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General Assembly	
IX. General Assembly	
(1) The General Assembly is the supreme body of Pirate Parties International and is composed of all the Members of that association. The General Assembly shall meet at least once a year.	(1) The General Assembly is the supreme body of Pirate PartiesInternational and is composed of all the Members of that association.(2) The General Assembly is competent to :
(2) Extraordinary sessions can be held at the request of one third of the Members or by a decision of the Board.	a) Establish the policies and political orientation of the associationb) Vote on the application for membership and exlcusion of members
(3) The General Assembly decides with the majority of the votes, one vote per sovereign state that has at least one Ordinary Member.	c) Elect Board members, Court of Arbitration members, lay auditor and any position appointment which does not fall under the
(4) Member Organizations are represented at any meeting of the General Assembly by a delegate or delegates not exceeding six from any one Member Organization.	competence of another organ of the association d) Vote on amendments to the Statuts and the Rules of Procedure of the association e) Approve Board's Rules of Procedure, Court of Arbitration's Rules
(5) The physical or remote presence of Ordinary Members gathering one third of the total voting power shall constitute a quorum.	of Procedure f) Approve creation an renewal of committees

(3) Once a year, the General Assembly votes on :

a) The report of the Board and the Treasurer

(6) The General Assembly shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

(7) Meetings of the General Assembly will be announced at least five

weeks prior to the meeting. The invitation will be sent out by the Board to all Members and published on the homepage of Pirate Parties International website.

- b) The report of the Court of Arbitration
- c) The report of the Lay Auditor
- d) The budget for the next year
- e) The calendar of the sessions for the next year
- (4) The Board, the Court of Arbitration, Committees and Members can present report and recommendations to the General Assembly.

If the General Assembly approves the report or the recommandations, the Board is charged executed them with the help of other organ of the association if required.

X. Functions of the General Assembly

The functions of the General Assembly are:

- a) to consider the policies and standards of the Pirate Movement throughout the world and take such action as shall further the goals of Pirate Parties International,
- b) to formulate the general policy of Pirate Parties International,
- c) to consider applications for Membership and decide as to the exclusion of Members,
- d) to hold elections of the Board, and other committees,
- e) to consider reports and recommendations presented by the Board,
- f) to consider recommendations brought forward by Member Organizations,
- g) to consider proposed amendments to these statutes,
- h) to accept internal regulations for the Pirate Parties International and to exercise other functions resulting from these Statutes, and
- i) to define specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timeframed goals for the upcoming period. The goals should be prioritized if possible.

X. Functioning of the General Assembly

- (1) The General Assembly is organized in sessions. There is at least one session per year.
- (2) The Rules of procedure defines :
- a) deadlines for each phases of the session
- b) debates procedures
- c) procedure for proxy
- d) vote power
- e)voting procedures
- f) any rule necessary for the running of sessions of the General Assembly which are not provided for in these statutes
- (3) The quorum is fixed at one third of the Ordinary Members count for each vote
- (4) Member Organizations are represented at any session of the General Assembly by a delegate or delegates not exceeding six from any one Member Organization.

Board

XII. Board

- (1) Pirate Parties International is managed by the Board, the executive organ. The members of the Board shall consider the interests of the Pirate movement as a whole and shall neither consider themselves, nor be considered, as representing any particular Member or non-member Organization or region.
- (2) The Board and the Alternate Members are elected for two years by the General Assembly at the regular sessions or if an extraordinary session is requested for that purpose.
- (2a) This rule applies only once: At the next regular session, every secondary seat of the Board and the Alternate Board according to the number of their previous votes will be new elected due to establish a rotating system. In case of a tie at the previous votes a decision is taken by drawing lot.
- (3) The Board is composed of: a) one Chairperson, b) one Vice-Chairperson, c) five additional Board Members
- (4) The Board elects among the Board Members a) a Treasurer and b) a Chief of Administration c) a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson if the seat became vacant No Board Member shall fulfil more than one office.
- (5) <deleted>
- (6) Other positions may be created by the Board.
- (7) There shall be four Alternate Members of the Board. If one seat of the Board becomes vacant, one of the Alternate Members shall follow-up according to a list. The position of the Alternate Members on the list shall

XII. The Board

(1) The Board assures the good functionment of the association, its administrative, financial and legal gestion, the intern life animation and the external relations.

The Board is the executive organ of the association.

- (2) The functions of the Board are:
- a) to act on behalf of the General Assembly according to its instructions and to give effect to its decisions, recommendations and policies,
- b) Publish the agenda, promulgate the results, and transcribe them on the dedicated platforms, and appoint the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the General Assembly meeting according to the Rules of Procedure,
- c) to represent the association at international and national events,
- d) to advise and assist Member Organizations,
- e) to ensure the financial management of the association including preparing and executing budget,
- f) to kepp the register of members in accordance with applicable legal obligations
- g) to exercise other functions resulting from these Statutes or the Rules of Procedure.
- (3) The Board is composed of:
- a) one Chairperson,
- b) one Vice-Chairperson,
- c) one Treasurer
- c) seven additional Board Members
- (4) If the Chairperson, Vice-chairperson or Treasurer position is

be determined by approval voting.

