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## **"PROSPEROUS ARMENIA" PARTY**

## CHARTER

(as amended)

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#### **1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1.1 "Prosperous Armenia" Party (hereinafter referred to as "Party") is a public association created on basis of individual membership of persons who recognize this Charter and the provisions of the Party programs.

1.2 The Party shall operate throughout the territory of the Republic of Armenia in compliance with the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia, the laws of the Republic of Armenia, this Charter and other legal acts, as well as on basis of its program.

1.3 The Party shall be deemed a legal entity upon the state registration effected in the manner prescribed by the Law. It shall enjoy rights and bear respective responsibilities as a legal entity, as defined by the Law.

1.4 The name of the Party is

a) in Armenian: "ԲԱՐԳԱՎԱՃ ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆ" Կուսակցություն (abbrev. "ԲՀԿ")

b) in Russian: Партия "Процветающая Армения" (abbrev. "ППА"),

c) in English: "Prosperous Armenia" Party (abbrev. "PAP")

1.5 The Party has its emblem which represents the combination of the Armenian letters "B" and "H" and a salient stretching curveline complaint with each colour of the tricoloured flag of the Republic of Armenia with a slogan written below: "Let's together build a prosperous country".

The coloured image of the emblem's description is shown in the Appendix 1 which is an integral part of this Charter. 1.6 The Party has its flag which represents a white canvas with the Party name and the emblem located in the center with width and length of 1:2 ratio.

The coloured image of the flag's description is shown in the Appendix 2 which is an integral part of this Charter.

1.7 The Party has a round seal, stamp, letterhead and other identification means with its name, in the Armenian, Russian and English languages and the image of its emblem.

1.8 The address of the permanent Governing Body of the Party is 21 Tumanyan Str., Yerevan, Republic of Armenia.

#### 2. THE OBJECTIVE AND BASIC TASKS OF THE PARTY

2.1 The objective of the Party shall be the participation in the public and the political life of the state.

2.2 To achieve its objective the Party considers it primary to settle the following basic tasks:

a) establishing its representation in the state governmental and local self-governing bodies of the Republic of Armenia through the democratic elections and, thus, assistance in the formation of the bodies of state authorities, the preparation and implementation of the state policy:

b) contributing to the full exercise by an individual of its rights and freedoms,

c) contributing to the establishment of a legal state,

d) facilitating the formation of a social justice system,

e) contributing to the stability of domestic political life,

f) promoting an actual division of the legislative, executive and judicial authorities of the country and the efficient balancing process among them.

#### 3. BASIC PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF THE PARTY'S ACTIVITY

3.1 In the course of its activity, the Party shall be governed by the following basic principles:

a) voluntariness and equality of membership,

b) legality and justice,

c) self-government and publicity of the activity,

d) mutual liberality,

e) constructive collaboration with other parties and public unions based on the same ideological basis,

f) supremacy of public and state interests.

3.2 The Party deems the following methods and modes applicable for the dissemination of its ideas and implementation of program tasks:

a) establishment of regional and structural subdivisions and representations of the Party,

b) active participation in referendums (including local),

c) establishment of mass media and printing houses in the manner prescribed by the Legislation of the Republic of Armenia,

d) dissemination of ideas and positions of the Party and propaganda of its objectives and purposes via the mass media and other means not forbidden by the Law in the manner prescribed by the Legislation of the Republic of Armenia, e) presentation of undertakings and proposals to the state and local self-governing bodies with regard to various issues of public life,

f) establishment of noncommercial organizations in the cases and manner prescribed by the Law and participation in such organizations,

g) organization and holding of peaceful, unarmed gatherings, other social-political events and/or participation therein,

h) establishment of alliances and unions (including electoral) with other parties without reorganizing into a legal entity and participation therein,

i) establishment and maintenance of international relations and contacts with foreign parties and unions, affiliation to international unions and associations.

## 4. GOVERNING BODIES, REGIONAL AND STRUCTURAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE PARTY

4.1 The Governing Bodies, Regional and Structural Subdivisions of the Party shall be established by the Congress and Permanent Governing Body of the Party and shall exercise the powers vested in them by this Charter.

