

DRAFT STATUTES OF THE \$NAME_PPI

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENTS (AND NAME)

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Vote on \$NAME_PPI:

- [a] Pirate Parties International (PPI)
- [b] Pirate International (PI)
- [c] Pirates International (PI)
- [d] The Pirate Party International (PPI)
- [e] The Pirate Parties International (PPI)
- [f] World Association of the Pirate Movement (WAPM)
- [f2] World Association of the Pirate Parties (WAPP)
- [g] World Organization of the Pirate Parties (WOPP)
- [h] World Association of the Pirate Parties (WAPP)
- [i] World Pirate Forum (WPF)
- [j] United Pirates (UP) [or UNIPI]
- [k] Global Pirate Movement (GPM)
- [l] Brethren Court (BC)
- [m] Internet Pirates (IP)
- [n] International Pirates (IP)
- [o] Council of Pirate Organizations (CPO)
- [p] International Pirate Council (IPICO)
- [q] United Pirates Coalition (UPICO)

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PREAMBLE

(1) The \$NAME_PPI is is an association of political parties and organizations agreed on the following common principles:

- (1) *Respect and defend the human rights as laid down by the Universal Declaration of HUMAN RIGHTS*
- (2) *Do not accept any type of discrimination such as of race, origin, beliefs and gender (EQUALITY)*
- (3) *Defend the FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION*
- (4) *DEMOCRACY*

§1 NAME

- (1) The name of the association is \$NAME_PPI
- (2) The association is not for profit. The rights and duties of the association and its members shall be disjunct.

TASKS AND AIMS

/* Vote on the **\$SCOPE**:

- [a] to act according to the major interests and goals of its members [as laid down by the Common Declaration of Principles for Pirate Parties]
 - [c] to raise awareness and widen the spread of the pirate movement
 - [d] to unify the pirate movement and strengthen its bonds internally and externally
 - [e] to defend and fight for rights according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
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/* Vote on the **\$SCOPE-DETAIL**:

- [a] provide for and extend communication between the members of the association
 - [b] help emerge new national pirate parties
 - [c] organize and coordinate global campaigns and events
 - [d] act as arbitrator for any disputes between members or members and other organizations
 - [e] develop and spread policies and statements on the core Pirate topics
 - [f] contact NGO's, administrations and international organizations
 - [g] act as contact centre for the pirate movement
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§2 GOALS

- (1) The goals of the association are \$SCOPE
- (2) To accomplish these objectives the association shall, among other things, \$SCOPE-DETAIL

MEMBERSHIP

/* vote1: Who can be member of the \$NAME_PPI?

- [a]: Only Parties that have an official registration/ that are admitted to country-wide elections
 - [b]: [a] + the parties that lacks the official recognition as a party, but thrives to get one at some time in the future
 - [c]: [a] + [b] + Parties and Party-related organizations that do not have a goal of participating in country-wide elections (Like Young Pirates, the Pirates Parties of the second tier regions, pirate foundations, etc)
 - [d]: individual (physical) persons
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/* vote3: The **\$ADMITTANCE_CRITERIA**

- [a] adhere to this charter and the goals of the association as laid down by preamble of this charter
 - [b] which use the inflection of the word „pirate“ in their name,
 - [c] are eligible to take part in the national elections.
 - [d] have an inner order based on democratic principles.
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/* Vote

Also, we need to get clear, wether the "One Country = One Vote" principle has a consensus.

§3 MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Members of the \$NAME_PPI can become every \$RESULT_OF_VOTE1.
- (2) The number of members is unlimited, but may not be less than two.

