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**CHARTER**  
**of the International Union of Non-Governmental Organizations**  
**«Eurasian and African Peoples’ Assembly»**

## 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. The International Union of Non-Governmental Organizations “Eurasian and African Peoples’ Assembly” (hereinafter - the “Assembly”) is a corporate non-profit organization in the legal form of a ‘union’, established on the basis of common interests of the Assembly members to achieve the statutory goals.

1.2. The Assembly shall carry out its activities in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the Civil Code of the Russian Federation, the Federal Law “On Non-Profit Organizations”, other normative legal acts of the Russian Federation, in accordance with universally recognized principles and norms of international law, international treaties of the Russian Federation concerning the sphere of the Assembly activity, legislation of the states where the Assembly operates, and the present Charter.

The requirements of the Assembly Charter shall be binding on all bodies of the Assembly and on its members.

1.3. Full name of the Assembly in Russian: Международный союз неправительственных организаций «Ассамблея народов Евразии и Африки».

1.4. Abbreviated name of the Assembly in Russian: Ассамблея народов Евразии и Африки.

1.5. Full name of the Assembly in English: International Union of Non-Governmental Organizations «Eurasian and African Peoples’ Assembly».

1.6. Abbreviated name of the Assembly in English: Eurasian and African Peoples’ Assembly.

1.7. The Assembly shall carry out its activities on the territory of the Russian Federation as well as on the territory of other states.

1.8. The activities of the Assembly shall be based on the principles of voluntariness, equality of human rights and freedoms regardless of race, gender, language and religion, including in matters of organization management, legality, self-governance, and shall be public. Information on its activities shall be publicly available.

1.9. The Assembly is a legal entity from the moment of its state registration; it has separate property, an independent balance sheet, the right to have a round seal, stamps and letterheads, settlement and other accounts in rubles and foreign currency in Russian and foreign banks.

1.10. The Assembly may, in its own name, acquire property and personal non-property rights, incur obligations, be a plaintiff and defendant in court, and, in the interests of achieving the statutory goals, make transactions that comply with the legislation of the Russian Federation and the statutory goals of the Assembly.

1.11. The Assembly shall be the owner of its property. Members of the Assembly shall not retain property rights to the property transferred by them to the ownership of the Assembly, including membership fees.

1.12. The Assembly shall not be liable for the obligations of its members, nor shall the members of the Assembly be liable for its obligations.

1.13. In accordance with the legislation, the Assembly may establish legal entities and acquire property intended for the implementation of income-generating activities.

Funds received from income-generating activities may not be redistributed among members of the Assembly and must be used only to achieve the statutory goals of the Assembly, including activities related to the implementation of its projects and programs. Income-generating activities may be carried out by the Assembly insofar as they serve the achievement of statutory goals.

1.14. The Assembly shall have a unified corporate style, symbols (emblem, logo, flag), anthem, the provisions on which shall be approved by the General Council of the Assembly.

1.15. Emblem of the Assembly. The graphic representation of the emblem is two equal-sized, symmetrically reflected, symbolizing two wing shapes in blue and yellow colors and the symbol of the globe inside. Blue color symbolizes Europe. Yellow (gold) color symbolizes Asia. The crossing of these colors gives green color - a symbol of new beginnings, life-affirming color of the nature, characterizing revival and renewal of life, reflecting unity of the person with the nature and the whole world.

1.16. The Assembly logo consists of a graphic part - the emblem, and a text part - name. The text part of the logo represents the abbreviated name of the Assembly in Russian and English.

«АССАМБЛЕЯ НАРОДОВ ЕВРАЗИИ И АФРИКИ»

«EURASIAN AND AFRICAN PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY».

The Assembly logo is used equally in Russian and English.

1.17. The flag of the Assembly is an image of the official symbol of the Assembly - the emblem or logo of the Assembly, located in the center of a rectangular white cloth.

The white color of the flag cloth reflects peace and purity. White is the synthesis of all colours, which symbolizes the unity of the Assembly members in strengthening trust and friendship between peoples, expanding cultural, humanitarian and business cooperation, developing peacemaking and integration processes.

1.18. The Assembly shall have the right to establish and use awards, honorable signs and insignia, and other signs approved by the General Council in accordance with the procedure established by law and the present Charter.

1.19. The Assembly shall be free to determine its internal structure, forms and methods of its activity, provided that this does not violate the legislation of the Russian Federation and generally recognized principles and norms of international law.

1.20. The official languages of the Assembly are Russian and English.

1.21. Location of the sole executive body of the Assembly - Secretary General: Russian Federation, Moscow.

## 2. GOAL AND SUBJECT OF THE ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

2.1. **The main goal of the Assembly** is the formation of a public integration model of the Greater Eurasian Partnership based on spiritual and moral values in the name of peace and harmony through the development of multilateral cooperation and public (people's) diplomacy.

**2.2. The subject of the Assembly's activities shall be the fulfilment of the following tasks:**

2.1.1. Creation on the basis of the Assembly of an international communication platform on the formation of the Greater Eurasian Partnership, interaction between civil society institutions, cultural and humanitarian organizations, business, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, authorities and members of the Assembly.

2.1.2. Support for unifying processes at the societal level that are in line with the strategy of peaceful coexistence of peoples in a multipolar world.

2.1.3. Support for public and state peacebuilding initiatives aimed at strengthening peace, trust, harmony and unity of peoples.

