

## **EPP 2025 STATUTORY CONGRESS Valencia**

### **CONGRESS REGULATIONS**

*(Approved by the EPP Presidency on 18 December 2024, to be submitted for approval to the EPP Political Assembly on 14 January 2025).*

#### **Article 1**

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

- 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 or Government of Member States of the European Union, who are members of an Ordinary Member Party;
- Individual Members of the Association (cf. article 5, (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 European 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 European 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, Associated Member Parties, Member Associations, the EPP, like-minded or associated Groups, at the Parliamentary Assembly of the CoE, the OSCE and NATO, the European Committee of the regions, Union for the Mediterranean and EURONEST must, **by Thursday 17 April 2025 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.

## ORGANS

### Article 4

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

### Article 5

The Resolution Committee examines draft resolutions as well as draft emergency resolutions on current political issues which have been submitted in conformity with the present regulations.

### Article 6.

The Resolution Committee is chaired by the Secretary General and/or a Vice-President nominated by the Presidency, and composed of:

- a representative of each Member Party;
- three representatives of the EPP Group in the European Parliament;
- one representative of each member Association and of the EPP Groups in the European Committee of the regions, the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO, Union for the Mediterranean and EURONEST.

## AMENDEMENTS TO THE CONGRESS DOCUMENT(S) AND RESOLUTIONS

### Article 7

The following can introduce amendments to the Congress Document(s) and draft resolutions:

- a) the EPP Presidency;
- b) ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties\*;
- c) the EPP Group in the European Parliament;
- d) the EPP Groups in the European 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.

*\*cf. article 5 (2, 121-123) of the Statutes: “Associated Member Parties, or their representatives within the organs and bodies of the association, shall not participate in decisions involving the policies and structure of the European Union nor of its institutional system”.*

### Article 8

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

- a) draft resolutions can be submitted until Monday **3 March 2025** and must be submitted in English; the EPP Presidency can submit draft resolutions until Thursday **20 March 2025**.
- b) draft emergency resolutions can be submitted until Tuesday **15 April 2025** 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 Document(s) and to the EPP Reform document can be introduced until Monday **17 March 2025**.

## Article 10

The 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 Groups 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 microphone 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 with the form that will be available for this purpose. The registration of oral interventions is possible on:

**Tuesday 29 April 2025** (Timing: To be confirmed)

**Wednesday 30 April 2025** (Timing: To be confirmed)

#### 2 Restrictions

During the general discussion, on the Congress Document(s) as a whole a maximum of ten interventions are allowed. In case of most requests, only the first ten requests will receive speaking rights. On resolutions and emergency resolutions a maximum of five interventions are allowed per resolution. In case of more requests, only the first five requests will receive speaking rights.

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.

#### 2 Interventions and votes

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