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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1: Name of the Association

- a. The international non-profit youth association, regulated by the provisions of Title III of the Belgian law of 27th of June 1921 on non-profit organisations, international non-profit organisations and foundations (articles 46 to 57) as modified by the law of 2nd of May 2002, is called "Jeunes Européens Fédéralistes" in French, "Young European Federalists" in English and its literal translation into other languages.¹
- b. It is abbreviated to the short name JEF while the common name JEF Europe may also be used.

Article 2: Registered Office of the Association

- a. The office of the association is registered in the Brussels-Capital Region under the following address: De Meeussquare/Square de Meeûs 25, 1000 Brussel/Bruxelles.
- b. It can be transferred to any other location in the Brussels-Capital Region by a simple decision of the Executive Board, to be published in the "Belgisch Staatsblad/Moniteur Belge".²

Article 3: Objectives of the Association

- a. The goal of JEF is the creation of a democratic European federation. JEF will promote true European citizenship, work for the widening and deepening of the EU and strive for a more just and integrated society on the European continent. These are crucial ingredients for peace and a first step towards a world federation.³
- b. The ideals and aims of JEF are defined by the Manifesto of Ventotene, the Political Platform and JEF policies approved by the European Congress or the Federal Committee.⁴
- c. JEF is independent from all political parties and ideologies and pursues its objectives autonomously.⁵

Article 4: Means to Realise the Objectives⁶

- a. To achieve its goal and pursue its ideals and aims, JEF may have recourse to all appropriate means.
- b. These means include in particular:
 - i) the coordination of its local, regional, national and European bodies and the inclusion of its members in the work of the association;
 - ii) the development of the contacts and exchanges between European youth;
 - iii) the regular organisation of campaigns, projects, study-seminars, trainings and educational courses in the field of European affairs;
 - iv) the issuing of press releases and the publication of magazines, on-line or in paper version, in order to voice the opinion of the European youth;
 - v) the organisation of meetings, activities and street actions to raise awareness of European affairs among the general public;
 - vi) The advocacy of its objectives towards both public and private organisations.

¹ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Strasbourg on 30 October 2005.

² Amended by the European Congress meeting in Helsinki on 29 November 2009.

³ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁴ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁵ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁶ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

Article 5: Affiliations

- a. The JEF is the youth movement of the Union of European Federalists (UEF). Relations between JEF and UEF are governed by an agreement ratified by the statutory bodies of the two associations.
- b. Relations between JEF and UEF or EMI are governed by an agreement ratified by the statutory bodies of the associations concerned.⁷

Article 6: Structure of JEF

- a. JEF's statutory bodies are: the European Congress, the Federal Committee, the Executive Board, the Arbitration Board and the Auditors Committee. Their composition, powers and functioning are described by the present Statutes.
- b. In addition, the European Congress may set out general Rules of Procedure for JEF, and each body may draw up its own internal Rules of Procedure.

II. MEMBERS

Article 7: Criteria of Membership

- a. Members of JEF are physical persons who join the association through a section. In an area where no JEF section is recognised, individuals may join by yearly sending their membership fee to the Treasurer of JEF.⁸
- b. All persons who accept the Statutes and objectives of JEF can become members of a JEF section.⁹

Article 8: Membership Age

JEF members lose their active and passive voting right in all JEF bodies at the age of 35. Further regulations fall under the internal regulation of the member sections.¹⁰

Article 9: Subscriptions

The subscriptions of the members of a section are collected by the sections according to their respective internal regulations. For all paying members, sections transfer an annual subscription to JEF. The annual subscription to be transferred for each member to JEF is decided by the European Congress.¹¹

Article 10: Membership Card

A standard European membership card can be agreed by the Federal Committee and may be issued by national, regional or local sections on receipt of their subscription.

Article 11: Cessation of Membership

- a. Members leave the association by resignation, by death, by non-payment of the subscription or by expulsion. Members who cease to take part in the association have no right to use the association's name or assets.

⁷ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁸ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Marly-le-Roi on 14 November 1999 and in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁹ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

¹⁰ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

¹¹ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009 and in Paris on 3 November 2013.

