

**IX. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED UNDER SECTION 28(3)(ii) AND (iii)  
OF THE CONSTITUTION**

1. As soon as possible after a canon has been provisionally made, the General Secretary shall forward a copy of the Provisional Canon together with a copy of a certificate in the form of the Schedule to the bishop of each diocese.
2. The bishop of a diocese shall endeavour to ensure that the synod of the diocese considers whether to assent to or dissent from the Provisional Canon as soon as practicable after the copy of the Provisional Canon is received by the bishop.
3. When the synod of a diocese has assented to or dissented from the Provisional Canon the bishop or the registrar or the secretary of the diocese shall forthwith notify the General Secretary in the form of a certificate set out in the Schedule.
4. A declaration under section 28(3)(iii) of the Constitution shall be made by the President in writing under his hand and shall be filed in the Registry of the Primate.
5. Such declaration shall state the date upon which the General Secretary received the assent of the diocesan synod last to assent and in the said declaration the President shall declare the date on and from which the canon shall come into force.
6. The canon and the declaration shall be recorded in the Register of Canons in the said Registry and the Primate shall cause a notice to be posted to the secretaries of synod and the bishops of all dioceses stating that the declaration has been made and that the canon will come into force on the day so declared.

**THE SCHEDULE**

Certificate of assent to/dissent from a Provisional Canon of General Synod

[Short title and number of provisional canon]

To: The General Secretary  
  
General Synod

I CERTIFY that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ the synod of this diocese \*assented to/dissented from the above provisional canon. A copy of the report and recommendations (if any) of the synod is attached.

Signed: .....

**\* Bishop/Registrar/Diocesan Secretary**

Diocese: .....

Date: .....

\* Delete whichever is inapplicable

Note:

1. The assent to or dissent from a provisional canon need only be by resolution of the synod.
2. If the provisional canon is assented to by the synod of a diocese it does not come into force in that diocese by virtue of such assent. It can only do so if it becomes a canon of General Synod and (in most cases) if the synod of the diocese then adopts it by ordinance.
3. If the synod dissents from the provisional canon it should submit a report as to the reasons why the provisional canon was not assented to together with any recommendations it may wish to make concerning the canon.
4. If a synod defers consideration of a provisional canon or assents to it with a comment, the General Secretary should be so informed together with a copy of any relevant ordinance or resolution.

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