2.1.4. Promotion of the formation of a conceptual approach to the peacemaking unity of peoples by preserving the inviolable basic spiritual and moral values of humanity.

2.1.5. Interaction with international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, authorities and civil society institutions of different countries, making proposals on various aspects of public life.

2.1.6. Facilitation of the exchange of experience and information among the members of the Assembly.

2.1.7. Promotion of the preservation of the diversity of spiritual, cultural and historical assets of humankind.

2.1.8. Implementation of scientific research, independent expertise, promotion of objective data, accurate and unbiased information in the sphere of international relations.

2.1.9. Development and implementation of programs, projects and activities related to the statutory activities of the Assembly, including through obtaining national and international grants to establish multilateral cooperation in public (people's) diplomacy.

**2.2. In accordance with the legislation in force the Assembly shall have the right to:**

2.2.1. Freely impart information about its activities.

2.2.2 Establish mass media and carry out publishing activities.

2.2.3 Represent and protect its rights, legitimate interests of its members in state authorities, local self-government bodies, non-commercial and public organizations.

2.2.4. Carry out entrepreneurial and other income-generating activities in accordance with the procedure established by law.

2.2.5. Submit proposals of legislative initiative on improvement of legislation to the subjects of the right.

2.2.6. Use tax and other privileges established by the current legislation.

2.2.7 Receive property owned by the state, municipal and other property in accordance with the procedure established by law for the period of its activity.

2.2.8. Take part in competitions (tenders) of socially significant projects and

programs, in the implementation of state and other orders.

2.2.9. Take initiatives on various issues of public life, to make proposals to the authorities.

2.3. Types of activities, the implementation of which requires licenses (licensed activities) in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, may be carried out by the Assembly upon receipt and availability of the relevant license in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation. The Assembly shall carry out foreign economic activities in accordance with the present Charter and the current legislation of the Russian Federation.

2.4. The Assembly **shall be obliged to:**

2.4.1. Comply with the legislation of the Russian Federation, generally recognized principles and norms of international law relating to the scope of its activities, as well as the norms stipulated by its Charter and other regulatory documents.

2.4.2. Annually inform the body that made the decision on the state registration of the Assembly about the continuation of its activities, indicating the actual location of the Assembly, its permanent collegial executive body, its name and data on the heads of the Assembly to the extent of information established by law.

2.4.3. Submit, at the request of the body that made the decision on the state registration of the Assembly, decisions of the governing bodies and officials of the Assembly, as well as reports on its activities to the extent of information established by the current legislation.

2.4.4. Admit representatives of the body that made the decision on the state registration of the Assembly to attend the events held by the Assembly.

2.4.5. Assist representatives of state bodies to get familiar with the activities of the Assembly in connection with the achievement of statutory goals and compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

### **3. ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP. TERMS AND PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION TO AND WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSEMBLY**

3.1. Membership in the Assembly shall be voluntary. Members of the Assembly shall retain their independence and rights.

3.2. Members of the Assembly may be fully legally capable to act natural individuals (citizens, stateless persons and foreign citizens legally staying on the territory of the Russian Federation and other states on the territory of which the Assembly operates), Russian and foreign legal entities recognizing the Charter of the Assembly, sharing its goals and participating in the activities of the Assembly.

Persons, the scope of which is defined by the legislation of the Russian Federation may not be members of the Assembly.

3.3. The Assembly members shall have equal rights and bear equal responsibilities in accordance with the Charter, internal documents of the Assembly and the current legislation of the Russian Federation, as well as in accordance with

the generally recognized principles and rules of International law.

3.4. Admission to the Assembly membership shall be carried out in the order approved by the decision of the General Assembly. The Assembly shall be open for new members to join it.

3.5. Membership in the Assembly shall be inalienable. The exercise of the rights of the Assembly member cannot be transferred to another person.

3.6. Membership in the Assembly may be terminated in accordance with procedures approved by the General Assembly.

3.7. A member of the Assembly who systematically fails to fulfil or improperly fulfils his/her duties or violates his/her obligations to the Assembly, as well as obstructs the work of the Assembly by his/her actions (inaction), may be excluded from the Assembly by the decision of the General Council. The decision of the General Council on expulsion from membership may be appealed at the General Eurasian and African Peoples' Assembly.

**3.8. Member of the Assembly shall have the right to:**

3.8.1 Carry out independent activity and determine its content, and as a legal entity - to have the own charter and program documents not contradicting the goals of the Assembly's activity.

3.8.2. Participate in the management of the Assembly's activity in accordance with the procedure established by the present Charter and other acts of the Assembly.

3.8.3. Elect and be elected to the Assembly bodies.

3.8.4. Request and receive information on the Assembly activities, receive consultative and informational assistance.

3.8.5. Receive assistance in the implementation of international relations.

3.8.6. Make proposals on improvement of the Assembly activity.

3.8.7. Use its services free of charge.

3.8.8. Become a member of other organizations.

**3.9. Member of the Assembly shall be obliged to:**

3.9.1. Timely pay membership fees and additional property contributions in accordance with the procedure established by the General Eurasian and African Peoples' Assembly.

