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### Σ Η Μ Ε Ι Ω Μ Α

Θέμα: Το Καταστατικό του Ευρωπαϊκού Σοσιαλιστικού Κόμματος

Σας διαβιβάζω το σχέδιο του Καταστατικού, όπως τροποποιήθηκε από το Προεδρείο του Ε.Σ.Κ. στις 30 Μαρτίου 2001. Οι βασικοί άξονες της πρότασης αυτής είναι:

α. Το Συνέδριο θα συνεδριάζει δύο φορές κατά την πενταετή θητεία του Ευρωπαϊκού Κοινοβουλίου. Μια φορά πριν από τις ευρωεκλογές προκειμένου να ψηφιστεί το εκλογικό Μανιφέστο και μια στα μέσα της θητείας του.

β. Η δημιουργία ενός νέου οργάνου που θα ονομαστεί Συμβούλιο του Ε.Σ.Κ. το οποίο θα συνεδριάζει μεταξύ δύο Συνεδρίων. Η συμμετοχή των εκπροσώπων των κομμάτων στο Συμβούλιο θα υπολογιστεί με βάση των αριθμό των αντιπροσώπων του κάθε κόμματος στο Συνέδριο (θα είναι περίπου το ένα τέταρτο των συνεδρών).

γ. Σε ότι αφορά τη συνάντηση των ηγετών του Ε.Σ.Κ. δεν προτείνεται καμία αλλαγή. Θα συνεδριάζει δύο φορές το χρόνο πριν από τις Συνόδους Κορυφής.

δ. Το Προεδρείο να καταργηθεί και να αντικατασταθεί από ένα νέο όργανο που ονομάζεται Προεδρία και θα απαρτίζεται από τον Πρόεδρο, τρεις Αντιπροέδρους του Ε.Σ.Κ., έναν εκπρόσωπο από κάθε κόμμα πλήρες μέλος του Ε.Σ.Κ., από τον Γενικό Γραμματέα του Ε.Σ.Κ., τον Πρόεδρο της Κοινοβουλευτικής Ομάδας του Ε.Σ.Κ. στο Ευρωπαϊκό Κοινοβούλιο, έναν εκπρόσωπο της ECOSY, έναν εκπρόσωπο της Μόνιμης Επιτροπής Γυναικών του Ε.Σ.Κ. και έναν Σοσιαλιστή Επίτροπο.

ε. Προτείνεται επίσης η δημιουργία μιας Συντονιστικής Επιτροπής που την αποτελούν ο Γενικός Γραμματέας και οι Γραμματείς Διεθνών Σχέσεων των κομμάτων μελών του Ε.Σ.Κ..



Παρασκευάς Αυγερινός

# **STATUTES OF THE PARTY OF EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS**

## **I – GENERAL PROVISIONS AND MEMBERSHIP**

### **PREAMBLE**

The socialist and social democratic parties of the European Union constitute the Party of European Socialists (PES). Article 191 of the EU Treaties recognises that, "Political parties at European level are important as a factor for integration within the Union. They contribute to forming a European awareness and to expressing the political will of the citizens of the Union."

The aims of the PES are:

- to strengthen the socialist and social democratic movement in the Union and throughout Europe;
- to engage parties' members in activities of the PES;
- to develop close working relationships between the national parties, the national parliamentary groups, the Parliamentary Group of the P.E.S., the PES Women's Standing Committee, ECOSY, the PES and other socialist and social democratic organisations;
- to ensure close co-operation with the socialist Members of the European Commission, the Council, the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions and the socialist Members of the Economic and Social Committee;
- to guarantee close co-operation with the Socialist Group of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and other parliamentary assemblies;
- to ensure close collaboration with the Socialist International;
- to define common policies for the European Union and to adopt a common manifesto for elections to the European Parliament;
- to promote exchanges and contacts with European trade unions, professional organisations, associations and co-operatives and other representatives of civil society.

The PES co-operates closely with, and includes in its work, socialist and social democratic parties from countries which are candidates for accession and from other European countries that share the goal of European integration.

## ARTICLE 1

The PES has an official name in all the official languages of those countries where it has a full member party. These are published as an annex 1 to these Statutes.