- b. A member can resign from the organisation by voluntary suspension of membership. The member will have to notify the Federal Committee of the resignation by registered letter sent to the Secretariat.
- c. Expulsion of members
 - i) A member can be expelled from JEF only for non-observance of the Statutes and the objectives of the association or for non-payment of membership fees for three consecutive years. For these reasons, a member of JEF can be excluded by decision of the European Congress requiring a majority of three quarters on the proposal of the Federal Committee and after a favourable opinion from the Arbitration Board.¹²
 - ii) Any decision of expulsion must be preceded by a notice announced by registered delivery, from the Federal Committee to the member concerned, at least six months in advance. Before a decision is taken, the member concerned will be able to ask for a hearing before the Federal Committee and the Arbitration Board to present his/her defence.¹³

III. SECTIONS

Article 12: Criteria of membership¹⁴

- a. A group of members of JEF may organise themselves into local, regional and national sections in accordance with the Statutes and federal principles.¹⁵
- b. Membership of JEF is open to sections in countries eligible for membership of the Council of Europe.¹⁶
- c. Sections of JEF must comply with the following criteria:¹⁷
 - i) There does not already exist a functioning JEF group in the same area.
 - ii) They accept the Statutes and objectives of JEF and are willing to contribute to the realisation of its ideals and aims.¹⁸
 - iii) They pay in the European subscription for their members.
 - iv) They show an active commitment in the organisation for at least one year.
 - v) They adhere to high standards of democracy in their internal working.¹⁹
 - vi) Their membership is open to all young people who accept the Statutes and objectives of JEF.²⁰
- d. National sections must return an annual membership statement for each year by the end of March of the following year to the Secretariat. This statement must include a declaration on the number of members signed by the legal representative of the section, who is committed to submit supporting documents upon request by any FC member, such as an updated version of the Statutes or the minutes of the last meeting of the supreme statutory body (e.g. national congress or general assembly).²¹
- e. National sections must also transfer the relevant membership subscription by the same deadline as the annual membership statement. The Federal Committee can elaborate policy on dealing with sections who fail to fulfil these requirements on time.²²

¹² Added by the European Congress meeting in Vienna on 25 November 2001 and amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

¹³ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Strasbourg on 30 October 2005.

¹⁴ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

¹⁵ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

¹⁶ Added by the European Congress meeting in Vienna on 25 November 2001.

¹⁷ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

¹⁸ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

¹⁹ Added by the European Congress meeting in Vienna on 25 November 2001 and amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

²⁰ Added by the European Congress meeting in Vienna on 25 November 2001 and amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

²¹ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

²² Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

Article 13: Candidate Sections²³

- a. A national contact group may be accepted as a candidate section by the Federal Committee and may be accepted as a full member section by the European Congress after at least one year as a candidate section.²⁴
- b. Sections applying to the Federal Committee to become a candidate section, and candidate sections applying to the European Congress to become a full section, shall provide the following to the Federal Committee/European Congress:²⁵
 - i) Their Statutes or constitutive documents;
 - ii) A list of current Board members;
 - iii) A membership list;
 - iv) A list of recent activities;
 - v) Relevant working documents, policies or publicity.
- c. In case of failure to become a member section, the following rules shall apply:
 - i) A candidate section whose application for full membership is rejected, may reapply for full membership at the first or second subsequent Federal Committee. If the second application should be rejected or no second application is made, the section's status as a candidate section shall lapse automatically.²⁶
 - ii) If a candidate section does not apply for full membership within the second European Congress at which it could be accepted, the section's status as a candidate section shall lapse automatically.

Article 14: Cessation of Membership for Sections

- a. Member sections can cease to be part of JEF through resignation, cessation of their status as organisations recognised by law, non-payment of membership fees, or expulsion. Member sections that cease to be part of the association have no rights over the association.
- b. A member section may decide voluntarily to leave the association by resignation. The section shall notify the European Congress of its decision, by recorded delivery to the Secretariat, at least one year before the next meeting of the European Congress.
- c. Expulsion of member sections:
 - i) National sections or candidate sections of JEF can only be expelled for reasons of their non-adherence to the present Statutes and to the objectives of the association, or of non-payment of membership fees or non-submission of a member section report for at least two consecutive years. The Federal Committee of JEF shall have the power to investigate a monitoring process on sections, the rules of which are stipulated in the Rules of Procedure. Subject to this provision, sections of JEF could be excluded by a decision initiated and taken by the Federal Committee after a favourable opinion from the Arbitration Board.
 - ii) All decisions on exclusion must be preceded by a notice, sent by recorded delivery at least six months in advance from the Federal Committee to the section concerned. Before it will be enacted, the section concerned can ask for a hearing before the Federal Committee and the Arbitration Board to present their defence.
 - iii) The European Congress may recognise, by a three-quarters majority and on the recommendation of the Federal Committee that a member section has ceased to exist.²⁷

²³ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

²⁴ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

²⁵ Added by the European Congress meeting in Vienna on 25 November 2001 and amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

²⁶ Added by the European Congress meeting in Vienna on 25 November 2001 and amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

²⁷ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Strasbourg on 30 October 2005 and in Helsinki on 30 October 2011.

