "On approval of the Regulation on provision of activities of the deputies of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan" ("Vedomosty of Mejlis of Turkmenistan", 1995, #1, p 4).

**Chairman of the Mejlis  
of Turkmenistan**

**A. Nurberdyeva**

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9 January, 2009  
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