European Draughts Confederation Statute

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Chapter 1.

Name, Area of Activities, the Registered Office and Legal Nature

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Article 1 – Name and constitution

The Association is named: *"European Draughts Confederation"*.

The European Draughts Confederation is an independent association of the European Draughts Federations, founded in Tallinn, Estonia, on 13th August 1998.

Article 2 – Headquarter

The *European Draughts Confederation* has its seat in Rome, Italy. The area of the activities conducted by the EDC is Europe. The Association is subject to the laws of European Economic Community and to the national laws of Italy.

Article 3 – Status and configuration

The *European Draughts Confederation* has a legal status.

Members are national Draughts Federations which have principal authority over draughts/checkers activities in their own countries and which have at any time been admitted to World Draughts Federation (also called *Fédération Mondiale du Jeu de Dames* - FMJD) as member-federations.

The European Draughts Confederation consists of those national member-federations listed in Annex 1 and those additional member-federations assigned to it by FMJD after General Assembly on 26th October 2019 and admitted to membership by the General Assembly of the European Draughts Confederation ("Members").

The General Assembly of the European Draughts Confederation can also accept as "Associate Members" other international associations of the Association, but the "Associate Members" do not have the right to vote at the European Draughts Confederation General Assembly or the right to nominate a representative to have a seat on the Board of the European Draughts Confederation.

Article 4 – Establishment principle

The *European Draughts Confederation*:

(a) is concerned exclusively with draughts and draughts related activities with sporting, cultural, educational and other interests;

(b) is democratically established and bases itself on the principles of equal rights of its Members;

(c) is a nonprofit making organization;

(d) rejects discriminatory treatment;

(e) observes strict neutrality in the internal affairs of its Members; and

(f) only allows events (competitions, congresses, meetings) to be hosted by Members where free access is generally assured to representatives of all its Members save where the General Assembly makes exceptions for reasons of state of war or severe violence between countries on a three quarter majority vote of those present and voting.

Article 5 - Nature

The *European Draughts Confederation* is the only organization, which has the right to organize the various European Draughts Championships.

The *European Draughts Confederation* can be a member of other sports organizations.

The *European Draughts Confederation* uses its seal, badges and organization signs while observing the regulations applicable in this respect.

The activities of the EDC are based mostly on the contributions of its members.

Article 6 - Objects

The Objects for which the *European Draughts Confederation* is established are:

a) To promote draughts in the European countries;

b) To unit within one organization National Federations and Clubs from all over Europe;

c) To promote draughts as a sport among young people;

d) To coordinate and stimulate activities of draughts clubs;

e) To establish favorable conditions for draughts sponsors;

f) To foster a positive framework of friendship and collaboration and generate peaceful relationships between the European Draughts Confederation and its Members;

g) To collect, collate and circulate information among its Members;

h) To coordinate and protect the common interests of its Members;

i) To fight against doping and promote peace in and through sport;

j) To cooperate with the World Draughts Federation (FMJD) and to do all such other lawful things as are helpful to the attainment of the above Objects;

k) To collaborate and when possible to be a member of organizations having as one of their aims the promotion of mind sports on a world-wide basis.

Article 7 - Achievements

European Draughts Confederation has the right to make Regulations to achieve the Objects referred to in Article 6 and to apply them accordingly.

European Draughts Confederation respects and applies FMJD rules and regulations, even concerning IOC Rules, except when in conflict with the present *European Draughts Confederation* Statutes and General Assembly decisions.

European Draughts Confederation achieves its aims and objectives by the following methods:

a) Organization of its own events;
b) Cooperation with other national and international organizations active in draughts;
c) Other undertakings aiming to implement the statutory activities.

The EDC does not conduct any economic activities.

The EDC achieves its aims and objectives in cooperation with the institutions and organizations involved.

Article 8 - Non-discrimination, representation of women

European Draughts Confederation and its Members reject all forms and treatments of discrimination against individuals, groups of people, organizations or countries, on grounds of ethnic origin, of colors, gender, language, religion or politics creed, disability, impairment, occupation, race, or sexual orientation and they promote equal opportunities in a positive manner.

European Draughts Confederation supports a fair representation of women in its activities and in the management of sport.

