

STATUTES EPP WOMEN

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PREAMBLE

On the basis

- of the Christian vision of Humanity and of the view on society which results from this,
- of the general will to found the European Union as a union of free people and of citizens aware of their responsibilities,
- owing to the fact that the women of Europe want to take part in this development,

The EPP Women equip themselves with these statutes.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Article 1

The EPP Women have:

- to ensure a close and permanent cooperation between their members in order to achieve these common objectives,
- to promote and organize activities of their members at the European level,
- to support the realization of a free and pluralist democracy,
- defend and promote the interests of women and their participation within the parties, within the European institutions and within society, in the context of realizing political objectives.

MEMBERS

Article 2

EPP Women are composed of the groups of women of the Christian democratic parties which meet with the following criteria:

- to be a member party of the EPP,
- subscribe to the political programme of the EPP,
- accept these statutes.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Article 3

Persons who want to take part in the activities of the EPP Women can obtain the status of being an individual member, but without having the right to vote.

The General Board can give, on request, a justified status of being an individual member without the right to vote. This person has to belong to one of the EPP member parties and to have the consent of the women's organization in her country of origin.

OBSERVERS

Article 4

The General Board can grant the observer status to organizations which made a request to this.

BODIES

Article 5

Bodies are as follows:

1. The Congress;
2. The General Board;
3. The Executive.

CONGRESS

Article 6

The Congress is composed:

- of the General Board;
- of Presidents of the member organizations;
- of female members from the European institutions belonging to the member organizations;
- of delegates of the member organizations.

The Congress meets at least every two years. It is convened by the will of the Executive Board which fixes the place, the date and the agenda.

Individual members as well as Representatives of the organizations that have observer status within the EPP are invited to the Congress as guests. The details of the way in which the Congress is organized is governed by the rules of procedure.

GENERAL BOARD

Article 7

The General Board is composed:

- of the Executive;
- of at most three representatives by country, each organization being entitled to only one vote;
- female members of the Political Bureau of the EPP;
- Members of the caucus of the EPP in the European Parliament and of the Parliament of the Council of Europe.

EXECUTIVE

Article 8

The Executive is composed:

- of the President;
- of six Vices-Presidents;
- of the Trésorière;
- of the Secretary-General.

Ex officio members are:

The members of the Executive of the world Union insofar as they belong to the female section of a member organization of the EPP.

The Presidency's members have to belong to different countries except the Secretary-General.

FUNCTIONING OF THE BODIES

Article 9

The Congress adopts:

- the policy guidelines and the programme of the women's organization;
- the proposals submitted to the Congress.

GENERAL BOARD

Article 10

The Board of Management:

- applies the programme and the policy guidelines adopted by the Congress;
- ensures the members' cooperation and influences the integration of Europe in the spirit of the programme;
- elects every three years the President, Vices-President and the Trésorière, and appoints every two years the Auditors;
- elects the Secretary-General on the President's proposal;
- elects the associated Secretary-General on a proposal of the Executive;
- adopts the financial regulation and adopts the budget;
- adopts the rules of procedure;
- fixes the date, the place and the agenda of the Congress;
- penalties statutes;
- names the members having the observer status;
- names the individual members.

EXECUTIVE

Article 11

The Executive:

- carries out the decisions taken by the General Board;
- manages the implementation of the budget;
- on the President's proposal, charges specific tasks to certain members;
- proposes to the General Board the appointment of a deputy Secretary-General;
- proposes to the General Board rules of procedure fixing all matters that are not covered by the statutes.

PRESIDENT

Article 12

The President:

- represents the organization inside and to the outside;
- chairs the Congress, the General Board and the Executive; in the event of absence, it is the responsibility of one of the Vice-Presidents to compensate;
- can propose to the Executive and to the General Board to invite certain persons in an advisory capacity;
- nominates the Secretary-General to the General Board.

SECRETARY-GENERAL

Article 13

The Secretary-General:

- directs the Secretariat-General and carries out the decisions taken by the bodies;
- is responsible for the organization of work and of cooperation with the member organizations;
- establishes, in agreement with the President, the agenda of the meetings;
- ensures to convening a meeting, preparing them and drawing up the official report;
- submits at the beginning of each year to the General Board a report on the activities of the Secretariat-General and on the development and the prospects for the organization.

TREASURY

Article 14

The Treasurer:

- draws up, in agreement with the President and/or the Secretary-General, the draft budgets and financial regulations, and submits them to the General Board for adoption;
- submits a report on the financial situation of the EPP-Women to the Executive and the General Board.

REGULATION

Article 15

On a proposal of the Executive, the General Board adopts rules of procedure fixing all the questions not covered by the statutes.

STATUTES OF THE EPP

Article 16

The provisions of the statutes of the EPP are applicable to the votes and to the decisions. The same is true for all the questions which expressly are not covered by these statutes.

NOTE: THE FRENCH TEXT IS LEADING

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