

STATUTES OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (INTERNATIONAL NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION)

PREAMBLE

Political parties at European level are important as a factor for integration within the European Union. They contribute to forming a European awareness and to expressing the political will of the citizens of the Union." (Article 191 of the Treaty establishing the European Community).

On the basis

- of the Christian view of mankind and the Christian Democratic concept of society,
- of their joint will to create a federal European Union as a Union of free peoples and citizens conscious of their own responsibilities,

the Christian Democrat, Centrist and like-minded parties of the European People's Party as heirs of Europe's Founding Fathers accept these responsibilities and create an international non-profit association. This association will be a member of the Christian /Centrist Democrat International (CDI), a worldwide organisation of Christian Democrats and like-minded political parties and the International Democrat Union (IDU), a worldwide organization of Conservative, Christian Democrat and like-minded political parties of the centre and centre right.

Therefore,

1) – the “Christen Democratisch Appèl (CDA)”, having the legal personality according to dutch law of an association with full legal competence (Verening met volledige rechtsbevoegdheid), with registered office in 2512 XA Den Haag, Buitenom 18, represented by Wilfried Martens, lawyer, domiciled in 1050 Ixelles (Brussels), place Marie-José 14/10, having the power of attorney to participate in the constitution of the international non-profit association “Parti Populaire Européen, in short PPE/EVP/EPP”;

2) – the “Partido Popular (PP)”, having the legal personality according to spanish law of an association with full legal competency (enregistered in the Register of Political Parties (Ministry of Interior Affairs), with registered office in 28004 Madrid, Calle Génova n° 13, represented by Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ, Avda Menendes Pelayo 27, Madrid, Spain, lawyer, having the power of attorney to participate in the constitution of the international non-profit association “Parti Populaire Européen, in short PPE/EVP/EPP”;

agree to create an international non-profit association according to Belgian law and determine its by-laws as follows:

I. NAME – OFFICE – PURPOSE - DURATION

Article 1

The association, an alliance of political parties at European level, is named “Parti populaire européen / Europese Volkspartij / Europäische Volkspartei / European People's Party”, abbreviated as “PPE/EVP/EPP”). This name must always be preceded or followed by the words “association internationale sans but lucratif / internationale vereniging zonder winstoogmerk” or the abbreviation AISBL / IVZW.

The association is governed by title III of the law of 27 June 1921 on the non-profit associations, the foundations and the international non-profit associations.

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Article 2

The registered office of the association is established at rue du Commerce 10, 1000 Brussels, in the Brussels judicial district.

The Presidency is authorized to transfer the registered office of the association to another location within this judicial district and to establish other offices and/or subsidiaries within or outside this judicial district.

Article 3

The purpose of the association is to:

- promote and foster close and ongoing collaboration among its members for the purpose of implementing their common policy at European level;
- encourage and organise unanimous action by its members at European level;
- work (i) to achieve free and pluralistic democracy, (ii) for respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law on the basis of a common programme;
- promote the process of unification and federal integration in Europe as a constituent element of the European Union.

In order to realize this purpose and in order to establish, develop, implement and promote its policies, the association organizes several discussion and decision forums, major events and fact finding missions according to strict democratic principles and issues publications of all sorts.

The association is also authorised to execute all legal instruments (including real estate transactions) directly or indirectly useful or necessary for the promotion and achievement of the above-mentioned aims.

Through their national policies the member parties of the association support positions taken by the association in the context of the European Union. In the context of national responsibilities, they shall maintain their own name, their identity and their freedom of action. The association is represented in the European Parliament by the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) (Group of the EPP in the European Parliament).

Member parties oblige parliamentarians elected to the European Parliament on their list, and/or sent to the Committee of the Regions, or the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO, to join the EPP Groups therein.

Article 4

The association is incorporated for an indefinite duration.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Article 5

The number of members is unlimited, but may not be less than two. Requests for membership shall be submitted to the Presidency in writing. They shall comprise a statement on the adoption of the Political programme and by-laws and internal regulations of the association, in addition to a copy of the by-laws of the applicant party and information on the background and organisation of said applicant. The Presidency will transmit the application to the Political Assembly.

