

The following is the consolidated version of the Articles of Association approved in Brussels [BE] on 08.03.2019.

The General Assembly of the European Free Alliance decided to adopt the current text.

The General Assembly invites the Bureau to take all the measures necessary to respect its decision, including the deposit of this text to the Registrar of the Commercial Court of Brussels and to proceed to all due forms of publicity.

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

The European Free Alliance [EFA] promotes the right to self-determination and supports the aspirations which EFA member parties have, including independence, greater autonomy and linguistic and cultural recognition.

EFA assembles political parties involved in the quest for enhanced self-government for stateless nations, regions, territories and communities.

EFA aims for European unity in diversity, creating a European Union of free Peoples based on the principle of subsidiarity, in solidarity with each other and other peoples of the world.

EFA promotes a European cooperation based on the diversity of nations, regions, peoples, cultures and languages.

EFA promotes the process of internal enlargement within the European institutions and elsewhere as the mechanism by which nations who gain the statute of a State remain as an EU member state.

EFA does actively support the ongoing democratic self-determination processes across the EU.

EFA argues that stateless nations have the right of self-government and of participation in the world and in the European Union on equal terms with other nationalities, some of which are the possessors of statehood, others not.

EFA rejects the two extreme solutions that are presented in the current debate on the future of the European Union paving a way out of the crisis: the centralised and unitarian model or the retreat into the nation state.

EFA advocates the bottom-up approach of a European Union of free peoples based on the principle of subsidiarity who co-operate where necessary in the policy areas where a European added value offers a better policy outcome.

EFA shares the democratic values that underpin membership in the European Union: human rights, respect for democracy and its foundations, gender equality, rejection of racism and xenophobia. It represents a vision of Europe that promotes a more just and more democratic world, including by building solidarity with the peoples struggling for self-determination.

NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE, PURPOSE AND DURATION

Article 1 – Name, abbreviation and distinctive image

The European Free Alliance is a European political party (in abbreviated form “EUPP”), [original denomination and abbreviation in French and Dutch], hereinafter referred to also as “Party”, subject, in addition to the provisions of Regulation (UE, Euratom) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute of and funding of European political parties and European political foundations, hereinafter referred to as “Regulation”, to the provisions of Belgian law.

The denomination “European Free Alliance” can be abbreviated as “EFA”.

The Party’s logo and distinctive sign consists of a purple rectangle which has the left side shaped to form the outline of the letter “E”, reversed, with the text, on the right, in grey, “European Free Alliance”, written with the font “Geogrotesque”, disposed on three (3) lines and aligned to the left.

The purple colour is Pantone Solid Coated 2593 C/RGB 128, 50, 155/HEX/HTML #80329b/CMYK 17, 68, 0, 39.

The grey colour is Pantone Cool Grey 9 C/RGB 117, 120, 123/HEX/HTML #75787B/CMYK 30, 22, 17, 57.



The logo can be used alone without the text, not vice versa.

EFA members can use the logo of EFA without altering it; the conditions of its use are detailed in the rules of internal order.

Article 2 - Seat

The registered office of the Party is established in Belgium, Rue de la Pépinière / Boomkwekerijstraat 1 in 1000 Brussels.

The General Assembly shall be empowered to change the address of the registered office with a simple majority vote.

The General Assembly shall also decide on the setting up of offices and branches.

Article 3 – Aims and objectives

The EFA shall adopt a common political programme on a European level, based on the following objectives:

Promotion of the right to self-determination and support for the aspirations which EFA member parties have for their countries, including independence, greater autonomy, and linguistic and cultural recognition.

European unity in diversity creating a Union of free peoples, based on the principle of subsidiarity, who believe in solidarity with each other and all peoples of the world.

Promote the process of internal enlargement within the European institutions and elsewhere as the mechanism by which nations who gain the statute of a State remain as an EU Member State.

Improve at a European level the representation of regions.

Demanding that European institutions recognize and safeguard the civil, political and cultural rights of the citizens of each nation or region in Europe.

Promotion of European cooperation based on the diversity of nations, regions, peoples, cultures and languages.

The defence of human rights and the rights of peoples.

Protection of the environment and sustainable development.

The creation of a fair society based on solidarity, with policies which favour progress, social cohesion and equal opportunities for all citizens.

Acceptance of the principles of the parliamentary and participatory democracy.

Promotion of close co-operation between EFA member parties with the realization of these objectives as the main focus.

Taking an active part in the promotion of a free and pluralistic democracy.

Integrating all these objectives in a coherent and common political program.

It shall be authorized to take all the necessary actions, directly or indirectly and necessary or needed, to promote and achieve the above stated objectives.

The Party does not pursue profit goals.

Article 4 – Duration

The Party shall be set up for an unlimited period.

It may be dissolved at any time by the General Assembly or for the reasons indicated by applicable law.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 5 – Composition of the Party

The Party is composed of full members, individual members, honorary members and individual supporters.

The membership is strictly exclusive and in no case may an EFA member also be member of any other European political party.

Any member that is found to be also member of another European political party shall be automatically expelled according to Article 24.