3.9.2. Not to disclose confidential information about the Assembly's activities.

3.9.3. Observe the requirements of the present Charter and fulfil the decisions of the Assembly bodies.

3.9.4. Not to commit actions deliberately aimed at causing harm to the Assembly.

3.9.5. Not to adopt decisions and documents contradicting the Charter of the Assembly and (or) infringing upon the rights of other members of the Assembly.

3.9.6. Not to commit actions that significantly impede or make impossible to achieve the goals the Assembly was established for.

3.10. A person who has terminated his/her membership in the Assembly in case of his/her exclusion from the Assembly or voluntary resignation from the Assembly shall retain the obligation not to disclose confidential information about the Assembly activities.

3.11. Members of the Assembly may also have other rights and bear other

responsibilities in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

3.12. The founders of the Assembly may withdraw from the Assembly in the order stipulated by the current legislation of the Russian Federation.

#### **4. ASSEMBLY BODIES**

4.1. The Assembly bodies are: The General Eurasian and African Peoples' Assembly (General meeting of the Assembly members), Secretary General, Chairperson of the General Council, General Council, Executive Directorate, Audit Commission.

In order to achieve the statutory goals, the General Council of the Assembly may establish the Supreme Advisory Council and the Media Council of the Assembly, as well as other advisory and expert bodies (commissions, councils, committees).

#### **5. GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**5.1. The General Eurasian and African Peoples' Assembly** (General meeting of the Assembly members) abbreviated as the **General Assembly** is the **Supreme body of the Assembly**.

The primary function of the General Assembly is to ensure that the Assembly fulfils the purposes it was established for.

**5.2. The General Assembly** shall be convened by the Secretary General, the General Council of the Assembly as necessary, but at least once a year.

**5.3.** An extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened by the decision of the Secretary General, the Chairperson of the General Council, the General Council, the Audit Commission or by a written proposal of at least one third of the Assembly members.

**5.4** The decision to convene an ordinary General Assembly shall be taken at least 30 calendar days in advance, and an extraordinary General Assembly - at least 10 calendar days before the day of holding. The decision to convene the General Assembly shall specify: date and venue, draft agenda.

**5.5** Members of the Assembly must be notified in writing, including by electronic or other technical means, by the initiator of the convocation about the forthcoming (regular or extraordinary) General Assembly.

**5.6** The procedure for convening and work of the General Assembly shall be determined by the present Charter and the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly approved by the General Assembly.

**5.7.** The General Assembly shall be deemed competent if more than half of the Assembly members are present. Members of the Assembly - natural persons shall participate in the work of the General Assembly in person. Members of the Assembly - legal entities shall appoint (elect) their representatives to participate in the work of the General Assembly and submit decisions (minutes) on appointment (election) of their representatives in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the

General Assembly.

5.8 Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by open or closed voting by simple or qualified majority of votes of those present at the General Assembly when a quorum is present. Each member of the Assembly shall have 1 (one) vote.

5.9 Decisions on issues of exclusive competence of the General Assembly shall be made by a qualified majority of 2/3 of votes of those present at the General Assembly when a quorum is present. Decisions on other issues are made by a simple majority of votes of those present at the General Assembly when a quorum is present.

5.10. Members of the Assembly may participate in a meeting of the General Assembly remotely by electronic or other technical means, provided that any means is used to reliably identify the person participating in the meeting, participate in the discussion of agenda items and vote.

The General Assembly may be held in the format of videoconference. The fact of participation of the Assembly members in the General Assembly by videoconference shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting of the General Assembly.

5.11. The General Assembly may take a decision without holding a meeting or session by absentee voting (by ballot). Such voting may be conducted by the exchange of documents by postal, telegraphic, teletype, telephonic, electronic or other communication ensuring authenticity of transmitted and received messages and their documentary confirmation by not less than fifty per cent of the total number of members of the Assembly of the documents containing information on their vote. A decision shall be deemed adopted if a majority of the Assembly members, who sent the documents, vote in favor of it and at least fifty per cent of the total number of the Assembly members participated in the meeting.

Voting at a meeting and absentee voting may be combined.

When conducting absentee voting, it is obligatory to inform all members of the Assembly of the proposed agenda; all members of the Assembly should have the possibility to familiarize themselves with all necessary information and materials prior to voting, make proposals for inclusion of additional issues in the agenda. All members of the Assembly should be obligatory informed prior to voting of the amended agenda, as well as of the deadline of the voting procedure.

The minutes on the results of absentee voting shall contain: the date by which the documents with information on voting at the meeting of the supreme governing body of the Assembly were accepted; information on the persons who participated in the voting; voting results on each agenda item; information on the persons who counted the votes; information on the persons who signed the minutes.

Other procedure for adopting decisions of the General Assembly may be applied in accordance with the current legislation of the Russian Federation.

**5.12. The exclusive competence of the General Assembly shall include:**

5.12.1. Approval, amendment of the Charter of the Assembly.

5.12.2. Determination of priority areas of the Assembly activity, principles of formation and use of its property.



5.12.3. Approval of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

5.12.4. Election by open voting of the Assembly Secretary General for a term of five years and early termination of his/her powers.

5.12.5. Election by open voting of the Chairperson of the General Council for a term of five years and early termination of his/her powers.

5.12.6. Determination of the number of members of the Assembly General Council and the procedure for the election and early termination of their powers.

5.12.7. Determination of the number of members and election by open voting of the Audit Commission for a term of five years and early termination of its powers.