Article 9 – Income and properties

The income and property of the Association shall only be applied to promote the Objects of the Association (EDC). Members shall receive no dividend, or bonus, or any other kind of profit, directly or indirectly, from the Association. However, nothing herein shall prevent the payment, in good faith, of remuneration to any Member, or to any employee, or officer of the Association, or to any other person, for services actually rendered to the Association. If any Member of the Association receives any dividend, or bonus, or any other profit in contravention of this stipulation that Member shall be liable to account to the Association for the same in full.

Article 10 - Dissolution

In the event of a dissolution or of a winding up of the Association, by a decision of not less than three fourths of the Members taken at a General Assembly, any surplus property, after the payment of all debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the Objects of the Association which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property to an extent at least as great as is imposed under or by virtue of Article 9 hereof.

Article 11 - Languages

The official language of the Association is English.

In documents containing different versions in more than one language (as Russian, French or Italian), other than documents originally written in a different language, the English version is final.

Article 12 - Acronym

At the international forum, the English name of *European Draughts Confederation* shall be used. The official abbreviation of the European Draughts Confederation used hereinafter is its acronym – **EDC**.

Chapter 2.
Name, constitution and interpretation

Article 1 – General

1. The name of the Association is "European Draughts Confederation". It is hereinafter called by its acronym "EDC".
2. The registered office of the EDC shall be at such place as may be determined from time to time by the Executive Board.
3. The EDC is established for the objects and activities stated in the Memorandum of Association.
4. In these Articles, unless inconsistent with the subject or context:
   (a) words importing the singular include the plural and vice-versa;
   (b) words importing the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders and vice-versa;
   (c) the word person includes moral entities having a separate legal personality;
   (d) "Board" means the EDC Executive Board;
   (e) "EDC Dues" mean a Member's or an Associate Member's subscription, Tournament Fees, Bid fees and shares of prize funds for EDC events and events sanctioned by the EDC and fees for EDC services;
   (f) "General Assembly" means a meeting of the General Assembly or an Extraordinary General Assembly meeting of the EDC;
   (g) "Members" and "Associate Members" shall have the meaning and rights defined in the Memorandum of Association and "Members" means both, Members and Associate Members;
   (h) "simple majority vote of those present and voting" means 50% plus one of the votes cast excluding blank and invalid votes and abstentions.

Chapter 3
EDC Membership, Rights and Obligations

Article 1 - Membership

1. EDC members are divided into the following groups:
   a) Ordinary Members;
   b) Associate Members.
2. Any new Ordinary or Associate Members may only be admitted to membership by a simple majority vote of the those present and voting at the General Assembly, but the Board may admit a new Member to Provisional Membership (which shall carry the equivalent rights and obligations to membership apart from the right to vote at the Assembly) until the next General Assembly.

3. Applications for membership shall be made on a written form authorized by the Board. Applicants shall satisfy the General Assembly as to their qualifications for membership of EDC and shall undertake to be bound by the Memorandum and the Articles of Association.

Article 2 - Honorary Members

The General Assembly may, upon a proposal by the Executive Board, grant the title of "Honorary President" or "Honorary Member" respectively to a retiring President or a retiring Board Member for their outstanding services to EDC. They may attend the General Assembly, but do not have the right to vote.

Also other persons that have been active for EDC and rendered outstanding services can be granted the title of "Honorary Member"

Article 3 – Membership Rights

1. Ordinary Members of the EDC are entitled to:
   a) active and passive voting rights with respect to the EDC authorities,
   b) submit motions and demands to the EDC authorities,
   c) exercise membership rights arising from the statutory activities of the EDC.
2. Associate Members have the same rights as ordinary members except for the active and passive voting rights at the General Assembly of the Delegates.

Article 4 - Membership Obligation

1. Members of the EDC are obliged to:
   a) actively participate in activities aiming to pursue statutory objectives,
   b) observe the stipulations and provisions of this Memorandum.
2. All Members or Associate Members shall cooperate with the EDC and provide all necessary information and documentation regarding (or referring to) the relation between the EDC and the Member on administration and accounting matters.

Article 5 – Membership cease

1. Ordinary membership of the EDC will cease in the following cases:
   a) written application submitted by a Member to the Board;
   b) dissolution of the EDC.