## ARTICLE 2

The PES consists of:

- Full Member parties (see-annex 2). Socialist International parties in EU member states are full members as of right on condition that they accept the PES statutes.
- The Parliamentary Group of the PES
- ECOSY
- The PES Women's Standing Committee

The PES includes in its work:

- Associate parties (see annex 3). Socialist International parties in countries that are candidates for accession to the E.U., or are EFTA member states, or in countries with an association agreement with the Union, can apply for associate membership of the PES of European Socialists. Associate parties have the right to attend meetings to which they are invited without the right to vote but with the right of initiative.
- Observer parties (see annex 4). Social democratic and socialist parties in other countries can be invited to become observer parties. Observer parties and recognised associations and organisations can attend meetings to which they have been invited on a consultative basis.
- The PES Group in the Committee of the Regions
- Socialist and social democratic associations and organisations (see annex 5)

## ARTICLE 3

All applications for membership shall be examined and decided upon on a case by case basis by the Presidency and the Congress. In the period between two Congresses the Presidency can, on the basis of a qualified majority (see Article 6.4), provisionally grant the status of full member party, associate party or observer party to an applicant party, pending the formal decision, by a qualified majority vote, of the Congress.

The procedure for suspending membership shall be the same as for that of becoming a member.

**ARTICLE 4**

The PES supports equal representation and as a consequence, aspires to achieve internal equality and equal representation of men and women in its bodies and meetings. The "PES Women Standing Committee" consists of representatives from all affiliated parties. Its mission is to formulate and implement the objectives relating to women's policy within the framework of the PES.

**ARTICLE 5**

The PES aims to encourage the participation of young people in political life at all levels of the European Union. The PES undertakes to promote equality of young people internally and aspires to achieve a fair representation of young people in its bodies and meetings.

ECOSY is the youth organisation of the PES. It gathers members of the socialist youth organisations of the EU. It elects its bodies and determines its political positions autonomously according to its statutes.

## **II – ORGANS AND DECISION-MAKING**

### **ARTICLE 6**

The aims of the PES will be pursued in the following organs:

- Congress
- Council
- Presidency
- Party Leaders' Conference
- Secretariat

### **ARTICLE 7**

1. In all the organs of the PES efforts shall be made to establish the broadest possible measure of agreement following full consultation.
2. Decisions on administrative and organisational matters can be taken by simple majority in the Presidency whereby all full member parties, the President and the Parliamentary Group of the P.E.S., ECOSY and the PES Women's Standing Committee have one vote each.
3. Whenever possible, political decisions shall in principle be taken on the basis of consensus.

Decisions regarding policy areas subject to majority decision-making within the Council of the European Union can be taken on the basis of a qualified majority.

4. A qualified majority is based on more than 75% of the votes cast. Votes can only take place if at least two-thirds of the full member parties of the PES are present. Votes are cast per member party and organisation.

The allocation of votes for a qualified majority per party is equal to that party's number of delegates at the PES Congress.

5. If a full member party declares that it is unable to implement a specific decision taken by qualified majority, it can declare itself not to be bound by such a decision.



### **III – CONGRESS**

#### **ARTICLE 8**

The Congress is the supreme organ of the PES and lays down the political guidelines of the PES:

8.1 The Congress shall:

- elect the President
- confirm the members of the presidency
- adopt resolutions and recommendations to parties, the Presidency and the Parliamentary Group of the P.E.S.;
- adopt a manifesto for the elections to the European Parliament;
- discuss and adopt the report of activities of the PES for the preceding period and the programme of activities for the future submitted to it by the Presidency;
- discuss and take note of the report of activities submitted by the Parliamentary Group of the P.E.S. in the European Parliament.

8.2. By a qualified majority and on a proposal from the Presidency, the Congress shall:

- adopt the Statutes of the PES;
- decide on the admission and suspension of membership and status of parties and organisations.

8.3 Full and associate member parties, the Parliamentary Group of the P.E.S. in the European Parliament, ECOSY and the PES Women may present proposals to, and speak of these before the Congress.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

The Congress shall be held on a regular basis, twice during each legislative period of the European Parliament, the second being held at least six months before each election to the European Parliament. . It will be convoked by the Presidency, which may also decide to hold an extraordinary Congress.