5.12.8. Consideration and approval of the reports of the Secretary General, the Chairperson of the General Council, the General Council, the Audit Commission of the Assembly and other bodies of the Assembly.

5.12.9. Approval of annual reports and accounting (financial) statements of the Assembly.

5.12.10. Determination of the procedure for admission to the Assembly membership and exclusion from its membership, except for cases when such procedure is determined by the federal law.

5.12.11. Making decisions on the procedure for determining the amount and method of payment of membership and additional property contributions by members of the Assembly.

5.12.12. Making decisions on the establishment of other legal entities by the Assembly, on the Assembly's participation in other legal entities, establishment of branches and opening of Representative Offices of the Assembly.

5.12.13. Making decisions on reorganization and liquidation of the Assembly, appointment of a liquidation commission (liquidator) and approval of the liquidation balance sheet.

5.12.14. Appointment of an audit organization or individual auditor.

5.12.15. Making decisions on the amount of subsidiary liability for the Assembly's obligations.

5.12.16. Other issues referred by the current legislation of the Russian Federation to the exclusive competence of the supreme governing body of a non-profit organization, as well as issues proposed for discussion at the General Assembly by the bodies of the Assembly and members of the Assembly.

## **6. SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ASSEMBLY**

6.1. **The Secretary General** shall be the sole executive body of the Assembly, elected by the General Assembly for a term of five years. The Secretary General acts on behalf of the Assembly without power of attorney.

6.2. The powers of the Secretary General shall remain until the General Assembly elects a new Secretary General.

6.3. The Secretary General shall be an ex officio member of the General Council and shall preside at its meetings. The Secretary General shall be an ex

officio member of the Supreme Advisory Council of the Assembly.

**6.1. The Secretary General shall have the following powers:**

6.4.1. Exercises general management of the Assembly's activities and acts on behalf of the Assembly without power of attorney, has the right of first signature on all documents, issues powers of attorney on behalf of the Assembly.

6.4.2. Represents the Assembly in relations with international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, authorities, civil society institutions, mass media of the Russian Federation and other states.

6.4.3. Directs and coordinates the activities of the General Council and the Executive Directorate, convenes regular (extraordinary) meetings of the General Assembly, the General Council and presides over them.

6.4.4. Issues binding instructions and orders on operational issues of the internal activities of the Assembly.

6.4.5. Appoints the Executive Director of the Assembly and terminates his/her powers, exercises control over the activities of the Executive Directorate.

6.4.6. Approves samples of letterheads, seals and stamps of the Assembly.

6.4.7. Appoints the Deputy Secretaries General of the Assembly, distributes duties among them and establishes their competence.

6.4.8. Delegates certain powers to the First Deputy, Deputy Secretaries General, Executive Director of the Assembly.

6.4.9. Approves local normative acts regulating, within the legislation of the Russian Federation and the present Charter, the organizational activities of the Assembly as a whole, its separate structural subdivisions.

6.4.10. Ensures control over the implementation of decisions of the General Assembly, the General Council and other bodies of the Assembly.

6.4.11. Proposes to the relevant bodies of the Assembly candidates for election (appointment) to the positions in the bodies of the Assembly.

6.4.12. Approves the staffing table of the Assembly and the maximum amount of the payroll of the Assembly staff members, the bonus fund of the Assembly; has the right on behalf of the Assembly to conclude, amend and terminate labour contracts with the staff members, to encourage the staff members for conscientious effective work, to demand, in accordance with the procedure established by law, the performance of their labour duties, observance of internal labour regulations, labour safety requirements, to bring employees to disciplinary and material responsibility.

6.4.13. Signs labour contracts on behalf of the Assembly with the Chairperson of the General Council, Executive Director.

6.4.14. Carries out other activities contributing to the effective fulfilment by the Assembly of its goals and objectives.

6.4.15. In the absence of the Secretary General, his/her duties shall be performed by the First Deputy (Deputies) or the Executive Director by his/her decision.

6.4.16. The Executive Director shall conclude a labour contract with the Secretary General on behalf of the Assembly.

6.4.17. The competence of the Secretary General shall include any issues of

the Assembly's activities that do not fall within the competence of the General Assembly.

## **7. CHAIRPERSON OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL**

7.1. **The Chairperson of the General Council** shall be the highest elected official of the Assembly and shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of five years. The Chairperson of the General Council shall act on behalf of the Assembly without power of attorney.

7.2. The Chairperson of the General Council shall be the First Deputy Secretary-General ex officio, shall direct the activities of the General Council and shall preside at its meetings in the absence of the Secretary-General or on his/her instructions.

7.3. The Secretary General shall conclude a labour contract with the Chairperson of the General Council on behalf of the Assembly.

7.4. The General Assembly terminates the term of office of the Chairperson of the General Council early.

7.5. The Chairperson of the General Council shall be accountable to the General Assembly, the Secretary General and the General Council.

**7.6. Chairperson of the General Council shall have the following powers:**

7.6.1. Represents the Assembly in relations with international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, authorities, civil society institutions, mass media of the Russian Federation and other states.

7.6.2. Has the right to sign financial and other documents.

7.6.3. Manages the activities of the General Council.

7.6.4. Presides at meetings of the General Council in the absence of the Secretary General or on his/her instructions.

7.6.5. Convenes meetings of the General Council, including convened on the initiative of the General Secretary, the Audit Commission.