The General Assembly shall be empowered to acknowledge the ceased existence of a member.

The quality of member is in principle for an undetermined period and not transferrable, if not otherwise foreseen.

Article 6 – Members in a changing EU

In the case the composition of the EU changes and a member state withdraws from the EU, the members of the Party active in that state, can keep their status within the Party if they so wish.

Article 7 – Full membership

Full membership can be granted, upon request and following the procedure outlined in the Rules of Internal Order, to political parties and organisations who subscribe to the political program of EFA and on the condition that they are politically active at state, national or regional level; or on the condition that they have elected members at the European level or sub-state or local level.

Each full member has one vote in the General Assembly.

Article 8 – Individual membership

Individuals may be accepted as individual members by unanimous decision of the Bureau.

The individual member must hold an elected office and shall not be a member of an EFA member party or organisation.

The individual membership lasts for the period of the elective mandate of the individual member.

Under specific circumstances to be agreed by the General Assembly, other individual members can be accepted.

Article 9 – Friends of EFA

Individual supporters are physical persons affiliated with the “Friends of EFA” network exclusively.

The internal rules of the “Friends of EFA” network establish the procedure to designate, ex officio members to the General Assembly.

The rights of ex officio members of the General Assembly are defined each year by the Bureau.

Article 10 – Honorary membership

The General Assembly may grant honorary membership to an individual after a proposal made by the Bureau and after consultation with the concerned parties.

Honorary members may be former EFA members of the European Parliament or important persons in the history of EFA.

Honorary members can only be accepted if they are no longer elected or working for EFA as staff.

Article 11 – Number of members

The number of members shall be unlimited but must not be fewer than three (3) full members.

Article 12 – Candidate members

Candidates for membership must apply addressing their request to the Bureau and expressing their agreement with the Articles of Association and with the budgetary regulations contained in the Rules of Internal Order.

Article 13 – Acceptance of new members

The General Assembly has sovereign power to decide on any application for membership.

The General Assembly may repeal the decision of the Bureau accepting an individual member.

The General Assembly need not give reasons for accepting or rejecting applications.

All the votes concerning members shall be held with secret ballot.

Article 14 – Merging of existing members

In case two or more members, existing as legal entities, create a new legal entity and at the same time cease to exist as separate entities, but aiming to continue

the membership in the EFA, the General Assembly shall vote on the acceptance of the new entity as member.

Article 15 – Merging of members with third parties

In case a member, existing as a legal entity, creates a new legal entity, with a third party, ceasing to exist as a separate entity, requesting to continue the membership in the EFA through the new entity, the General Assembly shall approve the request with the absolute majority.

Article 16 – Separation of members

In case a member, existing as a legal entity, splits into two or more legal entities, and ceases to exist as a separate legal entity, the General Assembly shall, upon their request, vote on the inheritance of the quality of member for all the successors indistinctly.

Article 17 – Electoral coalitions

Under no circumstances may a third party claim the right of direct or automatic membership in EFA because of its participation in an electoral coalition with one or more EFA member.

Article 18 – Compliance with the rules

By joining EFA all members unconditionally agree to comply with the Articles of Association and Rules of Internal Order, the decisions of its bodies, and to this end undertake nothing to damage the Party, its members and interests.

Article 19 – Register of members

A register of full and individual members is annexed to these Articles of Association.

The register contains the family name, name, address of individual members and legal name, juridical form and registered office address of the full members.

All the decisions concerning members shall be recorded in the register by the Bureau within eight (8) days from the date it receives notice, including the date of affiliation of members.

Article 20 – Access to documents

Any member of the Party and its employed personnel may consult the list of full, individual, honorary members and individual supporters at the Party's registered office, and also the accounting reports, the minutes and decisions of the General Assembly, of the Bureau and of any person holding a mandate inside or on behalf of the Party and any other accounting document according to the provisions of the law.

Third parties may request extracts of the official documents of the Party, which shall be signed by the representative of the President or of the Secretary General.

The official documents of the Party which are accessible by third parties are defined in the Rules of Internal Order or by the applicable law.

Article 21 – Annual contributions

The annual contribution payable by the members may not exceed fifty thousand [50.000] Euros.

The amount of the contribution of the members is determined and approved each year by the General Assembly.

The contribution must be paid between the first [1] of January and the date of the General Assembly of each year.

The General Assembly can decide which categories of members are exempted from paying a contribution.

RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION.

Article 22 – Resignation

Any member may at any time resign from the Party.

Their resignation must be notified to the Bureau.

Any member who one [1] month after receiving due warning in writing still fails to fulfil their financial and/or administrative obligations to the Party shall be deemed to have resigned.

Article 23 – Suspension

Any proposal of suspension of a member is put forward by the Bureau to the General Assembly.

The Bureau puts forward a recommendation on the suspension of a member to the General Assembly.

Following the adoption of its recommendation to the General Assembly the Bureau informs the concerned member in the shortest delay.

The suspension may be declared only by the General Assembly by simple majority.

Any decision, following a debate, to suspend a member shall be sovereign and will not require a written explanation.

A suspension results in a member losing their voting rights.