IV. THE EUROPEAN CONGRESS (GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

Article 15: Composition

- a. The European Congress is the general decision-making body composed of 100 delegates, representing the members of the association.²⁸
- b. The proportional distribution of delegates is made on the basis of the registered members of each national section for the two years preceding the year of the European Congress, whose corresponding fees were paid before the 1st of June preceding the Congress. Each national section shall receive at least two delegates unless its membership is lower than 50. In this case, it shall receive one delegate.²⁹
- c. The delegates to the European Congress from the national sections are elected democratically by them, ensuring fair and proportional representation of their members. No national section can receive more than one fourth of all delegates.

Article 16: Powers of the European Congress

- a. The European Congress is the supreme decision-making body of JEF and has full powers to accomplish the objectives of the association.
- b. Its powers include in particular:
 - i) The election for a mandate of two years of: the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, the four members of the Executive Board, the direct members of the Federal Committee, the Arbitration Board, and the Auditors Committee;³⁰
 - ii) The determination of the general political orientation of JEF, by definition of the ideals and aims of the organisation via the Political Platform and JEF Policies;³¹
 - iii) The approval of the annual accounts;³²
 - iv) The approval of the administration of the outgoing Executive Board and Federal Committee and their discharge;³³
 - v) The modification of the Statutes;
 - vi) The dissolution of the association;
 - vii) The fixing of the amount of the member subscription to be transferred to JEF;
 - viii) The appointment of honorary members of JEF.

Article 17: Calling of meetings

- a. The European Congress meets at least once every two years by convocation of the Executive Board communicated by e-mail and by publication on the website of the organisation. Notice of the European Congress is to be given to the sections of JEF at least eight weeks in advance, communicated by e-mail and by publication on the website of the organisation.³⁴
- b. An extraordinary European Congress may be called at the request of, at least, one third of the members of the Federal Committee or one third of the Presidents of the national sections.

Article 18: Proxies

- a. A delegate elected but unable to take part in the European Congress may give to another delegate a written permission to use his vote (a proxy vote). A delegate receiving a proxy vote may transfer it to another delegate, unless explicitly forbidden by the donor of the proxy.

²⁸ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Copenhagen on 28 October 2007.

²⁹ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Marly-le-Roy on 14 November 1999 and in Copenhagen on 28 October 2007.

³⁰ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009 and in Helsinki on 30 October 2011.

³¹ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

³² Added by the European Congress meeting in Strasbourg on 30 October 2005.

³³ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

³⁴ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Strasbourg on 30 October 2005 and in Paris on 3 November 2013.

- b. Each delegate may only be allowed one proxy vote, except with a previous agreement of the Federal Committee. This decision of the Federal Committee must be considered and passed by a majority of two thirds.

Article 19: Quorum

At least half of the total number of delegates must be present or represented for the European Congress to act validly.

Article 20: Voting

- a. Decisions of the European Congress concerning the amount of the individual subscription, modification of the Statutes, dissolution of the association and modification of the Political Platform have to be approved by the statutory majority of delegates as set out elsewhere in these Statutes and by a majority of all national sections present and voting. Details of such proposals must be included on the agenda of the European Congress and sent out at least six weeks before the European Congress.
- b. The decisions of the European Congress must be stored in a register held at the registered office.
- c. Decisions of the European Congress will be made available to members by publication on the website of the organisation and will be sent by e-mail, through the intermediary of the national sections if necessary.³⁵

V. THE FEDERAL COMMITTEE

Article 21: Composition

- a. The Federal Committee is composed of:
 - i) The Presidents of the national sections
 - ii) A maximum number of members directly elected by the European Congress calculated inversely proportional to the number of national sections as follows:
 - up to 22 or less sections - 19 direct members
 - 23 sections - 18 direct members
 - 24 sections - 17 direct members
 - 25 or more sections - 16 direct members³⁶
 - iii) The President, two Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, four members of the Executive Board, and of non-voting members as follows:
 - (a) co-opted members;
 - (b) the Secretary General.
- b. The Federal Committee can elect co-opted members with consultative votes.
- c. Should a directly-elected member of the Federal Committee resign, s/he will be replaced by the non-elected candidate who obtained most votes in the election to the Federal Committee at the last European Congress.
- d. The direct members of the Federal Committee are elected for the period between two European Congresses, meaning two years. Their mandate is renewable.³⁷

³⁵ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Strasbourg on 30 October 2005.

