



## **EPP 2018 CONGRESS**

07-08 November 2018, Helsinki

# **Congress Regulations**

*(adopted by the EPP Political Assembly on 6-7 September 2018 in Brussels)*

### **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, Associated Member Parties and Member Associations;
- Delegates of Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties and Member Associations;
- Heads of State and of Government of Member States of the European Union, who are members of an Ordinary Member Party;
- Individual Members of the Association (cf. article 5, alinea 4 of the by-laws);
- Members of the European Commission provided they are members of an Ordinary Member Party;
- Presidents of the EPP, like-minded or associated Groups, at the Parliamentary Assemblies of the CoE, the OSCE and NATO, the Committee of the Regions, Union for the Mediterranean and EURONEST provided that they are a member of an Ordinary Member Party or an Associated Member Party;
- Delegates of the EPP, like-minded or associated Groups, at the Parliamentary Assemblies of the CoE, the OSCE and NATO, the Committee of the Regions, Union for the Mediterranean and EURONEST, provided that they are member of an Ordinary Member Party or Associated Member Party.

### **Article 2**

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

### **Article 3**

Ordinary Member Parties, Member Associations, the EPP, like-minded or associated Groups, at the Parliamentary Assembly of the CoE, the OSCE and NATO, the Committee of the Regions, Union for the Mediterranean and EURONEST must, by **Friday 26 October 2018** 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.

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### Article 4

The Congress will meet in plenary. It can verify that the quorum has been reached.

### Article 5

The Amendment Committee meets as Resolution Committee in order to examine draft resolutions as well as draft emergency resolutions on current political issues which have been deposited in conformity with the present regulations.

### Article 6

The Amendment Committee:

- will deliberate, in adherence with Article 9 c), over amendments to the Congress Documents 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 Group in the EP;
  - one representative of each member Association and of the EPP Groups in the Committee of the Regions, the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO, Union for the Mediterranean and EURONEST.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRESS DOCUMENTS - RESOLUTIONS

### Article 7

The following can introduce amendments to the Congress Documents and draft resolutions:

- a) the EPP Presidency;
- b) Ordinary Member Parties or Associated Member Parties;
- c) the EPP Group in the European Parliament;
- d) the EPP Groups in the Committee of the Regions, the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO, Union for the Mediterranean and EURONEST;
- e) the Member Associations.

### Article 8

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

- a) draft resolutions can be submitted until **Monday 24 September 2018** and must be submitted in English;
- b) draft emergency resolutions can be submitted until **Wednesday, 31 October 2018** and must be submitted in English. In accordance with Article 5, the Resolution Committee will judge whether said draft emergency resolutions are admissible.

### Article 9

Amendments to the Congress Documents can be introduced until **Monday 24 September 2018**.

Amendments to the Congress Documents voted upon in the Amendment Committee:

- 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 Amendment Committee.
- d) The Presidency may propose amendments to the Congress Documents also after the set deadline and directly to the Congress delegates

### **Article 10**

The Congress Documents, resolutions and emergency resolutions will be approved by the Congress plenary with a simple majority.

## **PROCEDURE to take the floor in Congress**

### **Article 11**

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

### **Article 12**

It is the wish of the President that representatives of the member parties, associations and EPP Group participate in the debate in a balanced manner. He has the authority to limit speaking times and can, with the agreement of the delegates present, close the debate or the list of speakers. Rules for taking the floor in the plenary are stipulated in the Annex.

## **ANNEX**

### **Rules for taking the floor in the plenary**

#### **§ 1 Requesting oral interventions in the plenary**

Every delegate with voting rights in the Congress is permitted to take the floor according to the rules outlined herein. The speakers can take the floor using the microphones available in the plenary. In order to allow for smooth functioning of the Congress and compliance with the timetables, oral interventions have to be registered at the speakers' registration desk in the congress plenary room. The request should be made with the form that will be available at the speakers' registration desk. The registration of oral interventions is possible on:

**Wednesday 7 November 2018 from 14.00 – 16.00 hrs**

#### **§ 2 Restrictions**

During the general discussion, on the Congress Documents as a whole a maximum of ten interventions are allowed. In case of more requests, only the first ten requests will receive speaking rights.

On every individual amendment to the Congress Documents as well as on every individual resolution one intervention is permitted in favour and one against.

If the introducing party or association requests the floor it will always receive the right to speak first.

Every intervention is limited to one minute. The speaking time will be controlled and displayed on the screen.

#### **§ 3 Interventions and votes**

Procedurally, the discussion on amendments and on the resolutions will be separated from the votes. The voting will be done after the discussion has been concluded.