Without prejudice to article 6 and subject to what follows, the Political Assembly is authorised to grant, at its own discretion, the applicant one of the following member status in the EPP: Ordinary Member Party, Associated Member Party, Member Association or Individual Member (as defined here below).

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- Ordinary Member Parties

The Political Assembly is authorised to grant member status in the association to any Christian Democrat or like-minded party, based in the European Union, which subscribes to the association's political programme and accepts its by-laws and internal regulations (hereinafter referred to as "Ordinary Member Parties").

- Associated Member Parties

The Political Assembly is also authorised to grant member status to any political party of Christian Democrat or like-minded orientation, based outside the European Union, from states whose applications for membership of the European Union have been introduced and / or states belonging to the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), which subscribe to the objectives referred to in article 3 of the by-laws and to the association's political programme, and which accept its by-laws and internal regulations (hereinafter referred to as "Associated Member Parties"). They shall not participate in decisions involving the policies and structure of the European Union nor of its institutional system. If the state in which the Associated Member Party is established effectively becomes a member of the European Union, such Associated Member Party shall automatically become an Ordinary Member Party as from the date of the adherence of such state to the European Union.

- Member Associations

The status of Member Association can be granted to any Member Association within the meaning of article 27 of the by-laws and section X of the internal regulations and which subscribes to the association's political programme and accepts its by-laws and internal regulations (hereinafter referred to as "Member Associations").

- Individual Members

In addition, all members of the EPP Group in the European Parliament elected on a list of a member party are also members ex officio of the association (hereinafter referred to as "Individual Members"). Other members of the European Parliament can become Individual Members of the association by decision of the Political Assembly on the proposal of the Presidency of the association. The speaking and voting rights of the Individual Members within the organs of the association are personal and inalienable.

If a candidate for membership in the association is a legal person within the meaning of the law applicable to it, it must name in its application for membership a natural person who will represent it in the association. The same provision applies if the candidate does not have legal personality under the law applicable to it. It shall then designate a natural person who will act on behalf of all members of the candidate member without legal personality, as its representative. In case of a change of representation, the President of the association is immediately informed in writing.

In the transitional provisions, exception to these provisions is made for granting member status to the Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties, Observer Member Parties and Individual Members joining the association immediately after its incorporation, before the first meeting of the Political Assembly.

Article 6

Parties close to the EPP, from (i) European Union Member States, (ii) states which have applied for European Union membership as well as from (iii) European states that are members of the Council of Europe, may be granted observer status by the Political Assembly, on the proposal of the Presidency, except for the parties granted observer status immediately after the incorporation of the association and

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before the first meeting of the Political Assembly, in accordance with the transitional provisions. This category of members is called "Observer Member Parties".

Article 7

Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties, Member Associations and Observer Member Parties individually pay annual dues of no more than 500.000 (five hundred thousand) euros. The amount of the dues is determined annually by the Political Assembly. Dues are payable within two weeks of having been set and communicated by the Political Assembly to the members.

Article 8

The Presidency keeps a membership register at the registered office of the association. This register lists the surname, first name, place of residence, date and place of birth of members or, in the case of legal persons or de facto associations, the name, legal form, address of the registered office, identity of the representative and, where applicable, the registration number in accordance with existing legislation and/or regulations. All members may consult this register at the registered office of the association.

The EPP Membership is strictly exclusive. In no case may an EPP member as defined under Articles 5 and 6 Section II of the EPP Statutes also be member of any other Political Party at European Level recognized under Regulation (EC) N° 2004/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 laying down the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding.

An EPP member that is found to be also member of another Political Party at European Level will be automatically excluded according to Article XIV of the EPP Internal Regulations.

Article 9

Any member may resign from the association at any time. The member gives notice to the Presidency of the decision to resign by registered letter.

Members that resign are obliged to fulfil their financial obligations toward the association for the year during which the resignation is submitted and for all previous years.