³⁶ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Helsinki on 30 October 2011.

³⁷ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Strasbourg on 30 October 2005.

Article 22: Powers

- a. The Federal Committee is entrusted with the on-going political and organisational work of the association between two European Congresses. All the powers are at its disposal, except those which the present Statutes reserve specifically to the Congress.³⁸
- b. Its powers are in particular:
 - i) The election of the Presidium which consists of three persons to chair the Federal Committee and coordinate and steer its proceedings during and in-between the FC sessions. At least one of them should be elected from among the directly elected members of the Federal Committee;³⁹
 - ii) [---]⁴⁰
 - iii) The control over the decisions and policies of the Executive Board and the administration of the Secretariat;⁴¹
 - iv) The formulation of JEF Policies and priorities of the association in specific fields;⁴²
 - v) The coordination of activities between the sections;⁴³
 - vi) The provisional approval of the annual accounts and the budget and their submission to the next European Congress for ratification of the years since the last European Congress;⁴⁴
 - vii) The approval of the budget and the supervision of the financial management;⁴⁵
 - viii) The approval of the Financial Guidelines;⁴⁶
 - ix) The appointment of the Secretary General with a mandate of two years on recommendation of the Executive Board;⁴⁷
 - x) The preparations of the meetings of the European Congress;
 - xi) The dismissal of any elected or appointed officer for serious misconduct before the end of their mandate, taken by a three quarters majority vote, after a motivated warning at the previous FC and a fair hearing.⁴⁸

Article 23: Calling of Meetings

- a. The meetings of the Federal Committee take place at least twice a year on convocation of the Executive Board and must be communicated by e-mail and by publication on the website of the organisation at least thirty days in advance.⁴⁹
- b. On the request of one third of its members or half of the Presidents of the national sections, it must be called within six weeks. Notice of the Federal Committee meetings must be given at least three weeks in advance.

Article 24: Proxies

- a. National sections are represented by their president or another member from the same section, freely appointed by the section, through a written notification to the Secretary General.
- b. Presidents of national sections may designate another member of the section, or give permission (proxy vote) to another member of the Federal Committee with full voting rights, to represent them at all times, through a written notification to the Secretary General.

³⁸ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

³⁹ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁴⁰ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009 and in Helsinki on 30 October 2011.

⁴¹ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁴² Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁴³ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁴⁴ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Strasbourg on 30 October 2005.

⁴⁵ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Strasbourg on 30 October 2005 and in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁴⁶ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Copenhagen on 28 October 2007.

⁴⁷ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁴⁸ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁴⁹ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Paris on 3 November 2013.

- c. Members elected by the European Congress may give permission (proxy vote) to another member elected by the European Congress with full voting rights to represent them at all times, through a written notification to the Secretary General.
- d. Each member with full voting rights can be allowed only one proxy vote.⁵⁰

Article 25: Quorum

In order to have a valid discussion in the Federal Committee meetings, at least half of the members must be present or represented.

VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 26: Composition

- a. The Executive Board is composed of the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, four other members elected by the European Congress and the Secretary General.⁵¹
- b. Should the President of JEF resign before the end of his/her term, s/he will be replaced by the senior Vice-President, who received the highest number of votes in the vice-presidential election at the European Congress.
- c. Should a Vice-President, the Treasurer or a member of the Executive Board resign or be dismissed, the Executive Board will appoint a replacement to be ratified by the next available Federal Committee meeting to serve for the remainder of the outgoing officer's term of office. Should a Vice-President become President after his/her resignation, the same procedure will apply.⁵²
- d. The Secretary General does not have a vote.⁵³

Article 27: Powers

- a. The Executive Board is responsible for the overall management of the association.
- b. The Executive Board is responsible for the management of the organisation and carries into effect the decisions taken by the Federal Committee. It carries out its functions subject to the control of the Federal Committee, to which it is accountable.
- c. The preparation of the meetings of the Federal Committee and ensuring their follow-up;
- d. The initiating and defence of legal actions are undertaken in the name of the association by the Executive Board. This could in addition include all administrative deeds or financial acts.