- (3) Requests for membership shall be submitted to the \$CORETEAM in writing. They shall comprise a statement on the adoption of the statutes and internal regulations of the association, in addition to a copy of the statutes and by-laws and the political program of the applicant party and information on the background and organization of said applicant. The \$CORETEAM will transmit the application to the \$ASSEMBLY.
- (4) The \$ASSEMBLY is authorized to grant, at its own discretion, the applicant one of the following member status in the \$NAME_PPI
 - (1) *Ordinary Member*
 - (2) *Observer Member*

ORDINARY MEMBERS

- (1) The permanent members are the founding members and those accepted by the \$ASSEMBLY according to §3(4) To permanent membership are eligible \$RESULT_OF_VOTE1 that \$ADMITTANCE_CRITERIA
- (2) There can be only one permanent member per country. / * *What happens if more than one party is described in \$\$\$ * /*
- (3) The \$ASSEMBLY is authorized to grant member status in the \$NAME_PPI to any Pirate *[or like- minded]* party, which subscribes to the association's principles and accepts its statutes and internal regulations.
- (4) Ordinary members have the right to
 - (1) *sit and vote in the \$ASSEMBLY*
 - (2) *nominate candidates for any body of the association*
 - (3) *submit motions to the \$ASSEMBLY*

OBSERVER MEMBERS.

- (1) An applicant that does not meet the criteria for ordinary membership may be granted the observer member status by the \$ASSEMBLY.
- (2) Observer members have the right to
 - (1) *sit in the \$ASSEMBLY with no voting right*
 - (2) *nominate candidates for any body of the association*
 - (3) *submit motions to the \$ASSEMBLY*

SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS

- (1) The status of Supporting Individual is open for every person who wishes to join Pirate organisation on the international level and accepts the Principles as laid down by the preamble of this Statutes.

- (2) As the \$NAME_PPI is a worldwide association of Member Parties, the decision-making process, i.e. the voting rights are confined to delegates of the Ordinary Members. Supporters are entitled to regular information about programmatic developments and policies of the \$NAME_PPI. On application they may attend the meetings of the \$NAME_PPI with a limited possibility to participate in discussions and without voting rights.
- (3) The application of Supporting Individual should be directed to the \$CORETEAM who decides on admittance in a two month term.

MULTIPLE APPLICANTS FROM ONE COUNTRY

- (1) Only one Organization from any one country can be recognized for an ordinary membership in the \$NAME_PPI. A National Pirate Organization may consist of more than one Pirate Party participating in a Federation based on the common Pirate purpose. It is the responsibility of each Federation to ensure that all its constituent Associations meet the requirements of this Statutes.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Any member may resign from the \$NAME_PPI at any time. The member gives notice to the \$CORETEAM of the decision to resign by registered letter. Members that resign are obliged to fulfill their financial obligations toward the association for the year during which the resignation is submitted and for all previous years.
- (2) The suspension and the exclusion of a member may only be decided by the \$ASSEMBLY. A proposal for the exclusion of a member may only be submitted by the \$CORETEAM, or by a **tenth** of Members **from three different continents**.
- (4) A member's affiliation ceases automatically upon death, disqualification, liquidation or in cases of temporary administration, court-ordered settlement or insolvency. The membership also ends automatically when this member does no longer fulfill the criteria that were necessary for its preliminary recognition as a Member

MEMBERSHIP REGISTER

- (1) The \$CORETEAM keeps a membership register at the \$BUREAU of the \$NAME_PPI. 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 \$BUREAU.

\$ASSEMBLY

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/* we need a vote on \$NAME_ASSEMBLY= */

[a] Congress

[b] Conference

[c] General Assembly

[d] Council

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/* Vote on \$FREQUENCY:

[a] once a year

[b] once every two years

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/* Vote on quorum for the Extraordinary Assembly (\$QUORUM-EXTRA):

[a] a tenth

[b] a quarter

[c] a third

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/* vote on : \$VOTING-MODE:

[a] one vote per member

[b] two votes per member

[c] three votes per member

[d] ...