4.2 Regional and Structural Subdivisions of the Party shall be created and their activity shall be organized only based on regional characteristics.

4.3 The Governing Bodies of the Party are as follows:

a) the Congress of the Party,

b) the President of the Party,

c) the Political Board of the Party.

4.4 The Regional Subdivisions of the Party are as follows:

- a) Regional Organization of the Party,
- b) Community organization of the Party,
- c) Primary Organization of the Party.

4.5 The Structural Subdivisions of the Party are as follows:

a) supervisory bodies of the Party (audit team, supervisory commission etc.),

b) operational subdivision of the Party (accounts department, public relations department, legal service, analytical center, mass media relations department etc), c) the bodies regulating the activity of the regional subdivision of the Party and their activity in separate spheres of public life (Boards regulating the activity of the regional subdivisions operating in the administrative-regional unions of the Republic of Armenia, Women's Board of the Party, Youth Council, Board of Intellectuals, Culture Board etc).

4.6 The structural subdivisions of the Party may be established (dissolved) by the Permanent Governing Body of the Party and exercise powers vested in them by this Charter and the Permanent Governing Body of the Party.

4.7 Sittings (meetings) of the Governing Bodies of the Party (except for the Party President), regional and structural subdivisions of the Party shall be competent if it is attended by at least 2/3 of the members of such bodies (subdivisions).

4.8 Collegial decisions of the Governing Bodies (except for the Party President), regional and structural subdivisions of the Party shall be adopted by a simple majority of votes of the members present at the sitting (meeting) by an open or secret ballot if nothing otherwise is provided for by this Charter or the decision taken by the Congress of the Party. Secret ballot shall be held at the request of at least 1/3 of the members present at the sitting (meeting).

In case of equality of votes at the time of the adoption of decisions, the vote of the Governing Body (except for the Party President), the heads (individuals presiding over the sittings) of the regional and structural subdivisions of the party shall be decisive.

#### 5. PRIMARY ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY

5.1 The structural basis of the Party shall be the primary organizations of the Party which are established (dissolved) by the Permanent Governing Body of the Party at its own initiative or at the request of the Regional Organizations of the Party for the term of two years.

5.2 The minimum number of the members of the primary organization shall be defined by the permanent Governing Body of the Party.

5.3 The primary organization shall carry out its activity through the convocation of meetings, adoption of decisions and the execution thereof and those adopted by the Superior Body of the Party.

5.4 The primary organization shall elect the head and the Secretary of the organization for the term of two years. In the event more than one candidate has been nominated, then the candidate who has obtained the maximum affirmative votes shall be elected. By the decision of the primary organization of the meeting, earlier elections of the head and Secretary of the organization may be held.

The head of the primary organization shall be held accountable for the general activity of the organization, whereas the Secretary shall be held accountable for keeping records of the organization and, where appropriate, he/she shall substitute the head of the organization.

5.5 The Regular Meeting of the Primary Organization shall be convened by the head of the organization at least once in six months, but the special meeting shall be convened by the head of the organization or at the initiative of minimum 1/3 of the members. The special meeting of the primary organization shall be convened within the time period and agenda proposed by the initiator.

In the event the head of the organization fails to convene a special meeting at the initiative of minimum 1/3 of the members of the primary organization, the initiators shall be entitled to convene a special meeting on their own by giving at least a two-day notice thereof to the immediate Superior Body of the Party.

5.6 The primary organization shall be accountable to the Superior Bodies of the Party and shall act under the immediate subordination of a respective Community organization, but in the absence thereof, a respective regional organization.

5.7 On January of each year the primary organization shall submit to its immediate Superior Body of the Party for approval the annual report (including financial) about its activity of the previous year and the business plan of its activity for the upcoming year, including the annual cost estimates (hereinafter referred to as "Annual report and business plan").

