Overlap of Waivers and Resubmission

Guidance from the Standing Committee on Improvements Implementation (SCI)

09 October 2015

The latest version of the Procedures incorporates approved new procedures recommended by the SCI relating to the Council’s ability to: (i) waive the general rule of a 10-day deadline for the submission of motions for voting (Section 3.3.2), and (ii) permit a motion that has been voted on but not adopted to be resubmitted for reconsideration (Section 4.3.3).

The Council’s original request that the SCI consider these two situations did not explicitly ask that the SCI consider also the possible interplay between them (e.g. if a resubmitted motion is sent to the Council after the 10-day deadline applicable to the next scheduled Council meeting). Although the SCI discussed this issue, it did not reach consensus on whether and how to address the potential problem.

The SCI reached consensus that the current GNSO Operating Procedures are clear that the 10-day waiver of the deadline for submitting motions does not apply to resubmitted motions. The SCI sent a letter to Jonathan Robinson, the GNSO Council Chair, on 09 October 2015 notifying the GNSO Council of the SCI's decision along with the original Review Request.

[1] Note that because the Council’s practice permits a motion to be seconded up to the point just before a vote is called, the motion as proposed can be published and placed on the meeting agenda without it first being seconded.