The suspension of a member implies that EFA will not reimburse any expense of a suspended member nor will organise any activity with the suspended member.

The suspension of a member implies that the duty to pay the annual contribution is waived.

The suspension of a member is a temporary measure that can be lifted by the General Assembly.

In exceptional circumstances, including but not limited to breaching EFA principles, the suspension of a member can be taken by the EFA Bureau.

The Bureau can lift the suspension, taken in exceptional circumstances, of a member.

Article 24 – Expulsion

Any proposal of expulsion of a member is put forward by the Bureau to the General Assembly.

The Bureau puts forward a recommendation on the expulsion of a member to the General Assembly.

Following the adoption of its recommendation to the General Assembly the Bureau informs the concerned member in the shortest delay.

The expulsion of a member may be declared only by the General Assembly, following a vote, where a majority of two-thirds [2/3] of the voting members present or represented supports the expulsion.

Any decision to expel a member shall be a sovereign decision and will not require a written explanation.

The expelled member will no longer be considered a member of the Party with immediate effect.

Article 25 – Right to be heard

The member subject to a recommendation of suspension or expulsion has the right to state its case in the General Assembly before the vote.

The Bureau before voting on a suspension of a member in exceptional circumstances shall ensure its right to be heard.

Article 26 – Claims on the Party's assets

Resigned or expelled members and their successors shall have no entitlement to the assets of the Party.

They may not claim restitution or reimbursement of contributions paid or any other payment made to EFA.

The effects of resignation or expulsion are definitive and absolute without prejudice of the standing financial obligations between the member and EFA.

Article 27 – Specific provision for the “Friends of EFA” network.

The resignation, suspension and expulsion of members of the “Friends of EFA” network is detailed in the internal rules of the network and belongs to the competences of the Bureau.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 28 – Composition

The General Assembly is composed of all the full members.

All members of the Party must be invited to attend the General Assembly.

Article 29 – Votes

Only full members have the right to vote.

All the votes are equal.

In the event of a tie, the proposal is rejected.

Any vote concerning persons shall be held by secret ballot.

Article 30 – Vote of EFAY

The non-profit organisation “European Free Alliance Youth” (EFAY) [Brussels register No 0870.658.439] is the youth branch of the European Free Alliance.

One representative of EFAY is invited to the meetings of the General Assembly with the right to speak and vote in all matters with exception of the points on finances and staff.

Article 31 – Decisions

The General Assembly is the sovereign body of the Party.

All the decisions are taken, if not otherwise indicated, by simple majority.

The decisions taken by the General Assembly shall be binding on all the members and on members who are absent, abstained or voted against.

Article 32 – Competences

The competences reserved to the General Assembly are:

to adopt the political program;

to amend the Articles of Association of the Party;

to adopt the Rules of Internal Order;

to appoint and dismiss members of the Bureau;

to appoint and dismiss commissaires and auditors and determine their remuneration;

to discharge members of the Bureau, commissaires and auditors from responsibilities connected to the work on behalf of the Party;

to approve annual budgets and accounts;

to accept the resignation, to decide on the suspension of members and to expel members;

to lift the suspension of a member taken by the Bureau in exceptional circumstances;

to approve all the membership requests and to repeal the decisions of the Bureau concerning the acceptance of individual members;

to determine the annual contribution of members;

to establish the economic and financial plan of the Party;

to approve the transformation of the Party in any other juridical form;

to dissolve the Party;

to appoint liquidators, define their authority and the method of liquidation;

to deal with any other matter reserved to it by law and the Articles of Association;

Article 33 – Convening

The General Assembly must be convened at least once a year to approve the previous year's accounts, give a discharge to the members of the Bureau, commissaires and auditors and approve the budgets and the political program for the following year.

All the members are convened to the General Assembly at least eight (8) days before the date of the meeting; the agenda is attached to the convocation.

The final agenda is sent to the members at least eight (8) days before the meeting.

A General Assembly must be held before the end of May of each year.

The Bureau may at any time convene an extraordinary General Assembly.

An extraordinary General Assembly must be convened by the Bureau within twenty-one (21) days following the date of the notification of a request of a minimum of one-fifth (1/5) of the members of the General Assembly and must take place within forty (40) days from the moment the request is notified to the Bureau.

The convocation shall be sent to all the members of the Party and shall contain the agenda and indicate the place, date and time of the meeting.

The convocation shall be sent in writing, using any means of communication, including but not limited to electronic mail.

Article 34 – Agenda

The agenda of the General Assembly is proposed by the Bureau.

Any proposal signed by one-twentieth [1/20] of the members of the General Assembly must be placed on the agenda.

The proposal signed by one-twentieth [1/20] of the members shall be notified to the Bureau at least thirty [30] days before the General Assembly.

Article 35 - Proxy

A voting member of the Party, which does not attend the meeting of the General Assembly, can delegate its voting right to another member of the Party through a written proxy.

A member of the Party may only accept one proxy.

Article 36 - Chair

The General Assembly is chaired by the representative of the President, or of the Secretary General or if neither is able to attend, the General Assembly will be chaired by a representative of a Bureau member proposed by the Bureau and then appointed by the General Assembly.