In principle, the Congress shall be held successively in the different Member States of the European Union

## ARTICLE 10

The Congress shall consist of the following delegates:

### 10.1 Delegates with voting rights

I. The number of delegates per member party shall be determined according to the following key. There shall be a set number per country, calculated at 50 percent of the weighting of votes in the Council (rounded up) as set out in the table below. The weighting for parties from applicant countries will only come into effect once that party becomes a full member of the PES:

- 15 delegates for Germany, the United Kingdom, France and Italy
- 14 delegates for Spain and *Poland*
- 7 delegates for *Romania*
- 6 delegates for the Netherlands, Greece, *Czech Republic*, Belgium, *Hungary* and Portugal
- 5 delegates for Austria, Sweden and *Bulgaria*
- 4 delegates for Denmark, Finland, Ireland, *Norway\** and *Slovakia*
- 2 delegates for Luxembourg, Cyprus, Lithuania, Latvia, Slovenia, Estonia and Malta

\* *estimate based on population*

II. An additional number of delegates shall be calculated on the basis of one half of the respective party's members belonging to the Parliamentary Group of the P.E.S., rounded upwards. The Presidency shall decide on the number of additional delegates for those full member parties, which are outside the EU. Neither gender should make up less than 40% of a delegation.

In those countries where more than one member party exists, the parties involved shall present the Presidency with a proposal for the division of delegates between them. The Presidency shall have the final say on the distribution

Parties shall appoint delegates not later than four months prior to the Congress. The number of delegates from each party with voting rights shall be laid down in an annex to the internal rules of procedure of the Congress.

III. The Vice-Presidents of the Parliamentary Group of the PES (one from each Member State of the Union) are delegates with voting rights.

IV. The PES Women's Standing Committee and ECOSY shall have 2 delegates each with voting rights.

V. The members of the Presidency of the PES are also delegates with voting rights.



**10.2 Delegates with consultative status (ex-officio delegates):**

- Members of the Parliamentary Group of the PES
- Members of the Bureau of the PES Women's Standing Committee
- Members of the ECOSY Bureau
- Members of the Bureau of the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions
- 5 from each associate party
- 2 from each observer party
- PES members of the European Commission
- 2 from recognised socialist associations or organisations
- The President of the European Parliament and of the EU Council, if he/she is a PES member.
- The President of the Committee of the Regions, if he/she is a PES member
- The President of the PES Group in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- The President of the PES Group in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, if he/she is a PES Member

**ARTICLE 11**

The Presidency of the PES may also invite representatives of other parties or organisations and personalities to attend the Congress as guests.

**ARTICLE 12**

The documents of the Congress shall be published and communicated to members of the PES, the Parliamentary Group of the P.E.S. and the Socialist International.

## **IV. COUNCIL**

### **ARTICLE 13**

The Council will contribute to the shaping of the PES policy, will serve as a platform for strategic discussions and will meet in those years where no Congress is held.

The Council is convoked by the Presidency of the PES.

### **ARTICLE 14**

The Council can adopt resolutions and recommendations to the affiliated parties and organisations, the Presidency, the Congress and the Parliamentary Group of the P.E.S. in full respect of the Congress being the supreme organ of the PES.

### **ARTICLE 15**

The Council shall consist of,

- The Presidency
- Representatives of the member parties. The number of representatives per member party shall be equal to 25% of that parties' delegates to the last PES Congress

Furthermore, representatives with a consultative status are:

- A delegation of the Parliamentary Group of the PES equal to 20% of its members
- 2 representatives per associate party
- 1 representative per observer party
- 1 representative of the PES Group of the Council of Europe
- 1 representative of the PES Group of the WEU

The Presidency may invite guests.

## **V. THE PRESIDENCY**

### **ARTICLE 16**

The Presidency, as the highest organ for the management of the day-to-day business of the PES and for the execution of the tasks as set out by these Statutes, meets as often as necessary but not less than five times a year.

It must be convened if 20 percent of member parties request a meeting. This request has to be met within 10 days.

### **ARTICLE 17**

The Presidency consists of

- the President
- the Vice-presidents

The Vice-presidents are at the same time representatives of their Member Party.