7.6.6. Develops, on the instructions of the Secretary General, draft provisions of documents related to the statutory activities of the Assembly.

7.6.7. Submits drafts of priority activities and other documents for consideration of the General Assembly.

7.6.8. Ensures control over the implementation of the decisions of the General Council.

7.6.9. Requests any documents related to the activities of the Assembly from the Executive Directorate.

7.6.10. Signs the minutes of sessions and meetings, decisions of the General Council.

7.6.11. Carries out other activities contributing to the effective fulfilment of the Assembly goals and objectives.

7.6.12. During the absence of the Secretary General, performs, on his/her instruction, his/her duties.

7.6.13. The Chairperson of the General Council shall be an ex officio member

of the Supreme Advisory Council of the Assembly.

## **8. GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLY**

8.1. **The General Council** shall be the permanent elected collegial governing body of the Assembly in the period between General Assemblies.

8.2. The members of the General Council shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of five years. The quantitative composition of the General Council shall be determined by the General Assembly.

8.3. The General Council shall remain in office until a new General Council is elected by the General Assembly.

8.4. The General Council shall be composed ex officio of the Secretary-General, the Chairperson of the General Council, the Chairperson of the Supreme Advisory Board, and the Executive Director.

8.5. Prominent public figures who have been active for many years and who fulfil the statutory objectives of the Assembly may be elected as members of the General Council.

8.6. The powers of a member of the General Council may be terminated by the decision of the General Assembly or the General Council upon the request of the Secretary General or the Chairperson of the General Council in the following cases: voluntary resignation; termination of membership in the Assembly; violation of the provisions of the present Charter, program documents; failure to implement the decisions of the Assembly bodies; committing other actions (inaction) that have caused or may cause damage to the Assembly.

8.7. The General Council shall be administered by the Secretary General of the Assembly, the Chairperson of the General Council, or in their absence, by one of the Co-Chairs of the General Council on the instructions of the Secretary General or on the instructions of the Chairperson of the General Council.

8.8. Meetings of the General Council shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the Assembly or the Chairperson of the General Council and shall be held as necessary, but at least once a year. A meeting of the General Council may be convened upon the written proposal of at least one third of the members of the General Council.

8.9. The members of the General Council shall be notified in writing, including by electronic or other technical means, of the forthcoming meeting of the General Council at least 10 calendar days in advance.

8.10. A meeting of the General Council of the Assembly shall be deemed competent if at least half of the members of the General Council are present. Members of the Supreme Advisory Council of the Assembly, Deputy Secretaries General, Chairperson of the Audit Commission of the Assembly shall have the right to attend the meetings of the General Council.

8.11. Decisions of the General Council shall be adopted by a simple majority of votes of the members of the General Council present at the meeting, provided that a quorum is present. The form and procedure of voting, including the procedure

of secret ballot, shall be determined by the General Council.

8.12. Members of the General Council may participate in a meeting of the General Council remotely by electronic or other technical means, provided that any means is used that allows the person participating in the meeting to be reliably identified, to participate in the discussion of agenda items and to vote.

8.13. The General Council may take a decision without holding a meeting or session by absentee voting. Such voting may be carried out by sending, including by electronic or other technical means, documents containing information on their vote by at least fifty per cent of the total number of members of the General Council. A decision shall be considered adopted if a majority of the members of the General Council who have sent in their voting papers vote "in favor", and voting at a meeting and by absentee ballot may be combined.

8.14. **The General Council shall have the following powers:**

8.14.1 Ensures achievement of the goals and objectives specified in the Charter, implementation of the main areas of the Assembly's activities, decisions of the General Assembly.

8.14.2. Elects Co-Chairs of the General Council for a term of five years from among the members of the General Council and early terminates their powers.

8.14.3. Decides on the convocation of the General Assembly.

8.14.4. Develops drafts of strategic, program and other documents of the Assembly.

8.14.5. Develops recommendations on the implementation of strategic, program documents and provisions of the Assembly.

8.14.6. Approves the Regulations on the Supreme Advisory Council of the Assembly, elects the Chairperson of the Supreme Advisory Council upon the proposal of the Secretary General.

8.14.7. Establishes international relations and co-operates, within the competence, with state authorities, local self-government bodies, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, mass media.

8.14.8. Adopts statements on the most important issues of public life aimed at strengthening the authority and increasing the influence of the Assembly in the international arena.

8.14.9. Preliminarily considers the issues on the establishment of other legal entities by the Assembly, on the Assembly's participation in other legal entities, on the establishment of branches and on the opening of representative offices of the Assembly with subsequent submission of proposals to the General Assembly for decision.

8.14.10. Establishes councils, committees, commissions in the areas of the Assembly's activities and approves the regulations on their activities.

8.14.11. Supervises the progress of implementation of long-term projects in the main areas of the Assembly's activities.

8.14.12. Approves and amends the financial plan.

8.14.13. Reports on its work to the General Assembly.

8.14.14. Approves instructions and regulations related to the competence of the General Council.

8.14.15. Decides on the approval of transactions carried out by the Assembly, which, in accordance with Article 27 of the Federal Law of the Russian Federation “On Non-Profit Organisations”, entail a conflict of interests of the interested persons and the Assembly.

8.14.16. Facilitates the attraction of additional sources of financial and material resources for the implementation of the statutory activities.

