

CHAPTER X MISCELLANEOUS

87. Freedom of Speech

Subject to the provisions of these Regulations no member of the Assembly shall be held accountable for any opinion or views expressed by him or her while performing his or her duties in the Assembly or in any Committee thereof.

88. Procedure where there is alleged breach of privileges of the Assembly and its members.

(1) Where there is any alleged breach of the privileges of the Assembly and of its members in accordance with these regulations or any law in force or amendment thereof, the Assembly may direct the Committee of Members Affairs to conduct an enquiry into such alleged breach.

(2) The procedure shall be in accordance with these Regulations and the law.

The Chairperson may, during an enquiry under sub-regulation (2) above, issue notices or directs the arrest of the accused person by the relevant law enforcement agency and compel his or her appearance before the Committee.

89. General Authority of the Speaker

(1) Subject to regulation 86, the Speaker shall have power to regulate the conduct of business in the Assembly in all matters not provided for in these Regulations.

(2) No action taken by the Speaker shall be called in question save on a substantive motion made after notice.

90. Employment of Members in Professional Capacity

No member shall appear before the Assembly or any Committee thereof in the capacity of an advocate or an agent for any person or class of persons or in any other capacity for which he or she is to receive a fee or reward.

91. Visitors to the Assembly

(1) A Visitor, not in possession of a Pass shall not be admitted to the precincts of the Assembly unless he or she has business with a member, or an officer or wishes to attend a sitting, provided that a visitor wishing to have a look at the buildings may do so when the Assembly is not sitting if accompanied by a member, an officer or any other person employed by the Assembly.

- 2) Visitors attending a sitting of the Assembly shall be seated in the galleries or the suitable places in accordance with arrangements to be made by the Sergeant-at-Arms under the authority of the Speaker.
- 3) At any sitting of the Assembly any member, whether or not any other member is then speaking, may move that visitors do withdraw. The Speaker shall forthwith put the question without amendment or debate; provided that the Speaker may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of visitors from the galleries or from any part of the Chamber.
- 4) No visitor shall enter, or remain in any part of the Assembly buildings other than the Public Galleries, the Public Waiting Room and the passages leading thereto save in the company of a member, an officer or other person employed by the Assembly unless he or she is in possession of a pass issued in accordance with sub-regulation (7) or (8) hereof.
- 5) No visitor shall be permitted to enter any of the following places; Library, the Reading and Waiting Rooms, the office allotted to any member, officer or person employed by the Assembly save on business with, or by written invitation by the member, officer or person employed, and the showing of such invitation at the gate, nor any committee room when any committee is sitting save with the express permission of the Chairperson. No person, in any case shall be allowed to enter the member's Buffet Room.
- 6) A personal pass may be issued by the Sergeant-at-Arms at the direction of the Speaker to the representative of any journal and may be revoked by the Speaker. Such passes shall be of two types: -
 - i. A Gallery Pass, admitting the holder to the Press Gallery of the Assembly during ordinary sittings, and to press room;
 - ii. A Lobby Pass, admitting the holder to the places mentioned in paragraph (a) of this sub-regulation and in addition to any part of the buildings other than those set out in sub-regulation (6) hereof.
- 7) At the direction of the Speaker the Sergeant –at-Arms may issue passes for the use of Civil Servants having business in the Assembly. Such passes shall be written in the name of the Head of the Department or Branch Office thereof and may be used by any member of his or her staff as he or she may permit. The holder of such pass shall be entitled to be accompanied by not more than three persons to any parts of the Assembly building save the Public Galleries and those set out in sub-Regulation (5) hereof.
- 8) A pass issued in accordance with sub-regulation (6) or (7) hereof shall be valid only for the session or sessions in respect of which it has been issued.

- 9) No person shall introduce a camera into the precincts of the Assembly save with the written permission of the Sergeant-at-Arms. No person having received such permission shall take any photographs in the Chamber or Public Galleries when the Chamber is occupied by members save with the express permission of the Speaker.
- 10) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall take such steps as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this Regulation.

92. Cases not provided for by these Regulations

The Speaker shall discuss all cases, which are not provided for by these Regulations with the Assembly Business Committee. He or she shall give his or her ruling thereon in the light of the result of such discussion.

93. Amendment of the Regulations

- 1) Any member of the Assembly may at any time present to the Speaker a written notice of motion for the amendment of these regulations. Such notice shall be put down on the Agenda on a date to be specified by the Speaker and shall be debated in the same manner as any other motion.
- 2) A resolution for the amendment of these regulations shall be referred to the relevant Committee for phrasing in a legal form, and the committee shall present it to the Speaker within a period not exceeding one week from the date of reference thereof to the said committee.
- 3) In the sitting following the receipt from the relevant Committee of the legal form of the amendment, the Speaker shall read the amendment to the Assembly and without prejudice to any express ruling by the Assembly in this respect; the amendment shall take effect from that date.

94. Interpretation of Regulations

- 1) The ruling of the Speaker on any matter arising from interpretation of these Regulations shall be final and binding.
- (2) Any question of procedure not provided for in these Regulations, shall be decided by the Speaker whose decision shall be final.

CERTIFICATE

I, HEREBY, CERTIFY THAT THE SOUTHERN SUDAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HAS PASSED THE SOUTHERN SUDAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONDUCT OF BUSINESS REGULATIONS 2005 IN ITS FIRST SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSION HELD ON _____ SEPTEMBER 2005.

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