The suspension and the exclusion of a member may only be decided by the Political Assembly. It is not obliged to disclose its reasons. A proposal for the exclusion of a member may only be submitted by the Presidency, or seven Ordinary or Associated Member Parties from five different countries. The Presidency may hear the member concerned. A proposal for the exclusion of an Individual Member may only be submitted by the Presidency of the EPP Group in the European Parliament.

If a Member Party is not any more a viable political force in its respective country and, in particular, has not been represented in regional or national or European Parliament(s) for two consecutive parliamentary terms, the EPP Presidency can recommend to the Political Assembly its suspension or exclusion, according to the procedures stated in the previous paragraph.

A member's affiliation ceases automatically upon death, disqualification, liquidation or in cases of temporary administration, court-ordered settlement or insolvency. The affiliation of an individual member ends automatically when this member is no longer a member of the European Parliament and the affiliation of a Member Association ends automatically when this member does no longer fulfil the criteria that were necessary for its preliminary recognition as a Member Association and which are set out in the internal regulations.

Members that resigned or were excluded and the legal successors of such members or of deceased members have no claims on the assets of the association and may never be reimbursed for dues paid, contributions or any other payments made to the association, unless otherwise expressly provided for in the by-laws.

In no case may a member that resigned or was excluded demand the communication of or a copy of the accounts, the placing of official seals on the property of the association or the drawing up of an inventory.

III. ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 10

The organs of the association are:

- (i) The Presidency
- (ii) The Political Assembly
- (iii) The Congress.

The EPP strives towards equal participation of women and men in all its organs.

IV. PRESIDENCY

Article 11

The association is managed by the Presidency, the executive organ. The Presidency is composed of:

- (i) the President of the EPP;
- (ii) the President of the European Commission, the President of the European Council, the High Representative on Foreign and Security Policy, the President of the European Parliament (to the extent that these persons are affiliated to the EPP);
- (iii) the Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament;
- (iv) the Honorary President(s);
- (v) ten Vice-Presidents;
- (vi) the Treasurer; and
- (vii) the Secretary General.

Except for the Honorary President(s) who are elected by the Political Assembly, and for the President of the European Commission, the President of the European Council, the High Representative on Foreign and Security Policy, the President of the European Parliament, the President of the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament, who are *ex officio* members of the Presidency, the members of the Presidency are elected by the Congress by secret ballot and by separate vote, for a renewable term of three years, exception made for the first nomination of the members of the Presidency immediately after the incorporation of the association, which will be carried out in accordance with the transitional provisions.

The Congress elects first the President who, subsequently, proposes to the Congress a Secretary General to be elected. Only representatives of Ordinary and Associated Member Parties are eligible for these functions.

Candidates who obtain a simple majority of the valid votes cast are elected. Abstentions are not considered valid votes.

Candidates for the functions of President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer must be nominated, in writing, to the Secretariat General, seven days prior to the date of the election. Presidents and Secretaries General are entitled, on behalf of Ordinary and Associated Member Parties and on behalf of Member Associations, to propose candidates provided that all candidates are member of an Ordinary or Associated Member Party. All Ordinary and Associated Member Parties and all Member Associations shall be informed of the names of the candidates not less than three days prior to the elections.

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The members of the Presidency may resign at any time, by giving notice to the Presidency of the decision to resign by registered letter. Their mandate is at any time revocable by the Congress.

If a mandate falls vacant, the Political Assembly may, in accordance with the previous paragraphs of this article, elect a replacement. At the following Congress, confirmation of this election is requested and the Congress determines the duration of the term of office. Members of the Presidency may be re-elected.

Members of the Presidency whose terms of office are coming to an end must, before expiry of the term, call a Congress for the purpose of electing new members of the Presidency. If they fail to do so, they are obliged to remain in office until such time as a replacement can be found, without prejudice to their responsibility for any damage caused by their omission.

On the proposal of the President, and in accordance with the requirements of the agenda, the following persons may be invited to attend meetings of the Presidency:

- members of the European Commission who are member of a Member Party
- the President of the EPP Group at the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO as well as in the Committee of the Regions

The following persons are permanently invited:

- the Deputy Secretary(ies)-General of the EPP
- The Secretary-General of the EPP Group in the European Parliament.