8.14.17. Exercises control over the fulfilment of the Assembly's duties stipulated by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

8.14.18. Considers issues on awarding the Assembly members, Assembly staff and other persons, as well as apply for state and other awards.

8.14.19. Organises the work related to the issues of accreditation of the Assembly with international organizations.

8.14.20. Hears information on the current activities of the Executive Directorate of the Assembly.

8.14.21. Hears the reports of the heads of the branches and representative offices of the Assembly on their activities.

8.14.22. Decides on other issues of the Assembly activity, except for the issues referred by the present Charter to the exclusive competence of the General Assembly and the Secretary General.

8.14.23. Decides on issues delegated to the General Council by the General Assembly.

#### **8.15. Co-Chairs of the General Council**

8.15.1 The Co-Chairs of the General Council shall be elected by the General Council by open ballot from among its members in the number of (four) persons for a term of five years. Nominations shall be made by the Secretary General or the Chairperson of the General Council of the Assembly. A member of the General Council may self-nominate. The term of office of the Co-Chairs shall be terminated by the General Council of the Assembly.

8.15.2 Only members of the General Council representing different countries can be elected as Co-Chairs of the General Council.

#### **8.15.3. Co-Chairs of the General Council shall have the following powers:**

8.15.3.1 Represent the Assembly in relations with international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, authorities, civil society institutions, mass media of the Russian Federation and other states.

8.15.3.2. Preside at the meetings of the General Assembly, the General Council of the Assembly on the instructions of the Secretary General or the Chairperson of the General Council.

8.15.3.3. Address the bodies and officials of the Assembly, structural subdivisions of the Assembly with proposals, appeals and statements on the issues of the Assembly activities.

## **8. SUPREME ADVISORY COUNCIL**

9.1. The Supreme Advisory Council of the Assembly shall be the highest

representative and advisory body of the Assembly and shall act to support the Assembly in the implementation of its statutory activities.

9.2. The Supreme Advisory Council of the Assembly shall be headed by the Chairperson of the Supreme Advisory Council elected by the General Council upon the proposal of the Secretary General of the Assembly.

9.3. The Chairperson of the Supreme Advisory Council shall be an ex officio member of the General Council of the Assembly.

9.4. The term of office of the Supreme Advisory Council shall be five years. The number of members of the Supreme Advisory Council shall be determined by the General Council.

9.5. The composition of the Supreme Advisory Council shall be formed from among authoritative public, political and state figures, representatives of business, industrial and financial circles, mass media, supporting the statutory tasks of the Assembly.

9.6. The composition of the Supreme Advisory Council of the Assembly shall be elected in the order determined by the General Council, upon recommendation of the Secretary General, the Chairperson of the General Council or the Chairperson of the Supreme Advisory Council. Election to the Supreme Advisory Council is possible only with the consent of the invited person.

9.7. A member of the Supreme Advisory Council can be re-elected an unlimited number of times. Withdrawal from the membership of the Supreme Advisory Council is possible upon personal application of a member at any time.

9.8. The Supreme Advisory Council shall carry out its activities on a voluntary basis.

9.9. The General Secretary, the Chairperson of the General Council and the Executive Director shall be ex-officio members of the Supreme Advisory Council of the Assembly.

9.10. A meeting of the Supreme Advisory Council shall be competent if more than half of its members are present. Decisions of the Supreme Advisory Council shall be taken by open voting by a simple majority of votes of those present at the meeting when a quorum is present.

9.11. Issues not regulated by the present Charter shall be regulated by the Regulations on the Supreme Advisory Council of the Assembly approved by the General Council.

9.12. **The competence of the Supreme Advisory Council shall include:**

9.12.1. Advise the Secretary General, the General Council, the Chairperson of the General Council and the Co-Chairs on the activities of the Assembly.

9.12.2. Assist in finding additional sources of funding for the Assembly.

9.12.3 Advise the Assembly on the issues of the Assembly's compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and the states, on the territory of which the Assembly operates, the generally recognized principles and norms of international law related to the sphere of the Assembly's activities, as well as the norms stipulated by the Charter.

9.12.4. Providing the Secretary General, the Chairman of the General Council, the General Council with recommendations on the activities of the Assembly.

## **10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE OF THE ASSEMBLY**

10.1 **An Executive Directorate** shall be formed to carry out the current activities of the Assembly, which shall ensure the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Chairperson of the General Council, the General Council and other bodies of the Assembly. The Executive Directorate shall report to the Secretary General of the Assembly.

10.2 The Executive Directorate shall be headed by the Executive Director, who shall be ex officio Deputy Secretary-General of the Assembly.

### **10.3. The Executive Directorate shall have the following powers:**

10.3.1 Ensures the organization and conduct of the current activities of the Assembly.

10.3.2 Prepares drafts of local normative acts of the Assembly.

10.3.3 Prepares proposals on issues within its competence for consideration of the Secretary General, the Chairperson of the General Council or the General Assembly.

10.3.4 Keeps records of the branches and representative offices of the Assembly, organizes the work on opening branches and representative offices, exercises control over their activities.

10.3.5. Keeps the register of the Assembly members, co-operates with them and promotes their participation in the Assembly activities.

10.3.6. Ensures interaction and exercises control over the activities of the Councils, Committees, Commissions of the Assembly.

10.3.7. Ensures interaction with partners under cooperation agreements.

10.3.8. Ensures organization and support of grant and other projects of the Assembly, as well as preparation and holding of Assembly events.