Article 6 – Membership suspension

1. Membership rights of ordinary members of the EDC can be suspended by the Board of the EDC in case of breach of the provisions of this memorandum. Suspension of the membership rights consists of temporary withdrawal of statutory rights, in particular the right to participate in EDC events. Suspension may last up to 6 months.
2. The Board may for just cause propose to the General Assembly the suspension of the Membership of any

Member or Associate Member. The Board must serve a notice on such member giving reasons for its decision and the member shall have the right to make representations as to why it should not be removed from membership. Members may appeal to the EDC Board against suspension of their rights within 30 days of the receipt of their notice of suspension. Appeals must be made in writing. Copies of both the Board's notice and the member's response shall be included as attachments to the Notice of the Meeting of the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall hear oral representations on behalf of the Board and the member and shall have the right to expel the member by a simple majority vote of those present and voting.

The General Assembly shall be notified by the Board if or a Member's or Associate Member's EDC Dues are in arrears for more than 24 months and in those circumstances the General Assembly may on the recommendation of the Board suspend the membership rights and services of that member.

3. Any Member or Associate Member may terminate its membership by giving notice in writing to the President. It shall forfeit any EDC Dues already paid.

Members who are in arrears with their EDC Dues for a period exceeding six months automatically lose their vote at the General Assembly (but not at Extraordinary General Assembly Meetings).

The Board has the right to suspend all services to a Member or Associate Member in arrears with its EDC Dues for a period exceeding six months and to exclude the teams and individual players representing a Member from participation in any EDC events.

If any defaulting member settles his overdue all membership rights and services will be restored.

Chapter 4
EDC Authorities

Article 1 - Definitions

The EDC authorities are:

1. General Assembly;
2. Executive Board;
3. Audit Committee;
4. President EDC.

Article 2 – General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is supreme authority of EDC and is competent in all affairs that have not been delegated to another body of the EDC;
2. The General Assembly is comprised of all Members and Associate Members (who have the right to attend and speak but not to vote);
3. The General Assembly convened biyearly by the Executive Board as a reporting meeting (mid term of office report), and every fourth year as a reporting (end of mandate report) and election meeting, also called Elective General Assembly. The General Assembly shall meet during one of the important EDC events of the year;

4. The sessions of the General Assembly are held in public, unless it is decided otherwise by simple majority vote of those present and voting;

5. Members and Associate Members shall appoint one Permanent Delegate each for the purposes of representation at the EDC at the General Assembly. The permanent Delegate can be the President of a member Federation or somebody in charge on the Board of the member Federation. Any such Member or Associate Member may revoke at any time the appointment of its Permanent Delegate and may substitute another representative in his stead. All appointments and revocations shall be made in writing;

6. Each Member has one vote;

7. Every Member or Associate Member may be represented at the General Assembly by the representative (Permanent Delegate or proxy) of another Member. A representative of a Member or Associate Member may represent only one additional Member or Associate Member besides his own:

(a) A proxy can be assigned by a Member or Associate Member to another Member or Associate Member only by written authorization (email, fax or letter) bearing signature of the President or the Permanent Delegate or the Secretary General authorized by that Member or Associated Member as last registered with the EDC;

(b) All proxies must be registered at the EDC Secretariat at least one hour before the opening session of the General Assembly. After this deadline further proxies will not be accepted;

(c) All proxies for the electoral Assembly must be registered at the EDC Secretariat till 12.00 a.m. (Central Europe time) the latest two days before the opening day of the General Assembly. After this deadline further proxies will not be accepted. The EDC Secretariat shall publish the complete list of those entitled to vote on the EDC website by 17.00 h one day before the opening day of the General Assembly;

(e) Where two or more proxies are received and there is a conflict, the order of precedence shall be as follows:

i. Proxies received from the President of the Member or Associate Member;

ii. Proxies received from the Permanent Delegate of the Member or Associate Member;

iii. Proxies received from the Secretary General of the Member or Associate Member.

