

**Revised version of the RAME Internal Regulation
(topic 3 of the Agenda)**

Internal Regulation of the UIC Regional Assembly Middle East (RAME)

Article 1: The statutory basis of this Regulation

The purpose of this regulation is to define the role, responsibilities, membership, resources, powers, working structures and governance of the UIC Regional Assembly Middle East (RAME) in line with the provisions of UIC Statutes and UIC Internal Regulations.

The RAME shall not have a legal personality, but shall operate on a self-standing basis with the active support and close relationship with UIC Headquarters for its efficient and effective operation

In the event of any difficulty in the interpretation of this regulation, the UIC Statutes followed by the UIC Internal Regulations shall prevail to ensure legal and operational consistency.

Article 2: The role, tasks and responsibilities of the Regional Assembly Middle East (RAME)

The Regional Assembly Middle East (RAME) shall serve the needs of the Middle-East Region as a Special Regional Group (SRG) of UIC, as defined and provided for in Article 10.2 of the UIC Statutes.

It shall exercise its functions in accordance with the overall aims of the UIC Association as set out in Article 1.2 of the UIC Statutes. In so doing, it shall maintain close relations with the UIC Headquarters in order to further increase the presence and involvement of the Middle-East Region in shaping UIC's future vision and objectives, with the aim of enhanced international co-operation and efficient operation and development of rail transport.

The RAME's functional responsibilities will be exercised through an organisational structure which will include a Regional Assembly comprising all members, an elected Chairman and Vice-Chairmen, a Management Committee and support from UIC Headquarters and the Region.

The matters typically addressed by the Regional Assembly Middle East (RAME) will be continuously developed as part of the Regions vision and forward strategy.

The organisational structure and range and coverage of topics may be expected to change to meet the evolving needs of the Assembly over time.

Article 3: Powers of the Regional Assembly Middle East (RAME)

The provisions of this article are as stipulated in the provisions related to "Powers of SRG" in section of the UIC Statutes.

Article 4: Membership of the Regional Assembly

The members of the Assembly shall comprise representatives of all categories of UIC membership within the Middle East region (Active, Associate and Affiliate as defined in Article 2.2 of the UIC Statutes) and all such other members who do not geographical fall within the region but who have been specifically permitted membership by the Regional Assembly Middle-East.

Each member shall be officially represented by a person holding a position at its highest managerial level. Each member may delegate responsibility to another authorised person, on occasions of unavoidable absence or unavailability.

Any member may be represented by another member of the same membership category (if available), provided the latter holds a proxy for each meeting.

An up-to-date list of members, and their nominated delegates, of the Regional Assembly Middle-East shall be posted on the UIC website.

The Chairman of the Regional Assembly Middle East may invite a non-member for the prospective of potential UIC membership to participate as observer at a meeting, without any voting rights. The Chairman will consult the RAME Management Committee before extending such invitations.

The UIC Director General and the UIC Regional Director shall participate at RAME meetings, without any voting rights.

Article 5: Membership of the UIC Executive Board

The representation on the Executive Board from Middle-East shall be elected every two years, having due regard to its proportional voting power on the UIC Executive Board: the regional representatives to the UIC Executive Board from the Middle-East Region shall be three (3) Active Members.

The Chairman, the first Vice Chairman and the second Vice Chairman elected by the Regional Assembly shall be the 3 regional representatives to the UIC Executive Board.

Article 6: Chairman and Vice- Chairmen of the Region

The Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen of the Regional Assembly Middle East (RAME) shall be elected from among the active members of the Regional Assembly for a two-year term of office which shall come to an end when they cease to exercise the function of Chairman / Chief Executive in their respective Railway.

It is foreseen that the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen shall be elected on the basis of consensus, without the need for a formal vote. However, should this not be the case, the RAME shall formally vote on the matter. Candidates shall be elected on the basis of a majority of votes cast. A valid vote will be deemed to have been taken if, at least, two third of the members (representing at least 50% of the voting power) are present.

The person nominated by the Member shall be the person holding the office of Chairman or CEO or an equivalent position within that Member organisation. In case of his/her retirement from or replacement within said Member organisation, the Regional Assembly shall elect his/her successor for the remainder of the mandate.

In the Chairman's absence, the first Vice-Chairman, or if need be, the second Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties of the office of Chairman.

Article 7: Membership of the RAME Management Committee

The Management Committee shall be comprised of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Regional Assembly (the 3 representatives of the Middle East Region to UIC Executive Board) together with the UIC Director General, the Regional Director and the Director in charge of the Coordination for the Middle-East.

The Management Committee shall be chaired by the RAME Chairman or in his absence by one of the Vice- Chairmen.

The UIC Director General and the UIC Regional Director shall participate at RAME meetings, without any voting rights.

Article 8: Powers and tasks of the RAME Management Committee

The Management Committee of the Regional Assembly Middle-East shall be mandated by the RAME and shall apply the policy of the RAME. It shall thus make decisions on behalf of the RAME on matters mandated by that body. In particular, it shall be responsible for

Preparing the meetings of the Regional Assembly, submitting an annual activities report to the Assembly, proposing the amount of fees and agreeing the overall budget to be put to the RAME.

Deciding on whether projects or activities qualify as being of common interest for the entire Regional Assembly Middle-East and approving the relevant budgets.

Taking any relevant emergency measures, and if necessary submitting these for ratification to the next Regional Assembly or by conducting an enquiry among Members or organising a vote by correspondence under the same terms as those applied for voting at RAME meetings.

Article 9: Location of the UIC Middle East Regional Unit

The Office of the UIC Middle East Regional Unit is located in Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran. The address is:

Office of UIC Middle East
Nr. 66, Italy av. & Vesal-e-Shirazi Cross.

Postal Code: 1416613191
Tehran (Islamic Republic of Iran)

The Regional Assembly Middle East shall nominate a specific officer from his organisation to manage the UIC Regional Office in close cooperation with UIC RAME Chairman and Vice Chairmen, other RAME Member Railways and UIC Headquarters.

The Regional Office is in charge of ensuring follow-up of the decisions of the Regional Assembly, reporting on the activities and results, disseminating information and submitting proposals for new activities as the result of its permanent contacts with member railways from the Region and UIC HQ.

The costs for the Tehran Regional Office will be considered as part of the Regional functioning budget supported by all members of the Regional Assembly Middle East.

Article 10: Fees & Resources

The provisions of this article are as stipulated in the provisions related to "Fee & Resource" in the UIC Statutes.

Article 11: Other practical governance and procedural issues

The Regional Assembly Middle-East will normally meet twice a year on the invitation of the Chairman but can meet beyond the specified two times if decided by the Chairman to discuss and decide certain critical issues. All members will be advised of the date of meetings at least 6 weeks in advance of the proposed date, except in the case of an emergency, where such notice could not be reasonably given.

Statutory meetings shall normally be held at the location of the current Chairman or at UIC Headquarters in Paris. However, the Chairman may select another venue, having regard to the general convenience of the participating members, possible co-ordination with other pre-planned events (conferences, congresses) and particular offers from members to host the meetings.

The Chairman will set the agenda for meetings.

Decisions shall be carried on the basis of a majority of votes cast. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman will have the casting vote. A valid vote will be deemed to have been taken if, at least, two third of the members (representing at least 50% of the voting power) are present.

Voting right in the Regional Assembly will be determined in relation to the voting powers of members in the UIC General Assembly.

The conclusions of the Regional Assembly Middle East (RAME) meetings will be drawn up by the UIC Regional Office and circulated to members, once reviewed and approved by the RAME Chairman in concertation with UIC.