The EPP President and/or Secretary General can attend, at will, any meetings of any organs of EPP Groups and Associations.

The members of the Presidency are not remunerated for the exercise of their mandate, unless decided otherwise by the Political Assembly.

In case the President would be prevented to fulfil his powers, as attributed to him by these by-laws and the internal regulations, he will delegate one of the Vice-Presidents as his representative.

Article 12

The Presidency has the powers attributed to it by the law, these by-laws and the Internal Regulations. Its competences consist inter alia of:

- ensuring the implementation of decisions taken by the Political Assembly;
- preparing the annual accounts and budget;
- ensuring the permanent political presence of the EPP;
- monitoring the work of the General Secretariat, and more in particular the budget management;
- issuing statements on behalf of the EPP in the framework of its political program further to a decision of the Political Assembly;
- proposing candidates for the function of Deputy Secretary(ies) General to the Political Assembly in agreement with the Secretary General;
- proposing candidates for nomination as Honorary President to the Political Assembly.

Article 13

The members of the Presidency shall meet at least eight times annually, upon convocation by the President, by letter, fax or email at the latest two weeks in advance, unless in case of urgency. The meetings take place on the day and at the time and place stated in the convocation notice. The notice also contains the agenda, which is fixed by the President. The Presidency may only debate the items on the agenda, unless all the members are present and unanimously agree to deliberate and to approve the agenda set at that time.

The Presidency shall validly deliberate if a majority of its members are present.

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In case of failure to achieve this quorum, a second meeting shall be convened with the same agenda, which can validly deliberate, regardless of the attendance quorum.

Decisions shall be taken by an absolute majority of the votes cast. All members of the Presidency shall have one vote. In case of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

The meetings are chaired by the President.

The Secretary General or a Deputy Secretary General shall draw up the minutes of the meetings, which shall be kept at the registered office of the association.

Membership of the Presidency is strictly personal. A representative of a member of the Presidency will not be admitted to meetings. The mandate of the members of the Presidency will automatically expire if, during the course of the year, a member has not participated in at least half of the meetings.

On the proposal of the President, the Presidency may share work between its members or mandate certain members for specific tasks and delegate specific powers to one or more of its members.

Article 14

If the President considers it advisable, the Presidency may approve a proposal by having all members of the Presidency sign for approval a circular setting out the proposal.

In this case, the Presidency is not required to call a meeting. The circular must include the following information:

- a statement that the text is a proposal for a decision of the Presidency;
- a statement that the decision shall only be approved if signed by all the members of the Presidency;
- a statement that the decision may not be amended and that no reservations may be expressed by members of the Presidency;
- a statement that all the members of the Presidency must return the document signed and with the handwritten words "read and approved";
- a statement that the signed circular must be returned within ten days to the association.

The meetings of the Presidency may also be organized by video- or teleconference.

V. POLITICAL ASSEMBLY

Article 15

The Political Assembly is the strategic organ of the association.

It is composed of:

a. members ex officio:

- members of the Presidency;
- members of the Presidency of the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament;
- Presidents of Ordinary or Associated Member Parties, Member Associations or their mandated representatives;
- Presidents of national delegations of member parties of the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament;

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- Members of the Presidency of the European Parliament, of the European Commission and of the Presidency of the Committee of the Regions, provided they belong to an Ordinary Member Party;
- Presidents of the EPP Groups in the Committee of the Regions and in the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO, provided that they are member of an Ordinary Member Party or Associate Member Party.

The mandate of these members of the Political Assembly ends when they loose the capacity in which they became member of the Political Assembly.

b. delegated members:

- Representatives of Ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties.
The Ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties shall nominate their delegates together with an equivalent number of substitutes.
 - o The delegates and voting rights of Ordinary Member Parties are assigned proportionally to the number of Individual Members of the association;
 - o The delegates and voting rights of the Associated Member Parties are assigned by the Presidency.