- one presidency member of each Member party (as confirmed by the Congress)
- the Secretary General
- the President of the Parliamentary Group of the PES
- the President of the PES Women's Standing Committee or her representative
- one representative to be nominated by ECOSY
- one representative to be nominated by the Committee of the Regions

Furthermore shall participate:

- one PES Member of the European Commission
- the President of the European Parliament, if s/he is a member of the PES

The President can invite other personalities such as the President of the PES Parliamentary Group in the Council of Europe, in the Committee of the Regions and in the WEU.

### **ARTICLE 18**

The Presidency shall implement the decisions of the Congress and fix the political guidelines of the PES during the period between Congresses.

- It shall draw up recommendations to the Congress concerning general political guidelines and statements of principle, the Statutes of the PES, admission and status of members of the PES.
- It shall convene the Congress, fix the date and venue and propose the rules of procedure and agenda of the Congress.
- It shall convene the Council, set its agenda and may invite special guests to its meetings.

It shall also be empowered to organise special conferences or meetings, nominate rapporteurs and set up committees and working parties, in respect of which it shall appoint the Chairs and secretariat and lay down terms of reference.

## ARTICLE 19

The Presidency shall, after consulting the full member parties following a proposal from the PES President:

- elect the Vice-presidents and the treasurer from among its members
- appoint other office holders for specific mandates
- appoint the Secretary General and Deputy Secretaries General of the PES;
- appoint from among its members two Auditors;

The Presidency shall also:

- decide on the length of the mandate of the Vice-presidents, the Secretary General, the treasurer, the auditors as well as other office holders.
- approve the annual financial report and budget and fix affiliation fees and contributions from the full, observer and associate member parties;
- adopt its internal rules of procedure.

## ARTICLE 20

The President, with the assistance of the Secretariat, shall ensure:

- the day-to-day administration of the PES and the preparation of meetings of the Presidency;
- the implementation of Presidency decisions and any general or specific instructions given by the Presidency;
- liaison between the PES and the parties, the Parliamentary Group of the P.E.S. and the Socialist International;
- representation of the PES in any organisation or institution, in particular, the institutions of the European Union, European trade unions, professional organisations, co-operatives and associations.

## ARTICLE 21

The decisions of the Congress, the Presidency and the Council are executed by the President of the PES in co-operation with the Vice-presidents and the Secretary General, other office holders of the Presidency and the President of the Parliamentary Group

## **VI. PARTY LEADERS' CONFERENCE**

### **ARTICLE 22**

The Party Leaders' Conference should be convened on the eve of the EU Summits and whenever it is necessary. It shall consist of:

- The Leaders of the full member parties and PES Heads of Government;
- The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General;
- The Leader of the Parliamentary Group of the P.E.S.;
- The President of the Socialist International.
- The President of the European Parliament, if he/she is a PES member.
- Two PES Members of the European Commission.

### **ARTICLE 23**

The President may invite other leading personalities.

Once a year the President shall also invite the Leaders of the Associate Parties to a meeting of the Party Leaders' Conference.

### **ARTICLE 24**

The Party Leaders' Conference can adopt resolutions and recommendations to the affiliated parties and organisations, the Presidency, the Congress and the Parliamentary Group of the P.E.S. in full respect of the Congress being the supreme organ of the PES.

## **VII. THE SECRETARIAT**

### **ARTICLE 25**

The secretariat shall execute the decisions of the PES. In particular, it shall be responsible for:

- assistance to the President;
- preparation and organisation of meetings;
- contacts with affiliated parties and the aforementioned organisations and institutions;
- relations with the press and public;
- finances and the keeping of accounts;
- the keeping of archives; and
- distribution of documents.

The Secretary General has a right of initiative during meetings of the PES concerning the implementation of decisions taken by the PES.

### **ARTICLE 26**

The Secretary General shall convene meetings of a Co-ordination Team to discuss the planning, preparation, follow-up and financing of PES activities. The Co-ordination Team shall consist of one representative from each full member party, the PES Parliamentary Group, ECOSY, the PES Women's Standing Committee and the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions. These meetings will take place at least three times a year.

The Secretary General may also invite representatives from Associate and Observer parties and other organisations.



