

**AMENDMENT No. 1/2026**  
to the Statutes of the  
**European Academy of Ophthalmology (EAO)**

**Adopted by the General Assembly on 3 March 2026**

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**I. Preamble**

Pursuant to the authority of the General Assembly as the supreme body of the European Academy of Ophthalmology (EAO), and following discussion and unanimous approval at the General Assembly held online on 3 March 2026, the following amendments to the Statutes of the EAO are hereby adopted.

This Amendment shall constitute a separate document appended to the Statutes and shall be read together with the consolidated text of the Statutes dated 5 September 2012.

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**II. Amendments to Article 14 – Status and Convening of the General Assembly**

**1. Amendment of Notice Periods and Agenda Deadlines**

Article 14, paragraph A (General Assembly), provisions concerning notice periods and submission of additional agenda items, are hereby amended to read as follows:

**Article 14 – Status and Convening**

Previous wording:

1. At least ninety (90) days prior to the ordinary General Assembly and at least thirty (30) days prior to any extra-ordinary General Assembly, notice of the time and place shall be given to all members.
2. Until forty five (45) days prior to any General Assembly each Voting Member is entitled to request by written notice to the Secretary-General additional items to be scheduled on the agenda of the following General Assembly.

Amended to:

1. At least thirty (30) days prior to the ordinary General Assembly and at least fifteen (15) days prior to any extra-ordinary General Assembly, notice of the time and place shall be given to all members.
  2. Until fifteen (15) days prior to any General Assembly each Voting Member is entitled to request by written notice to the Secretary-General additional items to be scheduled on the agenda of the following General Assembly. The proposal was discussed and subsequently put to a vote.
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## **2. Addition of New Paragraph 6 to Article 14**

A new paragraph 6 is hereby added to Article 14 as follows:

6. The General Assembly may be convened in person, virtually, or in a hybrid format.
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## **III. Amendment to Article 17 – Universal Vote**

Article 17 (Universal Vote) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Previous wording:

“The universal vote shall be conducted by the Secretary-General within three months. The Voting Members shall thereby cast their vote within forty-five (45) days from receipt of the complete voting papers.”

Amended to:

“The universal vote shall be conducted by the Secretary-General within one month. The Voting Members shall thereby cast their vote within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the complete voting papers”.

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## **IV. Amendment Concerning Quorum for Mail Ballot Resolutions**

The provision of the Statutes concerning quorum for valid resolutions of the General Assembly by mail ballot is hereby amended to read as follows:

Previous wording:

“For any valid resolution of the General Assembly by mail ballot, the quorum is twenty-five (25) valid mail ballots of Voting Members timely returned to the Secretary-General.”

Amended to:

“For any valid resolution of the General Assembly by mail ballot, the quorum is 50% of all active members plus one valid mail ballots of Voting Members timely returned to the Secretary-General”.

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## **V. Adoption and Entry into Force**

1. All amendments contained in this document were discussed and unanimously approved by the General Assembly on 3 March 2026.
2. This Amendment shall enter into force immediately upon its adoption.
3. The present document shall be appended to the official Statutes of the European Academy of Ophthalmology and shall form an integral part thereof until a consolidated version of the Statutes is issued.

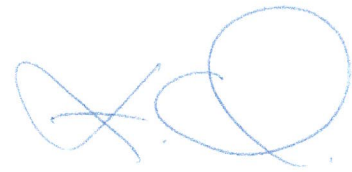
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**Adopted in accordance with the decision of the General Assembly**

3 March 2026

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