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Reducing the Number of Executive Council Meetings That Must Be Held Each Year

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Articles VII and X of the Constitution require that the AFL-CIO Executive Council meet at least three times each year. Traditionally, the Council has met in mid-winter and approximately six months later in early August. In recent years, at least, there have also been meetings in the Spring, in addition to those conducted in connection with the conventions. Considerable time and expense are associated with these meetings, both for the Federation and for participating affiliates and Council members. And, with increasing reliance on the Executive Council committee structure, much business of the Council is conducted in committee meetings that are held independent of the formal Council meetings as well.

The proposed amendment would reduce the required number of Executive Council meetings per year from three to two. The amendment would not preclude the President or the Council from calling more meetings if deemed necessary, but would remove the obligation to do so.

Therefore, the Executive Council proposes the following amendments:

ARTICLE VII PRESIDENT

Sec. 1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Federation. He shall supervise the affairs of the Federation, sign all official documents and preside at regular and special conventions, and at meetings of the Executive Council and the General Board. He shall call meetings of the Executive Council at least ~~three times~~ twice each year.

ARTICLE X EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Sec. 3. The Executive Council shall meet upon the call of the President at least ~~three times~~ twice each year at a time and place designated by the President.