5.8 The Primary Organization shall

a) implement the actions and operations as envisaged by its business plan,

b) assist in the actions organized by the Superior Bodies of the Party,

c) maintain continuous contact with the population of the organization's activity territory,

d) furnish the Superior Bodies of the Party with the information about the socialpolitical events existing on the organization's activity territory and may submit proposals and undertakings related to the activity of the organization,

e) perform the assignments issued by the Superior Bodies of the Party.

#### 6. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY

6.1 The Community organizations of the Party shall be established (dissolved) by the permanent Governing Body of the Party at its own initiative or at the request of the Regional Organizations of the Party for the term of two years and shall systematize the operation of the primary organizations established on the territory of the respective communities of the Republic of Armenia.

A Community organization may be established only in the event there exist minimum two primary organizations of the Party on the territory of the given community.

6.2 The Governing Body of the Community Organization shall be the Board of the Organization, the members of which shall be elected by the conference of a respective Community organization. The minimum number of the Board members of the Community organization shall be defined by the Permanent Governing Body of the Party.

6.3 The Community organization shall carry out its activity through the convocation of meetings, adoption of decisions and the execution thereof and those adopted by the Superior Body of the Party.

6.4 The Board of the Community Organization shall elect the Head and the Secretary of the Board of the organization for the term of two years. In the event more than one candidate has been nominated, then the candidate who has obtained the maximum affirmative votes shall be elected. By the decision of the Board of the Community Organization, earlier elections of the head and Secretary of the Board of the organization may be held.

6.5 The head of the Board of the Community organization shall be held liable for the general operations of the organization, whereas the Secretary thereof shall be held liable for keeping records of the organization and, where appropriate, he/she shall substitute the head of the Board of the organization.

The Head and the Secretary of the Board of the Community organization cannot simultaneously act in the capacity of the head or Secretary of the primary organization.

6.6 A Regular Meeting of the Board of the Community organization shall be convened by head of the Board of the organization at least once in six months, whereas the special meeting shall be convened by the head of the Board of the organization or at the initiative of minimum 1/3 of the members. A Special Meeting of the Board of the Community organization shall be convened within the time period and agenda proposed by the initiator.

In the event the Head of the Organization fails to convene a special meeting at the initiative of minimum 1/3 of the members of the Board of the Community organization, the initiators shall be entitled to convene a special meeting on their own by giving at least a two-day notice thereof to the immediate Superior Body of the Party.

6.7 The Board of the Community organization shall be accountable to the Superior Bodies of the Party and shall act under an immediate subordination of a respective regional organization.

6.8 On January and February of each year the Board of the Community organization by summarizing the annual report and business plans of the primary organization acting under its subordination shall submit to its immediate Superior Body of the Party for approval the annual report and the business plan of its activity.

6.9 The Board of the Community organization shall:

a) systematize and control the operation of the primary organizations acting under its subordination,

b) approve the annual reports and business plans of the primary organizations acting under its subordination,

c) implement the actions and operations as envisaged by its business plan,

d) assist in the actions organized by the Superior Body of the Party,

e) maintain permanent contact with the primary organizations acting under its subordination,

f) furnish the Superior Bodies of the Party with the information about the socialpolitical events existing on the organization's activity territory and may submit proposals and undertakings related to the operation of the organization,

g) perform the assignments issued by the Superior Bodies of the Party.

#### 7. REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY

7.1 Regional Organizations of the Party shall be established (dissolved) by the permanent Governing Body of the Party for the term of two years and shall systematize the operation of the Community organization, but in the absence thereof, the primary organizations.

7.2 The Governing Body of the Regional Organization shall be the Board of the Organization, the members of which shall be elected by the conference of a respective regional organization. The minimum number of the Board members of the Board of the Regional Organization shall be defined by the Permanent Governing Body of the Party.

7.3 The Regional Organization shall carry out its activity through the convocation of meetings, adoption of decisions and the execution thereof and those adopted by the Superior Body of the Party.

7.4 The Board of the Regional Organization shall elect the head and the Secretary of the Board of the organization for the term of two years. In the event more than one candidate has been nominated, then the candidate who has obtained the maximum affirmative votes shall be elected. By the decision of the Board of the Regional Organization, earlier elections of the Head and Secretary of the Board of the Organization may be held.