Article 37 – General Assembly Presidium

The General Assembly Presidium shall comprise the President, the Secretary General and two deputy returning officers chosen by the President at the beginning of the meeting and are responsible for collecting and counting the votes.

Article 38 – Quorum and Majorities

The quorum to validly adopt decisions is, if not otherwise required by the Articles of Association or the law, the majority of members with voting rights.

The decisions of the General Assembly are taken with the simple majority of the votes of the members present or represented.

The General Assembly can adopt a decision to amend the Articles of Association only if two-thirds [2/3] of the members entitled to vote are present or represented.

The decision to amend the Articles of Association shall be taken by a two-thirds [2/3] majority of the members present or represented.

The General Assembly may decide to change the aims and objectives of the Party or dissolve it only by a majority of four-fifths [4/5] of the members present or represented.

Article 39 – Second call

If the quorum required in the §1 and §3 of the Article 38 is not attained, the General Assembly is convened for a second meeting.

The General Assembly convened in a second meeting can take a valid decision with the simple majority of the members present or represented.

The second meeting shall take place at least fifteen [15] days following the first meeting.

Article 40 - Minutes

A record shall be taken of every meeting in the form of minutes, signed by the representative of the Secretary General and filed in a register specially designated for the purpose.

The register shall be kept at the registered office, where it may be inspected by any member but may not be removed.

Extracts shall be signed by the representative of the Secretary General or of a Bureau Member.

BUREAU

Article 41 - Composition

The Party is managed by a Bureau composed of at least three [3] members.

The number of Bureau members is confirmed or changed by the General Assembly before proceeding to its renewal.

The members of the Bureau are legal entities which are full members of EFA.

The members of the Bureau exercise their office designating an individual person, permanent in principle, mandated to represent them in the Bureau.

The members of the Bureau must be fewer than the members of the Party forming the General Assembly.

The Bureau elects a President, a Secretary General and a Treasurer among its members.

Article 42 - Election

The Bureau is elected by the General Assembly.

Only full members of EFA can candidate to be member of the Bureau.

The candidacies for the Bureau shall be submitted to the Bureau in writing, indicating the name of the proposed permanent representative.

The candidacies validated by the Bureau following the procedure laid down in the Rules of Internal Order must be submitted at least thirty [30] days before the meeting of the General Assembly which will appoint the new Bureau.

Article 43 - Mandate

Members are appointed for a period of three [3] years and may be dismissed by the General Assembly at any time.

The duration of the term for which the members of the Bureau are elected shall be determined by the General Assembly.

Members of the Bureau may be eligible for re-election.

The Bureau membership is terminated by dissolution of a member party or organisation, resignation or dismissal.

Serving members of the Bureau shall remain in office until provision has been made for their replacement.

Article 44 – Replacing a Member of the Bureau

In case of dissolution of the member party or organisation, resignation, the expiry of terms or dismissal, the General Assembly shall appoint a new member of the Bureau.

In case a permanent representative serving as member of the Bureau is no longer able to assume his or her responsibilities before the end of the mandate, the member party he or she represents shall provide for a replacement.

The legal person member of the Bureau may revoke the mandate of its permanent representative at any moment under the condition of appointing at the same time a successor.

The General Assembly takes note of the eventual changes of the permanent representatives of the members of the Bureau.

The mandate of the replacing Bureau member ends with the mandate of the Bureau.

Article 45 – Non-remuneration

Except otherwise decided by the General Assembly and without prejudice to the reimbursement of any expenses incurred when acting on behalf and for the Party, the activity of the members of the Bureau shall not entitle to any remuneration.

Article 46 – Votes

All the Bureau members have the right to vote.

All the votes are equal.

In the event of a tie, the President or its substitute have the casting vote.

Any vote concerning persons shall be held by secret ballot.

Article 47 – Decisions

The members of the Bureau shall act collectively.

If the articles of association or the law do not prescribe otherwise, all the decisions are adopted with the simple majority of votes.

Decisions of the Bureau shall be equally binding on members who are absent, abstained or voted against.

The approval of a request of individual membership requires the unanimity of the members present or represented.

Article 48 – Competences

The Bureau manages and represents the Party in all judicial and non-judicial acts.

The Bureau defines the forms of implementation of the political strategy approved by the General Assembly and plans the ordinary activities of the Party.

The Bureau appoints individual members.

The Bureau has the power to act in all matters which neither the law nor the articles of association explicitly reserve to the General Assembly.

The Bureau has full power on the patrimony of the Party, including but not limited to that of alienation, of moveable and immoveable property, of mortgaging, borrowing and lending, and of any commercial and banking transaction.

The Bureau is responsible for executing the decisions of the General Assembly.

The Bureau supervises and controls the “Friends of EFA” network and shall be empowered with all the prerogatives that the internal rules of the network attribute to it.

The Bureau adopts the internal rules of the “Friends of EFA” network and governs the resignation, suspension and expulsion of the members.

Article 49 – Convening

The Bureau shall be convened by the President or by the Secretary General.