Where the order of precedence is established but there is still a conflict, the latest e-mail, fax or letter shall be decisive;

8. The General Assembly is competent to pass resolutions, if it has been convened according to these Articles and if there is, for election, a quorum as required by the following points:

a) A quorum of 50 % of the Members with the right to vote (including valid proxies) is required for votes on elections or change of Statutes;

b) If a quorum is not present at the appointed time the President shall postpone the meeting for no more than three hours, following which those Members present will be considered a quorum, provided that no less than 30% entitled to vote shall then be present;

c) If the quorum in previous letter (b) is still not fulfilled, an extraordinary General Assembly correctly convened after this General Assembly, may decide on the relevant elections and set out in the previous agenda regardless of the number of Members present;

9. Votes (other than those for elections, which are by secret ballot) are made by show of hands unless any

Member demands a roll call or unless five Members present demand a secret ballot. For secret ballots the Board will select two scrutinizers (who are not candidates for election if the relevant vote is for an election) from amongst the Members to act to check eligibility to vote and count the votes;

10. Unless indicated to the contrary in these Articles, all decisions at the General Assembly shall be passed by a simple majority of votes of those present and voting;

11. Resolutions passed in the form of a recommendation, are not binding on Members;

12. The EDC Board shall advise the date, time, place and agenda of the General Assembly in writing, at least 60 days in advance before the date of the meeting and this shall be done also by publication on the EDC website;

13. Proposals from Members to be included in the agenda for the General Assembly must reach the Secretary General not later than 30 days before the beginning of the General Assembly, to be included in the final Agenda that will be notice 15 days before the General Assembly.

Article 3 – General Assembly Activities

1. The following activities are the business of the General Assembly:
   a) taking decisions about the general trends of activities of EDC;
   b) consideration and acceptance of reports about activities of suspended EDC members;
   c) acceptance of new Members and Associate Members;
   d) acknowledgment of the completion of the duties of the resigning Board by decision of the Audit Committee;
   e) election of the Executive Board and Audit Committee (in the four-yearly Elective General Assembly);
   f) granting honorary award to those draughts passionate, players, coaches, referees, and volunteers, which were distinguished for their commitment and/or results;
   g) taking decisions on the amount of the membership fee;
   h) passing resolutions on amendments to the memorandum and dissolution of the EDC;
   i) consideration of appeals made to the EDC Board resolutions on exclusions and suspensions of the EDC membership rights;
   j) Introduction of new regulations or amendments to existing Financial, Tournament and other Regulations;
   k) Vote on the annual accounts and discharge of the Board;
2. The proceedings of the biyearly General Assembly shall include:
   a) Reports by the President and General Secretary;
   b) approval of the previous two-year's minutes;
   c) the presentation, discussion and approval of the EDC's accounts for the preceding financial years by the Treasurer;
   d) consideration of appeals made to the EDC Board resolutions on exclusions and suspensions of the EDC membership rights;
   e) Introduction of new regulations or amendments to existing Financial, Tournament and other

Regulations;

3. Any Member shall have the right to raise any question or to move for discussion only any motion having reference to any of the Objects of the EDC as defined in the Memorandum of Association;
4. The agenda, together with the relevant documents, shall be sent out to Members and Associate Members, 30 days before the beginning of the General Assembly;
5. The President, or in his absence, the Deputy President, presides over the General Assembly.

Article 4 – Extraordinary General Assembly

1. An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by the EDC Executive Board on its own initiative, or by a vote of at least 1/3 of the total number of the members of EDC. Such request, which shall be in writing, shall state the object for the convening of the meeting;
2. An Extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened by the EDC Executive Board within 3 months of the date of submitting the relevant resolution and shall arbitrate the matters for which it has been convened;
3. The Extraordinary General Assembly shall convene within one month of such request (of members of EDC). The agenda shall be sent out within 15 days of such request;
4. The Extraordinary General Assembly is able to modify the Memorandum and Articles of Association, decide on dissolution of the EDC as well dealing with items of which due notice has been given;
5. At an Extraordinary General Assembly, all Members have the right to take part in votes irrespective of any financial obligations outstanding.

Article 5 – Duration and ballot

1. The term of office of the Executive Board and the Audit Committee shall be four years. These bodies are elected in by secret ballot;
2. A candidate is elected if he/she obtains the majority of the votes validly cast;
3. Voting for elections shall always be carried out by secret ballot whenever there is more than 1 (one) candidate for the office up for election. Voting machines (electronic or digital) may be used provided they allow secrecy in voting;
4. In the event there is only one candidate for the position being filled, the election will be carried out by acclamation, unless an election by secret ballot is requested by at least 2 (two) Members having voting rights.