The mandate of these members of the Political Assembly ends when the delegation by which they became member of the Political Assembly comes to an end. The composition of the Political Assembly is calculated by the Secretary General twice in a legislature of the European Parliament (i): at the beginning and (ii) half-way through the European parliament legislature (any delay in these calculations is limited to a maximum of six months). This calculation must be approved by the Political Assembly.

c. non voting members

- The deputy Secretary(ies) General of the Association;
- The Secretary General of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, and Secretaries General of the EPP Group in the Committee of the Regions and in the parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO;
- Two delegates of each Observer Member Party.

On the proposal of the President, the Political Assembly may invite certain personalities to give advice.

Article 16

The Political Assembly has the powers attributed to it by the law, these by-laws and the Internal Regulations. Its competences consist inter alia of:

- ensuring unity of action by the EPP and influencing the achievement of European policy in the spirit of its program;
- electing the Deputy Secretary(ies) General on the proposal of the Presidency;
- stimulating and organizing systematic relations between national parliamentary groups and member parties in agreement with the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament;
- adopting the annual accounts and the budget;
- deciding on the applications for membership as well as on the recognition of Member Associations;
- deciding on the exclusion of members and revoking the recognition of Member Associations;
- deciding on the amount of annual dues to be paid by the members;
- formulating recommendations to the Congress as to modifications of the by-laws;
- adopting the Internal Regulations;
- electing the Honorary President(s) on the proposal of the Presidency, except for the first Honorary President(s) elected before the first meeting of the Political Assembly in accordance with the transitional provisions;
- appointing the statutory auditor.

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The Political Assembly may establish standing commissions and ad hoc working groups to study specific problems, and decide to dissolve them after having heard the president of the commission or working group.

Article 17

On the invitation of the President, the Political Assembly meets at least four times annually, whenever the object or the interest of the association so requires; an extraordinary meeting can be held at the request of either one-third of the Ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties, or of the Presidency of the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament.

The Political Assembly shall validly deliberate if it is convened regularly, i.e. by letter, fax or email at the latest two weeks in advance, unless in case of urgency, and if a majority of its members are present. Failure to achieve this quorum can only be established on the basis of a formal proposal, at the request of the delegations of at least seven Ordinary Member Parties or Associated Member Parties. If a second meeting has been convened with the same agenda, within at least two weeks and at most two months after the establishing of the failure to achieve the quorum, this second meeting can validly deliberate, regardless of the quorum.

The convocation notice sets out the agenda. Meetings are held at the registered office of the association or at the place stated in the notice of the meeting. For an item not listed on the agenda to be validly put to the vote, at least two thirds of members present must consent.

All votes and election procedures shall be made by absolute majority of the members present. In case of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

The meetings are chaired by the President.

The Secretary General or a Deputy Secretary General shall draw up the minutes of the meetings, which shall be kept at the registered office of the association. All members will receive copies of these minutes within four weeks of each meeting.

The Political Assembly normally meets "in camera". On the request of the Presidency or of one tenth of the delegates, the Political Assembly may decide, by simple majority, to admit the public to the meeting.

VI. CONGRESS

Article 18

The Congress has the following competences:

- deciding on the political program of the EPP;
- deciding on modifications of the by-laws;
- electing the President, Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General and the Treasurer;
- deciding on the dissolution of the association.

The composition and the functioning of the Congress are regulated in the Internal Regulations.

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VII. SECRETARY GENERAL

Article 19

Exception made for the first nomination of the Secretary General immediately after the incorporation of the association, which will be carried out in accordance with the transitional provisions, the Congress elects, on the proposal of the President, a Secretary General, in charge of the day-to-day management of the association, including the representation of the association within the limits of the day-to-day management.

This day to day management includes inter alia (i) the management of the General Secretariat and exercise of the decisions taken by the organs, (ii) the supervision of the cooperation between the General Secretariats of Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties and Member Associations and the General Secretariat of the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament, (iii) the drawing up, in agreement with the President, of agendas for meetings of organs, the supervision of the convening of meetings, their preparation, and the writing of minutes, (iv) the responsibility to the Presidency and the Political Assembly for proper and adequate budgetary management, and (v) the drawing up of a report of the activities of the General Secretariat and organizational perspectives to the Political Assembly at the beginning of each year.

The secretary General is also entitled to implement decisions of the Presidency and in particular to authorize an attorney at law to represent the association in judicial proceedings either as applicant or defendant.