Except in case of urgent necessity, which must be justified and confirmed by the Bureau, the meetings shall be convened by ordinary letter or e-mail, at least eight [8] days before the meeting.

The convocation shall include the date, time and venue of the meeting.

Two [2] members of the Bureau can request a meeting.

The written request must be addressed to the President or to the Secretary General.

Such meeting must be held within fifteen [15] days after the notification of their request.

If the meeting has not been convened in time, the members of the Bureau which have requested its convening have the right to convene the Bureau themselves.

Article 50 – Agenda

The agenda for each meeting of the Bureau shall be announced, at the latest, the day before the meeting.

Article 51 – Proxy

Any member of the Bureau not attending a meeting may delegate to another member of the Bureau its vote through a written proxy.

A member of the Bureau may represent only one other member by proxy.

Article 52 – Chair

The President chairs the meeting.

If the President is unable to attend the meeting, the Secretary General acts as substitute.

If the Secretary General is unable to attend the meeting a Vice-President chosen among the members present chairs the meeting.

Article 53 – Quorum

The Bureau can only adopt a decision if at least half of its members are present or represented.

Article 54 – Second call

If the required quorum is not attained a second meeting may be convened.

The Bureau convened in a second meeting is entitled to take a valid decision with simple majority.

The second meeting shall take place at least fifteen [15] days following the first meeting.

Article 55 - Minutes

A record shall be taken of every meeting in the form of minutes, signed by the representative of the Secretary General and filed in a register specially designated for the purpose.

The register shall be kept at the registered office, where it may be inspected by any member but may not be removed.

Extracts shall be signed by the representative of the Secretary General or of a Bureau Member.

Article 56 – Legal representation

The Bureau is the body representing the Party and has all the powers that are not expressly attributed by the Articles of Association or by the law to the General Assembly.

The Bureau, represented by the President, shall act on behalf of EFA as a plaintiff and as a defendant in front of every court.

In respect of third parties, EFA, shall be legally bound only by either the signature of the representative of the President or those of at least two [2] representatives of Bureau members, in both cases, expressly mandated to do it.

The Bureau may mandate the power to represent the Party or delegate the daily management to one or more members of the Bureau or to one or more third persons acting individually or jointly.

The mandate to represent the Party or the delegation to the daily management of the Party define the actions that the person[s] may undertake and the obligations that can be taken for and on behalf of EFA.

The Bureau may at any time revoke the powers with immediate effect.

In case the delegation will be granted for more than four [4] years, every four [4] years an evaluation of the work of the said natural person[s] shall be done.

In case the power to represent the Party is given to more than one natural person and all have the same powers, is also appointed a responsible of the work of the group.

The Party is bonded only within the limits of the powers entrusted to the representatives or delegates, without prejudice to the responsibility of the members of the Bureau in case of acts exceeding delegated powers.

The Party is bonded with third parties only under the condition that representatives and delegates mention their delegation and their powers when acting for and on behalf of the Party.

Article 57 – Personal responsibility

Neither the members of the Bureau nor the persons to whom the work of the Bureau has been entrusted shall incur in any personal obligations on behalf of the Party because of their role; their liability shall be limited to the performance of their duties.

Article 58 – Acceptance of gifts and other liberalities

The Treasurer, and in its absence, the President, is empowered to accept, either provisionally or definitively, the gifts and all the other liberalities made to the Party and to complete all formalities necessary to acquire them.

RULES OF INTERNAL ORDER

Article 59 - Adoption

The General Assembly may, on the proposal of the Bureau, adopt Rules of Internal Order.

The Rules of Internal Order shall not contradict the law nor the Articles of Association.

Article 60 - Amendments

Amendments to the Rules of Internal Order may be drafted by the Bureau and submitted for approval to the General Assembly.

The General Assembly adopts a decision on the proposed amendments with simple majority of the full members present or represented.

Article 61 – Content

The Rules of Internal Order may comprise any measure related to the application of the Articles of Association.

The Rules of Internal Order may establish further obligations to members within the framework of the applicable law and the Articles of Association.

BUDGET AND ACCOUNTS

Article 62 – Financial year

The financial year of the Party begins the first [1] of January and ends the thirty-first [31] December of the same year.

Article 63 – Annual budget

After the end of each financial year, the Bureau shall adopt the annual accounts for the past financial year and the budget for the year after and submit them for approval to the General Assembly.

Article 64 – Approval of the budget

After approval of the annual accounts for the past financial year and the budget of the upcoming year, the General Assembly shall vote separately on granting discharge to the members of the Bureau and, if required, to the commissaires or auditor[s].

At least eight [8] days before the annual General Assembly, the accounts and budget shall be communicated to the members of the General Assembly.

The members of the General Assembly may ask to inspect, at the registered seat of the Party, any of the documents on which these closed accounts and budgets are based.

Article 65 – Profit

Any surplus shall be added to the assets of the Party and may not under any circumstances be paid to the members as a dividend or in any other way.

Article 66 - Deposit

The Bureau is responsible for the compliance with the applicable law and for the deposit within thirty [30] days of all the documents to the competent administrations.

