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Referring to the discussions in the Plenary concerning the renewal of the CEC, raised by the Motion of the EKD, the Assembly establishes, on the proposal of the Nominations Committee, a working group of 15 members to carry out a revision of the CEC as a whole, including a common purpose and vision and the setting of strategic goals and which structures would serve these goals in an optimal way and in accordance with the wishes and needs of the Member Churches. In this process, it is important to pay due consideration to the present status of the General Assembly, the Central Committee and the Commissions. This revision should include both constitutional, legal and decision-making aspects deemed necessary.

This working group is to be accountable to the Central Committee and has to make a first draft available no later than 31 December 2011, after which the Member Churches and the Commissions are to be consulted.

The Central Committee has to bring a final proposal to an advanced constitutional and general assembly to be held in the summer of 2013.

Mandate for the Working Group

1. The Working Group shall make sure that this revision takes account of the need for a concise and coherent body of constitutional, legal and decision making provisions and procedures that is easily manageable.
2. It is set up as a special task force. As its work will be conducted between Assemblies, it shall not be a committee according to Nr. 8.12 SO, but be constituted as a body of experts representative of the regions, the denominational families and of majority and minority churches within CEC. It shall present a report on the current state of its work at every meeting of the Central Committee for discussion and take the recommendations of that body into account. The President and the two Vice-Presidents can, in an advisory capacity, take part in the meetings of the working group.
3. The Working Group shall be convened within five months of the closure of this Assembly. The Group shall constitute itself and adopt standing orders in line with the general legal framework of CEC to regulate more detailed procedures. The General Secretariat shall provide the logistic support asked for by the presidium of the Group.



4. The Central Committee shall transmit the final proposal to all member churches no later than six months before the Constitutional Assembly, as stated in the Bye Laws.
5. The Working Group presents the final proposal submitted by the Central Committee to the Constitutional Assembly and advises it on the feasibility and/or impact on the entire body of revised texts of any amendment to its proposal submitted at that Assembly.
6. When convening the Constitutional and General Assembly in 2013 the Central Committee has to take into consideration the date and place of the General Assembly of the WCC as well as the financial consequences for CEC and its Member Churches.