Article 6 – Elections

1. All Members (Ordinary) shall have the right to vote in the elections of the Board;
2. Any Member (Ordinary) entitled to vote shall have the right to propose or to second any number of eligible candidates for election to the Board.

(b) Eligible candidates for election to the Board shall be individual members (adherents) of a Member (Ordinary);

(c) If a candidate is not supported by his/her National Federation he/she shall be nominated by at least three others Members (Ordinary);

3. The elections for the Board shall take place every four years at the Elective General Assembly of the EDC

which so far as is practicable shall be held in the year after the Olympic Games;

4. Nomination papers, obtainable from the EDC, must be completed and submitted to the Secretariat of the EDC at least 30 days before to the beginning of General Assembly. A list of the nominated candidates shall then be sent by the Secretary General to all Members together with all other notices as provided herein;

5. The EDC Board should comprise representatives of different Members and to that intent no EDC Board member may at the time of his election or after be any kind of official (Board member or officer) of the same Member (Federation) as another EDC Board member. In the case that one of the EDC Board members changes his federation and then seeks to represent the Board as an EDC official of a federation already represented in the Board, the changing (federation) member must step down, unless the other EDC Board member agrees to step down in his place;

6. At the General Assembly shall be elected Executive Board comprising of 6 persons with a President and five members, and the Audit Committee to fulfil their respective offices;

7. The Executive Board must have, at least, one member male and at least one member female;

8. Votes in elections are decided in the first ballot by the absolute majority of all votes cast but if there are more than two candidates and none of them respectively has an absolute majority on the first ballot, a second ballot is organized between the two with the most votes on the first ballot. In the event of a tie further ballots will be taken until the tie is broken;

9. Any vacancies in the Board arising by failure to elect members at the General Assembly or arising by death resignation or removal from office shall be filled by the Board within thirty days with the new member having full voting rights but ceasing to hold office at the following General Assembly, but the Board may continue to act, notwithstanding any vacancy.

Article 7 – Executive Board

1. The affairs of EDC are managed by the Board in the period between the (Elective) General Assemblies, insofar as they are not delegated to another body without possibility of further delegation;

2. Issues which can only be decided by the General Assembly are beyond the competence of the Board;

3. The EDC Executive Board consists by 6 members: the president and 5 members of the Board;

4. The Executive Board is elected separately by the General Assembly. First the President, then the members of the Board;

5. The EDC Executive Board has the following powers:

   a) representing the EDC abroad and acting on its behalf pursuant to the directions as specified by General Assembly;
   b) activities aiming at the promotion of draughts as a sport and implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly;
   c) taking action in the following matters:
      - recruiting sponsors to organize events,
      - subsidies for the EDC,
      - training of referees,
      - making arrangements, purchasing equipment for draughts events.

d) Managing the assets and funds of EDC in accordance with the regulations in force;
e) Compiling the EDC events calendar, planning of activities, creating finance plans;
f) Deciding on detailed sets of regulations for particular events;
g) Representing the EDC in the international sports organizations by proposing candidates for the committees of these organizations;
h) Appointing and supervising dispute committees acting pursuant to the regulations specified by the EDC Board;
i) Settlement of disputes related to EDC activities;
j) Affiliate or otherwise associate the EDC to international organizations having similar or complementary objects;

6. Meetings of the Board shall be held as needed, not less however than four per year. Meetings of the Board may be held via Internet;

7. The first Meeting of the Executive Board can be held immediately after the Elective General Assembly, without the fixed time of convocation;

8. In the first Meeting of the Executive Board there must be elected the two Vice-Presidents: the 1st Vice-President (also called Deputy President/Chairman o Vice-President Vicar) and the 2nd Vice-President and will be named the General Secretary and commit the office of Tournament Director of Youth, Veterans and Adults;

9. The President shall convene and preside over all meetings of the Board. In cases of great urgency, the President may take decisions normally taken by the Board. Any such decision taken by the President is subject to ratification by the Board at the next meeting;

10. In the absence of the President, the Deputy President shall enjoy all the powers accorded to the President under these Articles of Association. In the absence of both these officers, the 2nd Vice President presides over the meeting;

11. The President shall be bound to convene special meetings of the Board if so requested by at least three Board members. In their request, which shall be in writing, the said members shall state the object for the convening of the meeting. The Executive Board meeting shall be called and held not later than one month from receipt of the request;