Article 67 - Audit

The internal audits of the Party shall be entrusted to one or more auditors that may be appointed by the General Assembly.

Auditors are chosen among the members of the Institute of Company Auditors.

The European Parliament appoints and remunerates the services of the external auditors mandated by the European Parliament Financial Directorate-General.

The auditor[s] shall have an unlimited right to scrutinise any transactions of the Party.

The auditor[s] may inspect on the premises, the financial accounts and associated correspondence, minutes and any other official documents of the Party.

DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

Article 68 - Dissolution

The Party shall not be dissolved in the event of termination of membership of a member; provided that the number of members does not in consequence fall below the legal requirements.

Except in the event of judicial dissolution and automatic dissolution due to the provisions of applicable law, the Party may be dissolved only with a decision of the General Assembly acting in accordance with applicable law.

Article 69 - Liquidators

In the event of dissolution decided by the General Assembly or, where appropriate, by a court, one or more liquidators shall be appointed and their powers and the liquidation conditions shall be determined.

Article 70 – Assets

In the event of dissolution, the assets, after payment of the debts, shall be transferred to one or more associations, foundations, institutes or institutions, determined by the General Assembly, which pursue similar goals with a non-profit status.

Article 71 – Deposit of dissolution

The decision of the court, the General Assembly or the liquidators concerning the dissolution or invalidity of the Party, the liquidation conditions, the appointment and termination of duties of the liquidators, the completion of the liquidation and the determination of the assets shall be deposited to the registrar office of the commercial court.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 72 – Other matters

All matters not expressly regulated in the Articles of Association shall be governed by applicable law, general legislation, the Rules of Internal Order and relevant practice.

Article 73 – Transparency

All the official documents of the Party are accessible by the Party members' and third parties according to the law and in the way prescribed in the Rules of Internal Order.

Article 74 – Treatment of Personal Data

EFA complies with all the regulations on the protection of personal data.

AFFILIATED POLITICAL FOUNDATION

Article 75 – Political Foundation

The “Coppieters Foundation” is the European political Foundation affiliated to EFA.

It has a separate financial, governance and management structure showing a clear separation with the Party.

Article 76 – Affiliation

The Coppieters Foundation is independent and acts in autonomy from the Party.

The Coppieters Foundation acts under the framework of Belgian law and fully complies with applicable EU regulations.

Article 77 – Transitional provisions, entry into force and application

The amended Articles 5[1], 7, 14, 15, 16, 20, 29, and the amended Annex I shall enter into force on March 11, 2019.

Until the entry into force of the amended articles the provisions prior to the amendment shall remain applicable.

Annex I: Register of members.

ANNEX I – REGISTER OF MEMBERS

I.I – Members

The European Free Alliance has 47 members

I.II – List of Members

ARTSAKH REPUBLIC

Արցախի ժողովրդավարական կուսակցություն – Democratic Party of Artsakh [DPA]

Legal status: Political Party

President: Ashot Ghulyan.

Registered office: G. Nzhdeh St 68, 375000 Stepanakert NKR, Armenia

Website: www.dpa.am

AUSTRIA

Enotna Lista – Unity List [EL]

Legal status: Political Party

President: Vladimir Smrtnik

Registered office: Viktringer Ring 26, A-9020 Klagenfurt/Celovec – Kärnten – Austria

Website: www.elnet.at

BELGIUM

Nieuw-Vlaamse Alliantie – New Flemish Alliance [N-VA]

Legal status: ASBL

President: Bart de Wever

Registered office: Koningsstraat 47/6, 1000 Brussels – Flanders – Belgium

Website: www.n-va.be

BULGARIA

Omo Ilinden Pirin – United Macedonian Organisation Ilinden Pirin

Legal status: Political Party

President: Stojko Stojkov

Registered office: Blagoevgrad 2700, zk "Elenovo" bl 6 v. B ap. 6 p.k. Mechkarovi - Bulgaria

Website: www.omoillindenpirin.org

CROATIA

Lista Per Fiume/Lista Za Rijeku – List for Fiume/Rijeka [LZR]

Legal status: Political party

President: Danko Svorinic

Registered office: Žrtava fašizma 2 – Rijeka/Fiume – Croatia

Website: www.listazarijeku.com

CZECH REPUBLIC

Moravské zemské hnutí – Moravian Movement

Legal status: Political party

President: Ondrej Hysek

Registered office: Na Vylhlídce 89/V, CZ-38001 Dacice – Moravia – Czech Republic

Website: www.moravskehnuti.cz

DENMARK

Schleswigsche Partei – Party of Schleswig [SP]

Legal status: Political Party

President: Carsten Leth Schmidt

Registered office: Vestergade 30, 6200 Aabenraa – Denmark.

Website: www.schleswigsche-partei.dk

FINLAND

Ålands Framtid – Ålands' Future

Legal status: Political party

President: Axel Jonsson

Registered office: Ålands Lagting - Post Box 69, AX-22101 Mariehamn - Åland - Finland

Website: www.alandsframtid.ax

FRANCE

Femu a Corsica – Let’s make Corsica

Legal status: Association.