On the proposal of the Presidency and in agreement with the Secretary General, the Political Assembly, following the election of the Presidency, elects the Deputy Secretary (ies) General for a period of three years.

VIII. REPRESENTATION

Article 20

All legal acts on behalf of the association not falling within the scope of the day-to-day management or of a special delegation of powers, must be signed by the President or by two members of the Presidency.

IX. MODIFICATIONS OF THE BY-LAWS

Article 21

Proposals for modifications of the by-laws may be introduced by the Presidency, Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties or Member Associations and by the EPP Group at the European Parliament and the Presidents of the EPP Groups in the Committee of the Regions, the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO provided that they are member of an Ordinary Member Party or Associated Member Party.

Proposals must be presented in writing to the Secretary General who will transmit them to the Members of the Political Assembly for deliberation at least four weeks prior to the meeting at which the Political Assembly will deliberate on those proposals.

Proposals shall be presented to the Congress for adoption only if they have obtained a two-thirds majority in the Political Assembly. Approval of modifications to the by-laws presented by the Political Assembly requires a simple majority of the members of Congress present. The Congress may by a two-thirds majority of the members present overrule the proposals of the Political Assembly.

X. CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

Article 22

The Centre for European Studies (CES) is the official European political foundation of the European People's Party. The CES will function as the sole and official think-tank of the EPP and shall, in particular, serve as a common European framework for national foundations/think-tanks recognized by EPP member-parties.

XI. FINANCIAL YEAR – ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET – STATUTORY AUDITOR

Article 23

Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties, Member Associations and Observer Member Parties contribute to the financing of the association. The conditions are strictly defined in the Internal Regulations.

Article 24

The association's financial year runs from 1 January to 31 December.

At the end of each financial year, the Presidency closes the accounts for the year ended and establishes the budget for the following financial year in accordance with the applicable legal provisions; the annual accounts are submitted to the Political Assembly for approval.

The Treasurer will assist the Presidency in drawing up the accounts and the budget. He controls the budgetary management of the General Secretary and reports to the Presidency. He is responsible in particular for the financing of the association and its activities, by means of membership fees, donations or otherwise.

The surplus is added to the association's assets and in no case may be paid to members in the form of dividends.

Article 25

Exception made for the first appointment of the statutory auditor immediately after the incorporation of the association, which will be carried out in accordance with the transitional provisions, the Political Assembly appoints one or more statutory auditors assigned with auditing the accounts submitted by the Presidency and presenting a report on the accounts.

The auditor is appointed for a renewable term of three years. The Political Assembly fixes his remuneration. His mandate may be revoked at any time by the Presidency.

In the absence of an auditor or if the auditor is unable to fulfil his functions, the President convenes within one month a meeting of the Political Assembly for the purpose of appointing an auditor or replacing the auditor.

The auditor appointed to replace an auditor who has resigned in the course of his term of office completes the latter's term.

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XII. DISSOLUTION

Article 26

The association is not dissolved as a result of the death, dissolution or resignation of a member, provided the number of members is not less than two.

The association may be dissolved voluntarily by a decision of the Congress with a three-quarters majority of the members present, in accordance with the rules applicable to its functioning, as set out in the Internal Regulations.

In the event of voluntary dissolution, the Congress elects the liquidator(s). In the absence of liquidator(s), the members of the Presidency will act as liquidators.

In the event of dissolution, the Political Assembly decides on the disposal of the assets. Such disposal must serve a not-for-profit purpose.

XIII. INTERNAL REGULATIONS

Article 27

At the proposal of the Presidency, the Political Assembly decides on the Internal Regulations in which issues of internal order and of financial order not mentioned in these by-laws shall be set out. In the Internal Regulations, some additional bodies will be created, such as the EPP Summit and the notions of "Member Associations" and "Supporting Member" will be defined.

Proposals for amendments to the Internal Regulations may be submitted by the Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties and Member Associations and by the Presidency. Said proposals must be submitted in writing to the Secretary General four weeks prior to the meeting of the Political Assembly at which they will be considered and they must be notified to the members.