



EPP Congress, 29-30 April 2009, Warsaw, Poland

Internal Regulations of the EPP Congress, Warsaw, 29-30 April 2009 Adopted by the EPP Political Bureau, 29-30 January 2009

Article 1

In conformity with Article I a) of the EPP Internal Regulations the following are the members of the Congress with voting rights :

- Members of the EPP Presidency;
- Presidents of Ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties;
- Delegates of Ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties;
- Heads of State and of Government of Member States of the European Union, who are members of an Ordinary Member Party;
- The President of the Council of Europe if he is a member of an Ordinary Member Party;
- Individual Members of the Association (cf art 5, alinea 4 of the by-laws)
- Delegates of Recognized ('Member') Associations;
- Members of the European Commission provided they are members of an Ordinary Member Party;
- Presidents of the EPP Groups at the Committee of the Regions, and at the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the WEU, the OSCE and NATO;
- Delegates of the EPP Group in the Committee of the Regions and in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Article 2

The Congress sits in public; it may however choose to meet in camera.

Article 3

Member parties, recognised ('member') associations and the EPP Group in the Committee of the Regions and in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe must, **by 15 March 2009**, at the latest, inform the General Secretariat of the names and addresses of their delegates. They must at the same time nominate their Heads of Delegation.

Article 4

At the start of the Congress, the Head of Delegation will dispose with the Congress Presidency, the list of names of the representatives of their delegation who have voting rights . The Congress Presidency will examine these mandates.

ORGANS

Article 5

The Congress will meet in plenary and in one Working Group 'Congress Document'. It can verify that the quorum has been reached both in the plenary session and in the Working Group.

Article 6

The Working Group should reflect the composition of the Congress. Each party / organization with voting rights at the Congress is assigned half of those votes for the meeting of the Working Group.

Article 7

The plenary session is presided over by the President of the EPP, together with the Congress Presidency composed of :

- members of the EPP Presidency;
- a representative of Member Parties not represented within the Presidency.

Article 8

The President of the Working Group and his substitute, are designated by the EPP Presidency.

Article 9

The Amendments Committee meets as Resolution Commission in order to examine draft emergency resolutions on current political issues which have been deposited in conformity with the present regulation

Article 10

The Amendments Committee :

- will deliberate, in conformity with Article 13 c), on amendments to the Congress document which will be presented to the Congress for adoption;
- is composed of :
 - the President and Rapporteur of the Working Group;
 - a representative of each Member Party;
 - three representatives of the EPP/ED Group in the EP;
 - one representative of each recognised ('Member') Association and of the EPP Group in the Committee of the Regions and in the Council of Europe

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRESS TEXT - RESOLUTIONS

Article 11

The following can introduce amendments to the congress text and draft resolutions :

- the EPP Presidency
- Ordinary Member Parties or Associated Member Parties
- the EPP-ED Group at the European Parliament.
- the Presidents of the EPP Groups in the Committee of the Regions, the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the WEU, the OSCE and NATO provided that they are member of an Ordinary Member Party or Associated Member Party
- the Presidents of the Recognised ('Member') Associations.

Article 12

Time limits for the introduction of draft resolutions are as follows :

a) draft resolutions must be submitted to the General Secretariat not later than **15 March 2009**

b) draft emergency resolutions can be introduced prior to the start of the EPP - Political Bureau (29 April, before 10.00 hrs). They have to be introduced in English language. In accordance with Article 9, the Resolutions Committee will judge whether said draft emergency resolutions are admissible.

Article 13

Amendments to the draft Congress document can be introduced until **25 February 2009**

Amendments to the Congress document voted upon in the Working Group :

- a) which are rejected by at least a 2/3 (two thirds) majority of delegates present, are definitively rejected;
- b) which are approved by an at least 2/3 (two thirds) majority of those present are definitively adopted;
- c) which obtain more than 1/3 (one third) of the votes but which do not attain 2/3 (two thirds) of the votes of delegates present, are presented to the Congress for vote by simple majority on the advice of the Amendments and Resolutions Committee.

Article 14

The Congress Text, Resolutions and Emergency Resolutions will be approved by the plenary Congress with a simple majority.

PROCEDURE

Article 15

As a general rule, participants should request the floor in writing and indicate the nature of the proposed intervention.

Article 16

The President and the President of the Working Group wish that the mandated representatives of the member parties, associations and EPP-ED Group can take part in the debate in a balanced manner. They can limit speaking time and can, with the agreement of the delegates present, close the debate or the list of speakers.