

THE DECISION REGARDING THE AMENDING OF ARTICLES CONCERNING
BISHOPS ACCORDING TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE PATRIARCHATE

CHAPTER VI, THE BISHOPS

Article 75

The Patriarch is the reference point of all bishops in Damascus, Patriarchal Monasteries and Vicariates; and they are under his authority

Article 76

The Metropolitan is the point of reference of all bishops in his Archdiocese and they are under his authority.

Article 77

All bishops within the Antiochian See are auxiliary bishops and are directly under their spiritual authority.

Article 78

The Metropolitan defines the responsibilities of the bishops and the place where they should serve. The bishop does not do anything contrary to the will of the Metropolitan.

Article 79

The aforementioned articles 75, 76, 77 and 78 are applicable in all Antiochian Archdioceses and whatever contradicts these articles is null and void.

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Signed by: His Beatitude, IGNATIUS IV, Patriarch
His Eminence, ILYAS, Tripoli
His Eminence, ELIA, Hama
His Eminence, ELIAS, Tyre and Sidon
His Eminence, GEORGE, Homs
His Eminence, PAUL, Australia
His Eminence, DAMASKINOS, Brazil
His Eminence, ESPER, Houran
His Eminence, BASILIOS, Akkar