(8) Alternate Members following-up on the Board shall have no office, but may be elected into one by a majority vote of the Board.

vacant, the Board elects among its members an acting person until the next session of the General Assembly.

(5) If a position is vacant, a vote is held at the nearest General Assembly session to fill it.

If the delay bitween the benning of th vacancy and the next session and that the efficiency of the Board requieres it, the Chairperson may appoint an acting person to this position.

- (6) After each Board election, the Board establishes for each of its members a position description indicating the missions within the organization for which he will be a referent.
- (7) The Board Members is elected for two years renewed by half by the General Assembly during the last session of the year.

 The Rules of Procedures specify the modalities of this alternating election.

XIII. Functions of the Board

- (1) The functions of the Board are:
 - a) to act on behalf of the General Assembly between its meetings; to give effect to its decisions, recommendations and policies; and to represent it at international and national events,
 - b) to promote the Pirate Movement throughout the world by means of visits, correspondence, training courses and other appropriate action,
 - c) to advise and assist Member Organizations,
 - d) to recommend the admission of Organizations applying for Membership,
 - e) to prepare the agenda and procedure of the meetings of the General Assembly, giving consideration to suggestions from Member Organizations, and appoint the Chairperson and Vice-

XIII. Functionning of the Board

- (1) The Board shall meet regularly and not less than once a quarter and every time that these Statutes or Rules of Procedure requiere it.
- (2) The Board meetings are public unless at least one third of the Members of the Board vote in favor of a non-public meeting. The decision to hold a non-public meeting must be justified. Minutes of public meetings have to be published on the appropriate plateform.
- (3) A Board member may resign at any moment.
- (4) A sit is vacant when:
- a) A board member resignes
- b) A board member dies

Chairperson of the General Assembly meeting,

- f) to appoint the Secretary General of Pirate Parties International, and to appoint his Deputy or Deputies upon a recommendation of the Secretary General; and to supervise the management of the PPI Headquarters,
- g) to approve the annual budget and financial statements of the PPI Headquarters,
- h) to accept the responsibility for the raising of additional funds, and seat as vacant by majority vote.
- i) to exercise other functions resulting from these Statutes.
- (2) The Board performs actions according to the decisions of the General Assembly and the spirit of the Pirate Movement.
- (3) One natural person named by each Ordinary Member shall be admitted with the right to participate in the Board meetings without the right to vote.
- (4) The Board adopts rules of procedure that specify the provisions of internal regulations and voting rules.
- (5) One of the Co-Chairmen convenes, opens, suspends, and closes the sessions and meetings and presides over them to ensure the observance of procedure, communicates the points of concern, and informs the Board about absences. In the absence of both of the Co-Chairmen another Member of the Board may be appointed to perform all these functions.
- (6) The Board shall meet regularly and not less than once a month. The form of the meeting is free.
- (7) The Board meetings are public unless at least one third of the Members of the Board vote in favor of a non-public meeting. The decision to hold a non-public meeting must be justified. Minutes of public meetings have to be published not less than two weeks after the meeting. The Board has to inform the General Assembly on its next meeting on the

- c) A board member has a long term disease that prevents it to assume its position
- d) A board member does not execute its functions for more than two months
- (5) If the seat has neither become vacant by resignation nor death of the Board Member the remaining Board Members have to declare the seat as vacant by majority vote.
- (6) The Board establishs its own Rules of Procedure that have to be approved by the General Assembly.

fact of non-public meetings.

- (8) A Board member may resign at any moment. After resignation, death, long term disease or if a Member of the Board does not execute its functions for more than three months, his seat becomes vacant. If the seat has neither become vacant by resignation nor death of the Board Member the remaining Board Members have to declare the seat as vacant by majority vote. The concerned Board Member may appeal the decision to the Court of Arbitration within the period of a month. The Court of Arbitration shall pass judgement not later than a month after the appeal was filed. Pending the decision of the Court of Arbitration or until the decision of the Board cannot be appealed anymore the seat shall not be taken by an Alternate Member, but all rights of the concerned Board Member will be suspended.
- (9) If the Board has less than three remaining Members, an extraordinary session of the General Assembly has to be held within the next six months, if an ordinary session is not scheduled within this period.

PPI headquarters

XIV. PPI Headquarters

- (1) PPI Headquarters shall be incorporated in accordance with the law of the country in which its international headquarters are located in order to enjoy the status of a legal person and a non-profit organization
- (2) The PPI Headquarters shall serve as the Secretariat of Pirate Parties International. It shall comprise the Secretary General of the Pirate Parties International and such staff as the Organization may require. The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Board and shall be the chief administrative officer of Pirate Parties International.

- (3) The PPI Headquarters shall consist of its international headquarters and any regional offices.
- (4) The PPI Headquarters shall be responsible for all administrative and financial matters, and shall report on them and present them for confirmation to the Board at least once a year.
- (4) The administrative, financial and legal gestion of the PPI Headquarters is the responsability of the Board. The budget of the PPI Headquater is included in the Budget of the association.