Secretary General: Jean -Félix Acquaviva.

Registered office: Immeuble le Sirocco, Rue Jean Pierre Gaffory - 20600 Bastia

Inseme per a Corsica – Together for Corsica

Legal status: Political party

Secretary General: Jean-Felix Acquaviva

Registered office: Villa le Bosquet pépinière de Castelucciu – 20090 Aiacciu - France

Mouvement Région Savoie – Savoyan Region Movement [MRS]

Legal status: Political party

President: Noël Communod

Registered office: La Chatelle, 73800 Sainte Héléne du Lac – Savoie – France

Website: www.regionsavoie.org

Partit Occitan – Occitan party [PÒc]

Legal status: Political party

President: David Grosclaude

Registered office: Ostal Sirventes, 79 La Trivala, 1000 Carcassona/Carcassonne - France

Website: www.partitoccitan.org

Partitu di a Nazione Corsa – Party of the Corsican Nation [PNC]

Legal status: Political party

President: Jean-Christophe Angelini

Registered office: Bd de Montera 5, 20200 Bastia – Corsica – France

Website: www.p-n-c.eu

Unitat Catalana – Catalan Unity (UC)

Legal status: Political party

President: Jaume Pol

Registered office: Plaça des Peluts 13, 66000 Perpinyà – Catalunya Nord – France

Website: www.unitatcatalana.blogspot.com

Union Démocratique Bretonne – Democratic Breton Union (UDB)

Legal status: Political party

President: Nil Caouissin

Registered office: Rue Menou 4, 44000 Nantes – Breizh/Bretagne – France

Website: www.udb-bzh.net

Unser Land – Our Land

Legal status: Political party

President: Andrée Munchenbach

Registered office: BP 10040, 68190 Ensisheim – Elsass – France

Website: www.unserland.org

GERMANY

Bayernpartei – Party of Bavaria

Legal status: Political party

President: Florian Weber

Registered office: Baumkirchnerstr. 20, 81673 München – Bayern – Germany

Website: www.bayernpartei.de

Łužyska Alianca/Lausitzer Allianz – Sorbian Alliance

Legal status: Political party

President: Hanzo Wylem-Kell / Hannes Wilhelm-Kell

Registered office: Wüstenhainer Hauptstraße 7i, 03226 Wětošow – Łužyka – Germany

Website: www.luziska-alianca.org

Südschleswiger Wahlverband – South Schleswig Voters' Association [SSW]

Legal status: Political party

President: Flemming Meyer

Registered office: Norderstr. 76, 24939 Flensburg – Slesvig-Holsten – Germany

Website: www.ssw.de

GREECE

Dostluk Eşitlik-Bariş Partisi – Friendship, Peace and Equality party [DEB]

Legal status: Political party

Secretariat of the presidium: Mustafa Cavus

Registered office: V. Pavlu 7 [Sultantepe] 69100 Gümülcine/ Κομοτηνή [Komotini] – Greece

Website: www.debpartisi.org

Виножито/Ουράνιο Τόξο – Rainbow

Legal status: Political party

Secretariat of the presidium: Mariana Bekiari

Registered office: Stefanou Dragoumi 11, P.O. BOX 51, 53100 Лерин/Φλώρινα [Florina] – Greece

Website: www.florina.org

ITALY

Autonomie – Liberté – Participation – Ecologie – Autonomy – Freedom – Participation – Ecology [ALPE]

Legal status: Political party

President: Roberto Cunéaz

Registered office: Via Trottechien 59, 11100 – Aoste – Valle d'Aosta – Italy

Website: www.alpevda.eu

L'Altro Sud – The Other South

Legal status: Movement

President: Antonio Gentile

Registered office: Corso Vittorio Emanuele 448, 80121 – Napoli – Italy

Website: www.laltrosud.it

Liga Veneta Repubblica – Venetian Republic League (LVR)

Legal status: Movement

President: Fabrizio Comencini

Registered office: Via Catania 11, 37138 Verona, Italy

Website: www.ligavenetarepubblica.org

Partito Sardo d'Azione – Sardinian Action Party (PSd'A)

Legal status: Political party

National Secretary: Christian Solinas

Registered office: Viale Regina Margherita 6, 09125 Cagliari – Sardinia- Italy

Website: www.psdaz.net

Patrie Furlane – Friulian Homeland

Legal status: Political party

President: Luigi Gambellini

Registered office: Via Vittorio Emanuele III 3, 33030 Campofornido (UD) – Friûl – Italy

Website: www.patriefurlane.org

Pro-Lombardia Indipendenza – For the independence of Lombardy (PLI)

Legal status: Movement

President: Giovanni Roversi

Registered office: Via Privata Schiatti 2 - 20854 Vedano al Lambro - Lombardia - Italy

Website: www.prolombardia.eu

Slovenska Skupnost – Slovene Union

Legal status: Political party

President: Peter Močnik

Registered office: Via Giacinto Gallina, 5/III, 34122 Trst/Trieste - Italy

Website: www.slovenskaskupnost.org

Südtiroler Freiheit – Sudtirolean Freedom (STF)