10.3.9. Ensures information openness of the Assembly and interaction of all its bodies and structural units.

10.3.10. Organizes the management of the Assembly's website and social networks.

10.3.11. The competence of the Executive Directorate of the Assembly shall also include the exercise of other powers to ensure the activity of the Assembly and its bodies in accordance with the present Charter and internal acts of the Assembly.

### **10.4. Executive Director of the Assembly:**

10.4.1. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Secretary General and shall act on the basis of an employment contract concluded with the Assembly. The labor contract with the Executive Director of the Assembly on behalf of the Assembly shall be signed by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

10.4.2. The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio member of the General Council and the Supreme Advisory Council of the Assembly.

10.4.3. The Deputy Executive Directors shall act within their competence and shall be responsible for the activity assigned to them by the Executive Director.

### **10.4.4. The Executive Director shall have the following powers:**

10.4.4.1 Manages the activities of the Executive Directorate and is responsible



for its activities.

10.4.4.2. Acts without power of attorney on behalf of the Assembly and has the right to sign financial and other documents within the competence of the Executive Directorate.

10.4.4.3. Executes instructions of the Secretary General, the Chairperson of the General Council.

10.4.4.4. Carries out current work on realization of tasks determined by the General Assembly, the General Council.

10.4.4.5. Ensures the implementation of plans, projects, programs, and individual activities of the Assembly.

10.4.4.6. Ensures centralized accounting of the Assembly members, formation of the Unified Register of the Assembly members.

10.4.4.7. Organizes the accounting of payment of membership and other fees.

10.4.4.8. On behalf of the Secretary General and the Chairperson of the General Council, organizes the development of draft regulations and other normative documents related to the statutory activities of the Assembly.

10.4.4.9. Organizationally ensures the activities of the Secretary General, the Chairperson of the General Council, the General Council, the Supreme Advisory Council and the Audit Commission.

10.4.4.10. Ensures preparation of meetings of the General Assembly, General Council, Supreme Advisory Council.

10.4.4.11. On behalf of the Secretary General, organizes the development of the draft financial plan of the Assembly and submits it to the General Council for approval.

10.4.4.12. Organizes the development of the draft staffing table of the Executive Directorate, amendments to the staffing table within the limits of the number of staff and payroll approved by the Secretary General.

10.4.4.13. Organizes training of the Assembly employees.

10.4.4.14. Organizes office work in the Assembly, ensures the safety of confidential information.

10.4.4.15. Organizes the development of job descriptions of the employees.

10.4.4.16. Concludes agreements (contracts) and makes transactions on behalf of the Assembly in accordance with the current legislation of the Russian Federation and the present Charter.

10.4.4.17. Obtains the approval of the General Council for transactions which, in accordance with Article 27 of the Federal Law of the Russian Federation “On Non-Profit Organisations”, entail a conflict of interests of interested parties and the Assembly.

10.4.4.18. Certifies copies of the minutes of the meetings of the Assembly bodies and documents stored in the Assembly, as well as extracts therefrom.

10.4.4.19. Ensures organizational and logistical activities of the Assembly.

10.4.4.20. Ensures holding of the Assembly events.

10.4.4.21. Opens and closes the Assembly's accounts in banking institutions.

10.4.4.22. Organizes accounting, statistical and other reporting.

10.4.4.23. Exercises other powers granted by the General Assembly, the

Secretary General, the Chairperson of the General Council, the General Council of the Assembly.

10.4.5 The powers of the Executive Director of the Assembly shall be terminated due to expiry of the labor contract and may also be terminated ahead of schedule by the decision of the General Secretary of the Assembly.

## **11. AUDIT COMMISSION**

11.1. The Audit Commission shall be the control and audit body of the Assembly. The Audit Commission shall be elected by the General Assembly. The term of office of the Audit Commission is five years. The Audit Commission, on behalf of the General Assembly, the Secretary General, shall carry out audits of the financial and economic activities of the Assembly at least once a year.

11.2. The bodies of the Assembly shall be obliged to provide the Audit Commission with all materials, documents and information necessary for the audits.

11.3. The Chairperson of the Audit Commission has the right to attend the meetings of the General Council.

11.4. **The Audit Commission shall have the following powers:**

11.4.1. Exercises control over the expenditure of financial resources and other property of the Assembly.

11.4.2. Controls the fulfilment by the bodies and members of the Assembly of the provisions of the Charter, decisions of the General Assembly and the General Council.

11.4.3. Annually informs the General Council on the results of its work.

11.4.4. Exercises other powers on behalf of the General Assembly, the Secretary General, the General Council and the Chairperson of the General Council.

## **12. BRANCHES AND REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES OF THE ASSEMBLY**

12.1. Branches and representative offices may be established by the decision of the General Assembly. Branches and representative offices of the Assembly shall not be legal entities, and in the territories of other states shall act in accordance with the legislation of the country in the territory of which the branch or representative office is established or opened.

12.2 Branches and representative offices shall act on the basis of the Regulations approved by the Secretary General of the Assembly. Heads of branches and representative offices shall be appointed by the decision of the Secretary General and shall act on the basis of a Power of Attorney issued by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

## **13. PROPERTY AND SOURCES OF THE ASSEMBLY'S PROPERTY**

13.1. The Assembly may own land plots, buildings, structures, housing fund,

transport, means of communication, equipment, inventory, property of cultural, educational and health-improving purpose, money, shares, other securities and other property, including property rights necessary for material support of the Assembly's activities as provided for by the present Charter. The Assembly may also own institutions, publishing houses, mass media, established and acquired at the expense of the Assembly in accordance with the statutory goals and the current legislation.