12. Decisions of the Board require a simple majority of votes. The President, or in his absence the Deputy President, has a second and casting vote to establish a majority;

13. The Board shall not discuss matters that are not contained in the Agenda with the exception of any matter, which, in the view of the Board, is considered to be of an urgent or important nature;

14. Resolutions of the Board are decided by the ordinary majority of votes in the presence of at least half of its members. In the case of a tied vote the President has a casting vote;

15. The Board may take and agree decisions by letter, fax or e-mail if no Board member demands a meeting. The President will determine whether to call a Board meeting or in his absence the Deputy President. Minutes of the discussions and final decisions will be made in all cases. A quorum shall be at least 50% of the members of the Board in post at the time of the meeting.

Article 8 – EDC Audit Committee

1. The EDC Audit Committee, elected at the Elective General Assembly shall not be eligible for membership of the Board during his term of office;
2. The EDC Audit Committee, has three members: the President of Audit Committee also called Auditor, a Deputy (Vice) Auditor and an Assistant Auditor, for a term of office of four years. Re-election is possible;
3. The Audit Committee meets as needed but at least once a year. The entire activities of EDC must be audited with particular consideration of financial economy in terms of the financial viability of activities;
4. The Audit Committee shall submit a report to the General Assembly. It has the exclusive right to make proposals regarding the fulfilment of duties by the Board. In his report the Audit Committee shall recommend the General Assembly either to accept the annual accounts with discharge of the Board, or to refer the annual accounts back to the Board;
5. Protocols together with the conclusions from the controls held are submitted by the Audit Committee to the Executive Board for implementation;
6. The Audit Committee is entitled to apply to the Board with the proposals resulting from the conclusions after controls and demand explanations as well as remedy of any irregularities;
7. The President of the Audit Committee or another member of the Committee authorized by the president can participate in the meetings of the Board and other EDC bodies with the consulting vote.
8. For resolutions of the Audit Committee to be valid it is necessary:
   a) The presence of at least 2 out of 3 people constituting the audit committee;
   b) Obtaining of majority of votes while passing a resolution. With the equal number of votes the President's vote shall be decisive.

Article 9 – President

1. The President is the legal representative of the EDC. The President has general responsibility for the technical-sports area and exercises the top functions of programming, guidance and control relating to the pursuit of competitive results at European and international level.

To this reason, the President presents his program at the beginning of the office and at the end of charge presents a final report relating to the activity carried out and the results achieved.

2. The President has overall responsibility for the smooth running of the EDC. In his functions, the President:
   a) convenes and chairs the Executive Board, after formulating the agenda, and supervises the execution of the resolutions adopted;
   b) does all the acts entrusted to him by this Memorandum;
   c) in case of extreme urgency, it can take the necessary measures to avoid prejudice to the EDC, with the obligation to submit them to ratification by the Executive Board where they fall within the general competence of the latter at the first useful meeting during which the Board itself must ascertain the existence of the conditions for the intervention;
   d) proposes to the Executive Board the names of the General Secretary, any Treasurer and the committee chairs;
3. The President is also responsible for advising and communicating to all members the EDC's activities;

4. In case of temporary impediment of the President, his functions will be assumed by the 1st Vice President;
5. The EDC President remains in office for 4 years.

Article 10 – General Secretary

1. The General Secretary is responsible for all administrative activities within the Board.
2. If not decided otherwise by the General Assembly, the Secretary General is responsible for keeping all the minutes of General Assemblies and Board Meetings. He is also responsible for taking care of the EDC's correspondence, of EDC official Protocol, of requesting results from the tournament organizers of activities which are held under the auspices of the EDC and he is also responsible for holding a record of all events held under the ECU's auspices (patronages).

Article 11 – Committees

1. The Executive Board identifies specific sectors of activity and entrusts the management and development of them to specifically created Commissions or Official;
2. Following the appointment, the Commissions formulate a program of activities that the Council must examine and approve.
   (a) The number, definition of members of Committees and their terms of reference shall be as established by Board from time to time; unless otherwise specified, the commissions and offices entrusted expire with the Board terms.
   (b) The President may ask to a representative of the Committee concerned, to participate at the Meeting of EDC Board, without the right to vote, unless such representative is a member of the Board and therefore entitled to vote;
3. For the smooth working of any Committee the chairman shall apply all the rules pertaining to the Board.

