

Paper M2

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Basic Information

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Action required	Decision
Draft resolution(s)	Acting on behalf of General Assembly, Mission Council updates the definition of a dissident in the Appeals process as set out in paper M2 of Mission Council November 2017.

Summary of Content

Subject and aim(s)	A drafting error has been pointed out, which this paper proposes to correct.
Main points	The current definition of a dissident inadvertently excludes someone who is the subject of a decision from appealing, unless they are a member of the relevant Council, meaning that, for instance, someone could not appeal a synod decision that directly affected them unless they were a member of the synod. This is against natural justice, and was not intended.
Previous relevant documents	n/a
Consultation has taken place with...	The General Secretary

Summary of Impact

Financial	n/a
External (e.g. ecumenical)	n/a

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2. Mission Council is asked to update the definition of a “dissident” at paragraph 9.20 in the Rules of Procedure to “...a member of that council, **or a person directly affected by a decision of that council**, who dissents...”.