## **VIII. FINANCE**

### **ARTICLE 27**

The PES shall be financed by:

- affiliation fees and/or contributions from the full, associate and observer member parties and the Parliamentary Group of the P.E.S. These shall be determined annually by the Presidency according to a set key.
- Contributions from associations and organisations;
- Donations.
- Public financing from the budget of the European Union following the adoption of a regulation on a European Political Parties

The accounts of the PES shall be externally audited and made publicly available on an annual basis.

### **ARTICLE 28**

Members of the PES are not entitled to vote or take part in meetings of the PES unless they have paid their annual affiliation fee by the end of the first quarter of the financial year.

## **IX. AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES**

### **ARTICLE 29**

Amendments to the Statutes tabled by a full member party shall require a qualified majority of Congress in order to be adopted, following a proposal from the Presidency.

### **ARTICLE 30**

These Statutes come into effect as of 8 May 2001.

## **ANNEX 1– ARTICLE 1 OF THE STATUTES**

'De Europæiske Socialdemokraters Parti' in Danish  
'Sozialdemokratische Partei Europas' in German  
'Ευρωπαϊκό Σοσιαλιστικό Κόμμα' in Greek  
'Party of European Socialists' in English  
'Partido de los Socialistas Europeos' in Spanish  
'Parti des Socialistes européens' in French  
'Partito del Socialismo Europeo' in Italian  
'Partij van de Europese Sociaaldemocraten' in Dutch  
'De Europeiske Sosialdemokraters Parti' in Norwegian  
'Partido Socialista Europeu' in Portuguese  
'Euroopan Sosialidemokraattinen Puolue' in Finnish  
'Europeiska Socialdemokraters Parti' in Swedish

## **ANNEX 2– ARTICLE 4 OF THE STATUTES**

### **FULL MEMBER PARTIES OF THE PES**

Parti Socialiste (Belgique)  
Socialistische Partij (België)  
Socialdemokratiet (Danmark)  
Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands (Deutschland)  
Partido Socialista Obrero Español (España)  
Parti Socialiste (France)  
The Labour Party (Great Britain)  
Panellinio Sosialistiko Kinima (Hellas)  
The Labour Party (Ireland)  
Democratici di Sinistra (Italia)  
Socialisti Democratici Italiani (Italia)  
Movement of Social Democrats (Kypros)  
Parti Ouvrier Socialiste Luxembourgeois/Letzeburger  
Socialistesche Arbechterpartei (Luxembourg)  
Partij van de Arbeid (Nederland)  
Social Democratic and Labour Party (Northern Ireland)  
Det Norske Arbeiderparti (Norway)  
Sozialdemokratische Partei Österreichs (Österreich)  
Partido Socialista (Portugal)  
Suomen Sosialidemokraattinen Puolue (Suomi)  
Sveriges Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti (Sverige)

### **ANNEX 3 - ASSOCIATE PARTIES OF THE PES**

Social Democratic Party of Iceland (Iceland)  
Sozialdemokratische Partei der Schweiz/  
Parti Socialiste Suisse (Suisse/Schweiz)  
Česká strana sociálně demokratická (Czech Republic)  
Magyar Szocialista Párt (Hungary)  
Združena Lista Socialnih Demokratov (Slovenia)  
Strana Demokratickej Lavice (Slovak Republic)  
Socialnodemokraticka Strana Slovenska (Slovak Republic)  
Sojusz Lewicy Demokratycznej (Poland)  
Unia Pracy (Poland)  
Latvijas Socialdemokratiska Strādnieku Partija (Latvia)  
Lietuvos Socialdemokratų Partija, LSDP (Lithuania)  
Möödukad (Estonia)  
Partidul Democrat, PD (Romania)  
Partidul Social Democrat Român, PSDR (Romania)  
Republican People's Party (Turkey)

## **ANNEX 4 - OBSERVER PARTIES OF THE PES**

Israel Labour Party (Israel)

MERETZ (Israel)

Malta Labour Party (Malta)

Partito Socialista Sammarinese (San Marino)

## **ANNEX 5 - ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS RECOGNISED BY THE PES**

Union des Elus locaux et régionaux socialistes d'Europe

Federation of Retired People

SAMAK

International Union of Social Democratic Teachers (IUSDT)

European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity