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Suggested Title: Living into the Future

Include Connectional Table in the General Provisions

Discipline Paragraph: New ¶ after 702.6

Financial Implications: Yes

Agency Name: The General Council on Ministries

Amend by addition of new paragraph after ¶702.6

Connectional Table Membership and Organization

a) Membership of the Connectional Table shall be elected in accordance with a new paragraph, *Organization of the Connectional Table*. Following the organization meetings of agencies in the fall of 2004, the Connectional Table will be convened by a Transition Team to begin its orientation, training, and the ordering of its life. The Connectional Table will begin consultation with the General Council on Finance and Administration and the General Council on Ministries to ensure the efficient and complete transition of the functions and responsibilities of each Council including transfer of property, assets, and personnel. The Connectional Table will have the right and responsibility to implement its organizational style, develop policies and procedures, determine personnel needs, and prepare itself to fully assume the responsibilities transferred from the former General Council on Finance and Administration and General Council on Ministries.

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Rationale: Rather than impose a style of operation on the Connectional Table, this paragraph would give the Connectional Table some flexibility in determining how it will work as a collaborative organization. As of January 1, 2007, the former GCOM and the GCFA will transfer their responsibilities to the Connectional Table.