Legal status: Movement

Secretariat of the presidium: Werner Thaler

Registered office: Laubengasse 9, 39100 Bozen – Südtirol - Italy

Website: www.suedtiroler-freiheit.com

LATVIA

Русский союз Латвии/Latvijas Krievu savienība - Latvian Russian Union (LRU)

Legal status: Political party

President: Tatyana Zdanoka

Registered office: Rūpniecības 9, 1010 Riga - Latvia

Website: www.rusojuz.lv

THE NETHERLANDS

Fryske Nasjonale Partij – Frisian National Party (FNP)

Legal status: Political party

Spokesperson: Cees van Mourik

Registered office: Obrechtstrjitte 32, 8916 Ljouwert – Fryslân – The Netherlands

Website: www.fnp.frl

POLAND

Ruch Autonomii Śląska – Silesian Autonomy Movement (RAS)

Legal status: Non-profit organisation

President: Jerzy Gorzelik

Registered office: Ul. ks Norberta Bonczyka 9/4, 40-209 Katowice - Poland

Website: www.autonomia.pl

Kaszëbskô Jednota – Kashubian Community (KJ)

Legal status: Association

President: Karol Rhode

Registered office: ul. Mireckiego 12/3 81-229 Gdynia, Poland

Website: www.kaszebsko.com

ROMANIA

Erdélyi Magyar Néppárt – Hungarian Peoples' Party of Transylvania [EMNP]

Legal status: Political party

President: Zsolt Szylágyi

Registered office: Suceava Strada 17, Cluj-Napoca/Kolozsvár - Romania

Website: www.neppart.eu

SERBIA

Лига социјалдемократа Војводине – Liga Socijaldemokrata Vojvodine [LSV]

Legal status: political Party

President: Nenad Čanak

Registered office: Trg mladenaca 10, 21000 Novi Sad, Vojvodina - Serbia

Website: www.lsv.rs

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Magyar Kereszténydemokrata Szövetség – Hungarian Christian Democratic Alliance [MKDSZ]

Legal status: Political party

President: Fehér Csaba

Registered office: Dunajské nábr. 14, 94501 Komárno – Slovak Republic

Website: www.mkdsz-mkda.sk

SLOVENIA

Oljka Party – Olive party

Legal status: Political party

President: Valter Krmac

Registered office: Ankaran-Ancaranoska 5b, Koper-Capodistria – Slovenia

Website: www.oljka.org

SPAIN

Bloc Nacionalista Valencia – Valencian Nationalist Bloc [Bloc]

Legal status: Political party

President: Enric Morera

Registered office: C/ Sant Jacint 28 entresol, 46008 Valencia - Spain

Website: www.bloc.compromis.net

Bloque Nacionalista Galego – Galician Nationalist Bloc [BNG]

Legal status: Political party

National spokesperson: Ana Pontón.

Registered office: Av. Rodriguez de Viguri 16 Baixo, 15702 Santiago de Compostela – Galiza - Spain

Website: www.bng-galiza.org

Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya – Republican Left of Catalonia [ERC]

Legal status: Political party

President: Oriol Junqueras

Registered office: Calabria 166, 08015 Barcelona – Catalunya - Spain

Website: www.esquerra.cat

Eusko Alkartasuna – Basque Solidarity [EA]

Legal status: Political party

President: Pello Urizar

Registered office: Portuetxe 23/1 - 20018-Donostia/San Sebastian – Euskal Herria – Spain

Website: www.euskoalkartasuna.org

Nueva Canarias – New Canary Islands [NC]

Legal status: Political party

President: Román Rodríguez Rodríguez

Registered office: Venegas 1 of.2 y 4, 35003 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria – Canarias – Spain.

Website: www.nuevacanarias.org

Partit Socialista de Mallorca-Entesa Nacionalista – Socialist Party of Mallorca – Nationalist Agreement (PSM-Entesa)

Legal status: Political party

President: Biel Barceló

Registered office: Isidoro Antillón 9, baixos, 07006 Palma – Balearic Islands – Spain

Website: www.psm-entesa.cat

UNITED KINGDOM

Mebyon Kernow – The Party for Cornwall (MK)

Legal status: Political party

President: Dick Cole

Registered office: Meredian House, Heron Way, Truro TR1 2XN – Kernow/Cornwall – United Kingdom

Website: www.mebyonkernow.org

Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales

Legal status: Political party

President: Adam Price

Registered office: Ty Gwynfor, Marine Chambers Anson Court, Atlantic Wharf – Caerdydd/Cardiff CF10 4A – Cymru – United Kingdom

Website: www.plaidcymru.org

Scottish National Party (SNP)

Legal status: Political party

President: Ian Hudghton

Registered office: Gordon Lamb House 3 Jackson's Entry – Edinburgh EH8 8PJ – Alba/Scotland – United Kingdom

Website: www.snp.org

Yorkshire Party [YP]

Legal status: Political party

President: Steward Arnold

Registered office: Railway House, Station Street, Meltham; Holmfirth, HD9 5NX - United Kingdom

Website: www.yorkshirefirst.org.uk

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