7.5 The Head of the Board of the Regional Organization shall be held liable for the general operations of the organization, whereas the Secretary thereof shall be held liable for keeping records of the organization and, where appropriate, he/she shall substitute the Head of the Board of the organization.

The Head and the Secretary of the Board of the Regional Organization cannot simultaneously act in the capacity of the Head or Secretary of the Primary or Community Organization.

7.6 The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Regional Organization shall be convened by the Head of the Regional Organization at least once in six months, but the special meeting shall be convened by the Head of the Board of the Organization or at the initiative of minimum 1/3 of the members. The special meeting of the Board of the Regional Organization shall be convened within the time period and agenda proposed by the initiator.

In the event the Head of the Board of the Organization fails to convene a special meeting at the initiative of minimum 1/3 of the members of the Board of the Regional Organization, the initiators shall be entitled to convene a special meeting on their own by giving at least a two-day notice thereof to the immediate Superior Body of the Party.

7.7 The Board of the Regional Organization shall be accountable to the Superior Bodies of the Party and shall act under the immediate subordination of the Permanent Governing Body of the Party.

7.8 On February and January of each year the Board of the Regional Organization by summarizing the annual reports and business plans of the Community (Primary) Organizations acting under its subordination shall submit to the Permanent Governing Body of the Party for approval the annual report and the business plan of its activity.

7.9 The Board of the Regional Organization shall:

a) systematize and control the operation of the Community (Primary) Organizations acting under its subordination,

b) approve the annual reports and business plans of the Community (Primary) Organizations acting under its subordination,

c) implement the actions and operations as envisaged by its business plan,

d) assist in the actions organized by Permanent Governing Body of the Party,

e) maintain a permanent contact with the Community (Primary) Organizations acting under its subordination,

f) furnish the Superior Bodies of the Party with the information about the socialpolitical events existing on the organization's activity territory and may submit proposals and undertakings related to the operation of the organization,

e) perform the assignments issued by the Permanent Governing Body of the Party.

#### 8. POLITICAL BOARD OF THE PARTY

8.1 The Political Board of the Party shall be the Permanent Governing Body of the Party which shall be established (dissolved) by the Congress of the Party and shall systematize the operation of the Regional Organizations, representations established in other countries, as well as the structural subdivisions of the Party.

8.2 The minimum number of the members of Political Board of the Party shall be defined by Congress of the Party. The members of the Political Board of the Party shall be elected by the Congress of the Party for the term of two years by a majority of a total number of votes of the deputies of the Congress.

8.3 The powers of the member of the Political Board of the Party shall cease

a) upon the expiry of the determined period,

b) by the decision of the Congress of the Party,

c) by the decision of the Political Board of the Party in the cases provided for by Clause 10.11 of this Charter,

d) in the event of withdrawal or removal of the member from the Political Board of the Party,

e) on basis of the application of the member of the Political Board of the Party,

f) in the event of declaring the member of the Political Board of the Party incapable or limited capable,

g) in case of death of the member of the Political Board of the Party.

8.4 The Political Board of the Party shall carry out its activity through the convocation of meetings, adoption of decisions and the execution thereof and those adopted by the Congress of the Party.

8.5 The Political Board of the Party shall be rules by the Party President who exofficio shall be the Chairman of the Political Board of the Party and shall be held liable for the general operation of the Party and the execution of the ideological, political and program provisions of the Party.

8.6 The Political Board of the Party shall elect the Secretary of the Political Board for the term of two years who shall be held liable for the systematization of the organizational operations of the Party and keeping records. In the event more than one candidate for the position of the Secretary of the Political Board of the Party has been nominated, then the candidate who has obtained the maximum affirmative votes shall be elected. By the decision of the Political Board of the Party, earlier elections of the Secretary of the Board of the Organization may be held. 8.7 The Chairman of the Political Board of the Party shall nominate a candidate for a Deputy Chairman of the Political Board of the Party among the members of the Political Board which shall be appointed by the decision of the Political Board of the Party. The Deputy Chairman of the Political Board of the Party, if necessary, shall substitute the Chairman of the Political Board of the Party, perform his/her assignments and exercise other authorizations vested in him by the Political Board of the Party. In the cases envisaged by Clause 10.11 of this Charter the Chairman of the Political Board and propose a new candidate for the Deputy Chairman of the Political Board from among the members of the Political Board.