Article 28: Calling of Meetings

The President of JEF shall convene at least four meetings of the Executive Board each year. S/he shall also convene an Executive Board meeting if requested to do so by at least one third of its voting members.

Article 29: Quorum

In order to constitute a valid meeting of the Executive Board, at least half of the members with a right to vote must be present.

⁵⁰ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009 and in Paris on 3 November 2013.

⁵¹ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009 and in Helsinki on 30 October 2011.

⁵² Amended by the European Congress meeting in Copenhagen on 28 October 2007 and in Paris on 3 November 2013.

⁵³ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

Article 30: Chair

The meetings of the Executive Board are chaired by the President or the next most senior officer. In case of a parity of votes the President (or officer in the chair) has a casting vote. All meetings of the Executive Board are open to members of the Federal Committee, the Arbitration Board or the Auditors Committee, but they do not have the right to speak. The Executive Board may decide to close parts or all of a specific meeting.

Article 31: Expenses

Members of the Executive Board who incur expenses as a result of carrying out missions entrusted to them by the Federal Committee, the European Congress or the Executive Board, shall be, partly or totally, indemnified by the association.

Article 32: The Secretary General and the Treasurer

- a. The Secretary General is in charge of the European Secretariat of the association. S/he is in charge of the daily management of the organization under the supervision and by delegation of the Executive board. S/he is responsible for relations with the sections of JEF Europe and the coordination of their activities. S/he is accountable to the Executive Board and the Federal Committee.⁵⁴
- b. The Secretary General has the right to be present and to speak at all statutory meetings of the association
- c. The Secretary General may attend (without a vote) the meetings of the European Congress, of the Federal Committee and of the Executive Board.⁵⁵
- d. The Treasurer keeps the accounts and prepares the budget. S/he is accountable to the Executive Board and the Federal Committee.
- e. If the Secretary General does not complete his/her term of office, the Executive Board will appoint a replacement to be ratified by the next available Federal Committee meeting to serve for the remainder of the outgoing officer's term of office.⁵⁶

Article 32bis: Representation

For all deeds excepted those of simple administration, the organisation shall be validly represented towards third persons by the President or a Vice-President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer acting jointly.⁵⁷

VII. ARBITRATION BOARD

Article 33: Composition

The Arbitration Board has five members elected by the European Congress. They elect a chairperson from among their members.

Article 34: Powers

The Arbitration Board's function is to settle statutory conflicts between members, JEF sections and statutory bodies of JEF. No dissenting opinion shall be delivered in public by any member of the Arbitration Board. All the decisions of the Arbitration Board are final. The Arbitration Board takes its decisions by simple majority.

⁵⁴ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Helsinki on 29 October 2011.

⁵⁵ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁵⁶ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Paris on 3 November 2013.

⁵⁷ Added by the European Congress meeting in Helsinki on 29 October 2011.

VIII. AUDITORS COMMITTEE

Article 35: Composition

The Auditors Committee is composed of at least two members and maximum three, elected by the European Congress.

Article 36: Powers

The Auditors Committee verifies at least once a year the accounts of the association. It is accountable to the Federal Committee, to which it has to report at least once a year.

IX. JEF POLICIES⁵⁸

Article 37: JEF Policies

- a. JEF Policy is made by its members through resolutions passed by their elected representatives at meetings of the European Congress or Federal Committee. Internal JEF Policies pertain to organisational matters while external JEF Policies determine the ideals and aims of the organisation.
- b. JEF Policies are public and will be made available on-line to ensure transparency. The Secretariat will hold all JEF Policies in the JEF Policy Book.
- c. The Executive Board and its Secretariat implement the JEF Policies according to their respective mandates.
- d. The Executive Board is entitled to make decisions in the name of JEF on urgent matters for which a response cannot be delayed and where there is no JEF Policy or where JEF Policy is no longer appropriate in changing circumstances, and on matters which related to the implementation of policy. The Executive Board will be held accountable for its decisions at the following Federal Committee meeting.

Article 38: Duration of Validity

- a. JEF Policies will lapse exactly two years and six months after they are adopted unless re-approved by a European Congress or Federal Committee;
- b. The Secretary General will ensure that all policies due to lapse are put before the European Congress or Federal Committee for their consideration three months before the relevant statutory meeting.⁵⁹

X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

⁵⁸ Added by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁵⁹ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Helsinki on 29 October 2011 and in Paris on 3 November 2013.

Article 39: Voting majorities

- a. Unless otherwise required by the Statutes or the law, a decision by the bodies of the association shall require a simple majority.
- b. The election of the Vice-Presidents of JEF shall take place according to the Single Transferable vote system. The delegates shall give a priority preference to all candidates. All other elections shall be held according to the list system. For this purpose, the delegates shall give a non-priority preference to a number of candidates not exceeding the first integer number above the two thirds of the seats available.⁶⁰

Article 40: Minutes of meetings

- a. The decisions of the European Congress, the Federal Committee and the Executive Board are recorded in the minutes made by the Secretary General and have to be distributed to the Federal Committee within one month after the meeting.⁶¹
- b. All the decisions relating to the nomination, the revocation and the suspension of functions of the administrators established in accordance with the law, are to be communicated to the Federal Public Justice Service (Federale Overheidsdienst Justitie/Service public fédéral Justice) and are to be published, at the expenses of the association, in the appendices of the Belgisch Staatsblad/Moniteur belge.⁶²

Article 41: Finances

- a. The financial year begins on the 1st of January and ends on the 31st of December of each year. The accounts and the budget are submitted yearly to the Federal Committee.
- b. The accounts will be sent, in accordance with article 51 of the Belgian law on international non-profit organisations, to the Federal Public Justice Service (Federale Overheidsdienst Justitie/Service Public Fédéral Justice).⁶³

Article 42: Removal from Office

All elected and appointed officers, including the Secretary General, and members of the statutory bodies listed in article 6 can, after a fair hearing, be dismissed before the end of term of their mandate for serious misconduct, after a reasoned decision of the body which has appointed them, taken by a three quarters majority vote.

Article 43: Modification of the Statutes

- a. The Statutes can only be modified by the European Congress by a decision to be taken with a two thirds majority of the present or represented delegates. Each proposal of modification of the Statutes must be communicated to the Federal Committee at the last meeting before the European Congress and the latest two months before the meeting of the European Congress. The proposed modifications must appear in the calling note.
- b. In order for the European Congress to debate validly on a proposal for modification of the Statutes there must be two thirds of the delegates present or represented. If the quorum is not reached, a new European Congress can be summoned immediately, with the power to make amendments under a standard quorum of one half of the delegates present.
- c. The modifications of the Statutes must be submitted to the Ministry of Justice (Federale Overheidsdienst Justitie/Service Public Fédéral Justice) and will have effect only after approval by the proper authority in accordance with article 50§3 of the Belgian law on

⁶⁰ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Strasbourg on 30 October 2005, in Helsinki on 30 October 2011 and in Paris on 3 November 2013.

⁶¹ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Florence on 1 November 2009.

⁶² Amended by the European Congress meeting in Strasbourg on 30 October 2005.

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international non-profit organisations and after publication in the appendices of the “Belgisch Staatsblad/Moniteur belge”, in accordance with the article 51§3 of the aforementioned law.⁶⁴

Article 44: Dissolution of the Association

- a. The association can be dissolved by a decision of the European Congress, acting in accordance with herein before mentioned conditions concerning the modification of the Statutes.
- b. The European Congress will determine the method of dissolution and liquidation of the association. It will decide upon the distribution of the assets to the patrimony of the dissolved association. In default of such a decision, they will be transferred to the international association according to the Dutch law, UNION OF EUROPEAN FEDERALISTS, whose registered seat is in The Hague, or successively to the international association of the Belgian law EUROPEAN MOVEMENT whose registered seat is in Brussels at Square de Meeûs 25, B-1050 Brussels, or the WORLD FEDERALIST MOVEMENT whose registered seat is in New York, New York Plaza 66.⁶⁵

Article 45: Omissions

Everything that is not foreseen in the present Statutes will be regulated according to Belgian law.⁶⁶

⁶⁴ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Strasbourg on 30 October 2005.

⁶⁵ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Vienna on 25 November 2001.

⁶⁶ Amended by the European Congress meeting in Strasbourg on 30 October 2005.