Chapter 5
Prizes and Awards

Article 1 - General

1. The EDC has the right to reward its members participating in the events organized by EDC.
2. Rewards can be granted in the following form:
   a) Verbal praise
   b) Honorary diploma
3. Prizes are awarded by the Executive Board.

Chapter 6
Penalties and Sanctions

Article 1 - General principles

1. The EDC has the right to impose sanctions on its members;
2. An EDC member can be sanctioned by:
   a) Verbal admonition,
   b) Suspension of membership rights for a period of up to 6 months,
   c) Exclusion from the EDC.
3. The sanctions are imposed by the Executive Board. Appeals can be made against the Executive Board to the General Assembly within 30 days of the receipt of the Board decision in writing. Appeals must be made in writing;
4. The EDC can also impose the sanction of disqualification with respect to the participants of competitions in case of material breach of the competition regulations and/or misbehavior. A participant shall be disqualified by the Board, and such a participant can appeal pursuant to the terms as stated above.

Chapter 7
The Property and Fund of EDC

Article 1 – Assets and money

1. The EDC assets are: real estate, goods and money;
2. The EDC money consists of:
   2.1. proceeds from competitions organized by the EDC (participation fees),
   2.2. subsidies,
   2.3. membership fees,
   2.4. donations,
   2.5. proceeds from sponsors for the use of the name or logo of the EDC,
   2.6. other proceeds obtained from statutory activities of EDC.
3. The cooperation of two members of the Executive Board is required for the validity of the declarations concerning property rights and obligations of EDC.

Article 2 – Funds, Finance and Balance management

1. The President shall be the duty to exercise overall control over the financial administration of the EDC and to submit duly audited accounts to the Board. The financial year of the EDC shall run from the 1st January to the 31st December of each year. The President shall present the accounts to the biyearly General Assembly for approval;
2. The president is authorized to represent the EDC in performing any and all other activities and the President may act alone. In particular, the president is entitled to sign alone the transfer orders;

3. The scope and principles of the EDC financial activities are defined by the relevant regulations;

4. The President can propose to the Executive Board to name a Treasurer responsible for looking after the EDC's assets in terms of any property, finances, equipments, clocks, boards, sets, books etc. These assets must be audited on an annual basis;

5. The EDC President (or the Treasurer, if named) is responsible for keeping an updated list of all Members and Associate Members and dues received, and such list should be readily available to all Members of the EDC;

6. Every year there must be redact the EDC Explanatory Notes to the Financial Statements, with Profit and Loss Account (or Income Statement) and Balance Sheet (or Statement of Financial Position);

7. The annual budget of EDC shall be prepared yearly and before the General Assemblies and is subject to acceptance by the General Assembly;

8. The EDC budget is based on the EURO currency. For extraordinary expenditure, not contained in the budget, a request can be submitted to the Board. The Board may approve such expenditure if it is in the interests of the EDC;

9. If named, the Treasurer must obtain due authority from the President to make any payment over the limit as established by the Board from time to time;

10. Any contract or agreement to be made between the EDC, on the one hand, and any third party having of more than 1.000 Euros, on the other hand, has to be approved to the Board for authorization and presented for information at the next General Assembly except the appropriate editing of confidential matters;

11. No claims for moneys due to the EDC shall be abandoned without the approval of the Board. Similarly, no property shall be written off without the consent of the Board.

Article 3 – Bank account, revenues, reimbursements

1. All EDC bank accounts shall be in the name of EDC;

2. All bank mandates shall be signed by the President or, if named, by Treasurer and at least one of the following:

   (a) the President;

   (b) the Deputy President;

   (c) the Secretary General or any other person appointed by the Board to sign in this respect.

3. EDC's revenues (including Dues) are derived from:

   (a) membership subscriptions;

   (b) entry fees for tournaments organized by EDC or organized by mandate of EDC;

   (c) fees for service provided by EDC;

   (d) any other revenues approved by the Board.

4. The amount of membership subscriptions and entry fees shall be stipulated in the Financial Regulations or the Tournament Regulations and thereby be subject to approval first by the Executive Board and then by the General Assembly;

5. The officials working for the EDC have the right to have reasonable expenses reimbursed. The Board will formulate guidelines which require approval by General Assembly. Reimbursement of expenses beyond these

guidelines must be approved by the General Assembly.