13.2 The property and funds of the Assembly shall be formed in monetary and other forms in accordance with the current legislation of the Russian Federation on the basis of:

13.2.1. Property contributions, including additional property contributions.

13.2.2. Voluntary donations, regular and one-time contributions and receipts from legal entities and individuals, founders and members of the Assembly in monetary and other forms, material and cultural values, other property, including property rights.

13.2.3 Other contracts in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and the present Charter, including for the performance of work and provision of services, sale of goods.

13.2.4. Proceeds from the Assembly and other income-generating activities conducted in accordance with this Charter, not contradicting the legislation and the present Charter.

13.2.5. Income of business partnerships and companies established by the Assembly or with its participation.

13.2.6 Dividends (income, interest) received on shares, bonds, other securities and deposits.

13.2.7. Proceeds from events held by other organisations for the benefit of the Assembly.

13.2.8. Bank and other loans.

13.2.9. Other receipts not prohibited by the current legislation.

13.3. The Assembly shall carry out the following types of entrepreneurial and other income-generating activities:

13.3.1. Activities in organizing conferences and exhibitions, cultural, sports and other mass events.

13.3.2. Activities in science, literature, art, tourism, physical training and sports.

13.3.3. Educational and enlightenment activities.

13.3.4. Advisory and scientific activities.

13.3.5. Public relations and business activities.

13.3.6. Scientific research and development in social and humanitarian sciences.

13.3.7. Market research and public opinion research, advertising activities.

13.3.8. Publication of books.

13.3.9. Publication of newspapers, magazines and other periodicals.

13.3.10. Other publishing activities, as well as retail trade in books, periodicals and stationery.

13.3.11. Production and distribution of films, videos and sound recordings, as well as television and radio broadcasting.

13.3.12. Leasing of intellectual property and similar products.

13.3.13. Data processing activities, provision of services of information hosting and related activities, as well as web-portal activities.

13.3.14. Design and photography activities.

13.3.15. Translation and interpretation activities.

13.3.16. Local history activities.

13.3.17. Legal activities.

13.3.18. Provision of social services.

13.4. Members of the Assembly shall not retain rights to the property transferred by them into the ownership of the Assembly, including membership and voluntary contributions. Upon withdrawal or expulsion from the Assembly, membership and voluntary contributions shall not be refunded.

13.5. The Assembly shall be liable for its obligations with its own funds and property, which may be foreclosed under the legislation of the Russian Federation.

13.6. The State shall not be liable for the obligations of the Assembly, nor shall the Assembly be liable for the obligations of the State. The Assembly shall not be liable for the obligations of its members.

13.7. The owner of the property belonging to the Assembly is the Assembly as a whole. Members of the Assembly shall not have the right of ownership of a share of the property belonging to the Assembly, nor shall the Assembly have the right of ownership of the property of its members.

13.8. The Assembly may make transactions with respect to the property owned by it or under its right in rem, not contradicting the current legislation and the present Charter.

#### **14. PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE ASSEMBLY**

14.1 The Charter of the Assembly may be amended by the decision of the General Assembly. The decision shall be adopted by a qualified majority of 2/3 of votes of the members of the Assembly present at the General Assembly in the presence of a quorum.

14.2 The amendments to the Charter approved by the General Assembly shall acquire legal force from the moment of their state registration in accordance with the procedure established by law.

14.3 The Charter of the Assembly may be changed by a court decision adopted on the application of the bodies of the Assembly or the state body authorized to supervise the activity of the Assembly in case if keeping the Charter unchanged entails consequences that could not be foreseen at the establishment of the Assembly and the General Assembly does not change its Charter.

#### **15. REORGANISATION AND LIQUIDATION OF THE ASSEMBLY**

15.1 The Assembly may be reorganized by means of merger, joining, division, separation, spin-off, transformation, as well as liquidation.

15.2 The reorganization of the Assembly shall be carried out by a decision of the General Assembly adopted by a qualified majority of 2/3 of the votes of those present at the General Assembly if a quorum is present. After reorganization the property of the Assembly shall be transferred to the newly established legal entities in accordance with the procedure stipulated by the Civil Code of the Russian Federation.

15.3 The General Assembly may decide on the liquidation of the Assembly. The activity of the Assembly may also be terminated on other grounds in accordance with the procedure stipulated by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

15.4. The property remaining as a result of the liquidation of the Assembly, after satisfaction of the creditors' claims, shall be directed for the achievement of the goals stipulated in the Charter of the Assembly or for charitable purposes in accordance with the procedure determined by the General Assembly.

15.5 The decision on the liquidation of the Assembly shall be sent to the body that made the decision on the state registration of the Assembly to exclude it from the Unified State Register of Legal Entities. The liquidation of the Assembly shall be deemed completed and the Assembly shall cease to exist from the date of making an entry in the Unified State Register of Legal Entities.

15.6. All the documentation of the Assembly, after its liquidation at the expense of its forces and resources, shall be transferred for storage in accordance with the procedure established by law to the State Archive.