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/* vote on: \$QUORUM:

[a] half

[b] four tenth

[c] a third

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\$XX \$NAME_ASSEMBLY

- (1) The \$NAME_ASSEMBLY is the supreme body of the \$NAME_PPI and is composed of all the Members of that association. The \$NAME_ASSEMBLY shall meet at least \$FREQUENCY.
- (2) Extraordinary sessions can be held at the request of one \$QUORUM-EXTRA of the members or by a decision of the \$CORETEAM
- (3) The \$ASSEMBLY decides with the majority of the votes. \$VOTING-MODE
- (4) Member Organizations are represented at any meeting of the \$ASSEMBLY by a delegate or delegates not exceeding **six** from any one Member Organization.

- (5) The presence of one \$QUORUM of the Ordinary Members shall constitute a quorum.
- (6) The \$ASSEMBLY shall adopt its own rules of procedure

EXCLUSIVE POWERS.

The functions of the \$ASSEMBLY are:

- (1) *To consider the policy and standards of the Scout Movement throughout the world and to take such action as shall further the purpose of the World Organization.*
- (2) *To formulate the general policy of the \$NAME_PPI.*
- (3) *To consider applications for membership and decide as to the expulsion of Members.*
- (4) *To hold elections of the \$CORETEAM, and other committees.*
- (5) *To consider reports and recommendations presented by the \$CORETEAM.*
- (6) *To consider recommendations brought forward by Member Organizations.*
- (7) *To consider proposed amendments to this Statutes.*
- (8) *To exercise other functions resulting from this Statutes.*

VOTING

- (1) Each Ordinary Member shall have \$VOTING-MODE and resolutions shall be taken by a simple majority of the Members present or represented and voting. In the event of a tie, the motion is defeated.
- (2) Decisions concerning the admission of new Members (ArticleXX paragraph XX), the expulsion of Members (Article XX, paragraph XX), the determination of the annual registration fee (Article XX, paragraph XX) and the amendment of this Constitution (Article XX), shall be passed by a \$QUORUM-AMMENDMENTS majority of the votes cast.
- (3) An Ordinary Member which is unable to be present at a meeting of the \$ASSEMBLY may vote by proxy given to another Member Organization, but no Member Organization may accept more than one proxy.
- (4) In appropriate circumstances determined by the \$CORETEAM, there may be a postal referendum to Ordinary Members between meetings of the \$ASSEMBLY when the same rules as to voting, majority and in the event of a tie shall apply.
- (5) Any Ordinary Member which shall have failed to pay its annual registration fee up to and including the end of the fiscal year preceding the \$ASSEMBLY meeting shall forfeit its right to vote at that meeting of the \$ASSEMBLY, unless remission or postponement of dues has received prior authorization from the \$CORETEAM.

CORE-TEAM / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

/* Vote on \$CORETEAM

- [a] Coreteam
 - [b] Executive Committee
 - [c] Presidency
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/* Vote on \$PRESIDENT:

- [a] President
 - [b] Chairman
 - [c] Chief Executive Officer
 - [d] Director
 - [e] Admiral
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/* Vote on \$COMPOSITION:

\$\$SIZE - how many - 3,4,5,6,7,...

\$\$ROLE - i.e. Administrative Officer, Social, Media and Grassroots Officer, Translation and News Officer, Chief technical officer Ideology Leader, etc.

\$\$EX-OFFICIO members? (like President of YPI)

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§XX \$CORETEAM

(1) The \$NAME_PPI is managed by the \$CORETEAM, the executive organ. Its members shall consider the interests of the Pirate Movement as a whole and shall neither consider themselves, nor be considered, as representing any particular Member Organization or Region.

(2) The \$CORETEAM is composed of:

- (i) \$PRESIDENT
- (ii) Treasurer
- (iii) \$COMPOSITION_\$\$SIZE Vice-\$PRESIDENTs
- (iv) \$COMPOSITION_\$\$ROLES
- (v) \$COMPOSITION_\$\$EX-OFFICIO

(3) Other positions, including, but not limited to

- (a) Social, Media and Grassroots Officer
- (b) Translation and News Officer
- (c) Chief technical officer
- (d) Ideology Leader

may be created by the \$CORETEAM

(4) The \$CORETEAM is elected by the \$ASSEMBLY at the regular sessions or

if an extraordinary session is requested for that purpose.

EXCLUSIVE POWERS.

(1) The functions of the \$CORETEAM are:

(1) To act on behalf of the \$ASSEMBLY between its meetings; to give effect to its decisions, recommendations and policies; and to represent it at international and national events.

(2) To promote the Pirate Movement throughout the world by means of visits, correspondence, training courses and other appropriate action.

(3) To advise and assist Member Organizations

(4) To recommend the admission of Organizations applying for membership

(5) To prepare the agenda and procedure of the meetings of the \$ASSEMBLY, giving consideration to suggestions from Member Organizations, and appoint the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the \$ASSEMBLY meeting.

(6) To appoint the Secretary General of the \$NAME_PPI, and to appoint his Deputy or Deputies upon a recommendation of the Secretary General; and to supervise the management of the \$BUREAU.

(7) To approve the annual budget and financial statements of the \$BUREAU.

(8) To accept the responsibility for the raising of additional funds.

(9) To exercise other functions resulting from this Statutes and its By-Laws.

(2) The \$CORETEAMS governs its actions according to the decisions of the \$ASSEMBLY and in spirit of the majority of the programs of the Ordinary Members of the \$NAME_PPI

(3) One natural person named by each Ordinary Member not represented in the Coreteam shall be admitted with the right to participate in the debate without the right to vote.

(4) The Coreteam adopts rules of procedure that specify the provisions of internal regulations and voting rules.

(5) **[The \$president/ one of the \$presidents]** or the **Chief Administrative Officer** convenes, opens, suspends, and closes the sessions and meetings and presides over them to ensure the observance of procedure, communicates

the documents of concern, and informs it about vacancies. In the absence of the [The \$president/ one of the \$presidents] or the Chief Administrative Officer another member of the \$CORETEAM can be delegated to perform all his functions.

- (6) The \$CORETEAM must meet regularly and not less than once a month. The form of the meeting is free */* physical, IRC, telco etc. */*
- (7) The meetings are public unless one third of the members of the \$CORETEAM vote in favor of a non-public meeting. The decision to hold a secret meeting must be motivated. Minutes of public meetings have to be published not less than two weeks after the meeting. The \$CORETEAM has to inform the \$ASSEMBLY on its next meeting on the fact of non-public meetings.
- (8) A Coreteam member can resign at any moment. In case of vacancy a substitute may be appointed by the \$CORETEAM until the next \$ASSEMBLY. If the position of [the \$President/ two \$Co-Presidents] or the Chief Administrative Officer is vacant, an extraordinary session of the \$Assembly has to be held within the next six (6) months. Vacancies among other elected members of the \$CORETEAM shall be filled for the remainder of the term still to be served by the resigning or deceased holder of the seat by the runners-up in order of election, at the election in which the resigning or deceased member was elected.

BUREAU / SECRETARIAT

this one could be a bit tricky. Basically it is describing a Body that should get legal personality somewhere, meaning, it is this Body of the PPI that will actually open banking accounts, registering legal subsidiaries, handle the mail and so on. In my understanding it will give itself it's own set of statutes while registering a legal entity that will include all the regulations demanded by the national laws under which jurisdiction it will fall. So the purpose of this module is to describe its relationship with all the other bodies of the PPI, while to be national legislation agnostic.

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/ Vote on \$BUREAU:*

- [a] The Bureau*
 - [b] World Pirate Bureau*
 - [c] Head Quarter*
 - [d] Pirate Secretariat*
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*/*the \$BUREAU has it's seat in*

- [a] Brussels, Belgium.*
- [b] Germany*
- [c] Sweden*

[d] Geneva, Switzerland
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THE \$BUREAU

- (1) World Pirate Bureau 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 juristic person.
- (2) The World Pirate Bureau shall serve as the Secretariat of the \$NAME_PPI. It shall comprise the Secretary General of the \$NAME_PPI and such staff as the Organization may require. The Secretary General shall be appointed by the \$CORETEAM and shall be the chief administrative officer of the \$NAME.
- (3) The \$BUREAU shall consist of its international headquarters and such Regional Offices as are established under Article \$XX of this Constitution.
- (4) The Bureau shall be responsible for all administrative and financial matters, and shall report on them and present them for confirmation to the \$CORETEAM at least once a year.

MEDIATION COMMITTEE

The \$ASSEMBLY shall appoint a Mediation Committee consisting of 3 or 5 members, which is entitled to settle disputes between members and bodies of the \$NAME_PPI on statutes and regulation matters. All members and bodies of the \$NAME_PPI shall be bound by the outcome of the mediation process.

FINANCE

/* Vote on membership fees

[a] no fees

[b] fees based on member party's budget coming from membership duties and donations

(.) 0.1%

(.) 1%

(.) 2%

(.) 3%

(.) 4%

(.) 5%

[c] a fraction of the budget coming from the membership dues (no donations)

[d] 0,5 EURO per members member, fixed up to a limit of 5000 EURO

[e] donations, if no membership fees are collected

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- (1) The \$NAME_PPI expenditure shall be covered by:
 - (1) *affiliation fees from the ordinary members parties, those with observer status individual supporters*
 - (2) *donations*
 - (3) *other legal contributions*

(1) AFFILIATION FEES

- (2) *The affiliation fees and contributions shall be fixed in relation to the finances and membership of parties*

(3) \$TREASURER

- (1) The \$Treasurer, in agreement with the \$CORETEAM, drafts the budget and the financial procedure, which must then be approved by the \$ASSEMBLY.
- (2) The Treasurer supervises the \$NAME_PPI budget and reports to the \$CORETEAM every three months.
- (3) The \$CORETEAM is responsible for the sound financial management of the \$NAME_PPI

(4)BORROWING POWERS

Those officials empowered to operate the bank accounts of the \$NAME_PPI have the authority to borrow monies as follows:

- (1) *Approval required*
 - (1) **Ten percent of the annual budget \$Secretary_General**
 - (2) **Over ten percent of the annual budget needs the approval of three quarters of \$CORETEAM**

LAY AUDITORS

Three lay auditors shall be appointed by the \$ASSEMBLY to inspect the accounts of the \$NAME_PPI on a yearly basis.

AMENDMENTS

/ Vote on \$QUORUM-AMENDMENTS:*

- [a] *two thirds*
 - [b] *three quarters*
 - [c] *four fifths*
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/ Vote on \$QUORUM-LIQUIDATION:*

- [a] *two thirds*
 - [b] *three quarters*
 - [c] *four fifths*
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/ Vote on \$LIQUIDATION-DONATION:*

- [a] *Wikilinks*
- [b] *Wikimedia*
- [c] *Reporters without boundaries*

[d] Red Cross

[e] an NGO that is acting in the spirit of the the principles of the \$NAME_PPI as defined by the Preamble.

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AMENDMENTS

- (1) This charter can only be amended by a vote of at least \$QUORUM-AMENDMENTS of the total members of the Assembly, on a regular or extraordinary meeting.
- (2) The amendments can be proposed by any member of \$NAME_PPI at least four weeks before the meeting of the \$ASSEMBLY in writing to to \$CORETEAM.

LIQUIDATION.

- (1) The organization can only be dissolved by a vote of at least \$QUORUM-LIQUIDATION of the total members of the \$ASSEMBLY, on an extraordinary meeting called for this purpose only.
- (2) In the event of the liquidation of the \$NAME_PPI, after the settlement of contractual obligations to staff and other obligations, the remaining financial means shall be transferred to the \$LIQIDATION-DONATION.