Chapter 8
Communication and the Official Languages of EDC

Article 1 - Communication

1. Communications to and from the EDC and its members must be always made in English (at least);
2. The sessions of the General Assembly must be conducted (at least) in the following languages: English and Russian. Exceptions to this rule are allowed if they are not contested by any of the participants.

Chapter 9
Modifications to the Memorandum and Dissolution of EDC

Article 1 - Amendment

A resolution on any amendment to the memorandum or EDC dissolution must be made by the General Assembly by a 2/3 majority of votes in the presence of at least half of the Members. In the absence of half the members, the Executive Board must convene a separate meeting, which has the powers to pass resolutions regardless of the number of the members present.

Article 2 - Resolution on dissolution

Any resolution on dissolution of the EDC must determine the manner of liquidation and the distribution of the EDC assets.

Chapter 10
Transitional and final provisions

Article 1 - General

1. In judicial proceedings the EDC shall be represented by its President, who shall be able to sue or be sued on its behalf. In the absence of the President, representation shall vest in the Deputy President, then to the 2nd Vice-President and then the General Secretary. In the absence of these officers, representation shall vest in the member or members appointed by the Board;
2. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this Statute, EDC hereby subscribes to the final settlement of any dispute directly or indirectly related to the application and implementation of these Statutes in its whole

or partial practice, be it commercial or relating to the practice and development of draughts or a dispute following a decision by EDC, to be sent to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne without recourse to any other court or tribunal;

3. The settlement of all disputes described above shall be applicable to acts performed by:
   a) EDC as an Organization,
   b) EDC Office bearers,
   c) Member Federations, their clubs and individual players,
   d) Sponsors,
   e) Any person or body with whom EDC has entered into any form of contractual arrangement either directly or indirectly related to Draughts.

4. The Decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) shall be final and binding on the parties;

5. An appeal before the CAS may only be brought after EDC's internal procedures and remedies have been exhausted. The decisions of the EDC Board and EDC General Assembly relating to matters falling within their respective competencies are final. The General Assembly will be the internal appellate organ for all decisions of EDC Board and officials. An aggrieved party may appeal against the decision by the EDC Board directly to CAS if, and only if, that party's interest will be irreparably harmed by having to wait for a final decision by the next General Assembly;

6. The time limit for appeal to the CAS shall be 21 days from the date that the appellant becomes aware, or reasonably should have been aware, of the decision in question. An appeal does not suspend the execution of a disciplinary sanction, subject to the power of the CAS to order that any disciplinary sanction be stayed pending the arbitration. The CAS shall not take into account facts or evidence, which the appellant could have submitted to an internal EDC body by acting with reasonable diligence required under the circumstances, but failed or chose not to do so. The CAS shall decide the dispute according to the applicable EDC Statutes, regulations and rules, as well as according to of European Economic Community laws and, in case, to the national laws of Italy. The language of the arbitration will be English. The decision of the CAS shall be final and binding on the parties;

7. Subject to and without prejudice to the arbitration clauses above, any other dispute instituted against EDC, including settlement of disputes involving sponsors and/or any person or body with whom EDC has entered into any form of contractual arrangement related to Draughts, shall be submitted exclusively to the competent courts in the country of Italy, where is the EDC Head-quarter;

8. The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice by, any member shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting;

9. It shall be lawful by a resolution approved by a two-thirds majority of at least 50% of the members entitled to vote and be present at any General Assembly to amend or revoke the Memorandum and any of these Articles of Association, or to make such other Articles in addition as to them shall seem proper;

10. The General Assembly shall be the sole interpreter of these Articles of Association;

11. The effective date of these Articles shall be from the day after the closing of the General Assembly which approves it;

12. Communication within the EDC shall be by letter, fax or e-mail.

Article 2 - Enforcement

Decisions made by the General Assembly concerning the Memorandum and Statute of EDC will come into effect on the last day of the General Assembly, after the General Assembly is closed. Amendments to Financial Regulations come into operation on the first day of the next fiscal year and amendments to Tournament Regulations take effect as stipulated therein.

These statutes were accepted at the occasion of the General Assembly of the EDC in Chianciano Terme (Italy) on 9th October, 2021.