WLA 94

Protocol for Proposing Legislation to the Provisional World Parliament

Protocol approved by majority vote at the 18th session of the PWP

The Provisional World Parliament has passed some 91 World Legislative Acts (WLAs) during its 44 years of existence. Its first session took place in Brighton, England, and the last session that passed World Legislative Acts was its 16th session in Pondicherry, India in December 2025.

World Legislative Acts are very serious business. They are attempts to establish quality world laws that are potentially enforceable by a world enforcement and judiciary system, once these are activated. To construct a Bill to go before the Parliament requires taking several very important preliminary steps.

1. All proposed legislation must conform to the letter and spirit of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, which it the document that provides the framework and the legal justification for the proposed legislation. It is important to be familiar with the Constitution and its values before proposing any new legislation.
2. Proposed legislation must not duplicate or seriously overlap with currently existing legislation. Therefore it is important to review all existing WLAs to be sure any new proposed bills meet this criterion.
3. Any new bills must be submitted to the Commission for Legislative Review (CLR) at least 2 months prior to the Parliament session that will vote on them. The CLR will review the bill for form and content, and approved bills will be placed on the agenda for the next session of the PWP with at least 1 month notice to the PWP membership. The location where proposed bills are found and can be examined shall be communicated to the PWP membership.
4. If a quorum is present at the next meeting of the PWP, and the bill has been on the agenda for at least 2 months prior, then the bill is placed before the assembly by the Chairperson. The bill is debated, and friendly motions for amendments may be discussed and voted upon, each proposed amendment requiring a separate vote. The final (perhaps amended) bill is then voted upon by the PWP. A simply majority of votes carries the bill and it becomes official World Legislation. Without a majority of votes the bill dies, and it does not become official legislation.
5. The CLR was activated and empowered by WLA 17 passed at the Sixth Session of the PWP in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2003. WLA 17 contains drafting guidelines that are now part of this

Protocol. These guidelines should be followed for all proposed legislation and are reproduced as follows:

6. Basic Guidelines for legislative drafting:

6.1. Use short sentences if possible. Avoid conjunctions if feasible.

6.2. Avoid synonyms. If synonyms are necessary for apposition, always use parentheses, not commas.

6.3. Avoid acronyms, unless full term is so cumbersome as to perhaps cause confusion in its repetition. Define any acronym in text of bill, before first use.

6.4. Use lists if there are more than four items in a sentence grouping, or when the sentence grouping may otherwise be confusing.

6.5. Use the active voice, rather than the passive voice. Use the present tense, if feasible.

6.6. Use neither idioms, nor slang.

6.7. Refrain from legalese if possible. For instance, use Latin terms only if necessary for concise legal clarity. Avoid wordiness (verbiage, fluff), that is, omit words that do not add meaning.

6.8. Avoid constructions that cause ambiguity.

6.9. Remember that “may” grants permission to act, and “shall” imposes duty to act, «is» defines, and «will» resolves commitment. «Must» is always joined with a negative, such as «must not» for stating prohibition.

6.10. Use full numeric codification**.**

6.11. It is a duty of the Provisional World Parliament is to polish the world legislation to the degree that further form & style amendments are not necessary to existing world legislation when the World Parliament becomes initially operative under the *Earth Constitution* Article 17.3.; As the aim of the Provisional World Parliament is to enact world legislation as near as possible to the practical and effective form of an operative world parliament.

Attested:
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