The Chairman of the Political Board of the Party, its Deputy and the Secretary cannot simultaneously act in the capacity of the Head or Secretary of the Regional, Community or primary Organization.

8.8 If necessary, by the decision of the Political Board of the Party, other elective or appointed posts of the Political Board (honorable members of the Political Board of the Party, executives and advisors of the Political Board in charge of separate spheres or matters) may also be created which shall exercise the authorizations vested in them by the Political Board of the Party.

8.9 The regular meeting of the Political Board of Party shall be convened by the Chairman of the Political Board at least once in six month, but the special meeting shall be convened by the Chairman of the Political Board or at the initiative of minimum 1/3 of the members. The special meeting of the Political Board of Party shall be convened within the time period and agenda proposed by the initiator.

8.10 The Political Board of the Party by its own decision may hold an extended meeting of the Political Board for the purpose of considering certain issues related to the operation of the Party. The list of the members of the extended meeting of the Political Board who are not the members of the Permanent Political Board shall be approved by the Political Board of the Party by virtue of the decision on the convocation of the extended meeting. Individuals who are not the members of the Permanent Political Board of the Party shall participate in the extended meeting of the Political Board by a deliberative voting right and shall not participate in the discussions held for the adoption of the decisions.

The Heads of the Regional and Structural Subdivisions of the Party shall participate in the meeting of the Political Board of the Party in which the candidates for the Deputies of the Party are nominated in the elections of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia.

**8**.11 The Political Board of the Party shall be held accountable to the Congress of the Party.

8.12 On March of each year the Political Board of the Party by summarizing the annual reports of the Regional Organizations shall approve its business plan for the upcoming year.

8.13 The Political Board of the Party shall

a) exercise the authorizations of the Party as a legal entity on its behalf,

b) systematize and control the operation of the Regional Organizations,

c) approve the annual reports and business plans of the Party,

d) implement the actions and operations as envisaged by its business plan,

e) prepare and submit to the Congress of the Party for approval the reports regarding its activity for the time period existing between the Congresses,

f) convene a regular or special Congress, organize the preparatory works with regard to the convocation of the Congresses and to this end create an Organizing Committee, g) exercise a control over the execution of the decisions of the Congress of the Party and its own,

h) prepare the ideological basic provisions of the Party, program and statutory documents, the tactical principles of the Party, make declarations and proposals in the name of the Party,

i) systematize the affairs of the members of the Party elected in the state government and local self-governing bodies,

j) form commissions and committees, confirm the candidacies for the Chairmen of such commissions approved by the Chairman of the Political Board,

ja) systematize the activity of mass media and printing services of the Party (if any),

jb) establish (dissolve) Regional and Structural Subdivisions the Party, as well as representations of the Party in other states at its own initiative or at the request of the Regional Organization of the Party,

jc) apply disciplinary penalties and incentive measures,

jd) approve the templates of the annual reports and business plans of the Governing Bodies, Regional and Structural Subdivisions of the Party,

je) approve the list of the nomination of the candidates of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia in a proportional electoral procedure, the list of the candidates of the National Assembly nominated by the Party in a majority procedure for the purpose of being elected to the elective posts of the state government and local self-governing other bodies of the Republic of Armenia, as well as political or civil appointed positions, jf) adopt a decision about the nomination of a candidate for the post of the President of the Republic of Armenia and in favour of the nominated candidate,

jg) adopt a decision about the establishment of alliances or unions (including electoral) without reorganizing into other parties as a legal entity or their participation,

jh) approve the electoral programs, slogans and other propaganda-related documents and materials of the Party,

i) determine the size of the membership fee of the Party,

jj) approve the procedure of the management of the Party's property and cash costs estimate,

l) exercise other authorizations vested in it by this Charter and the Congress of the Party.

#### 9. CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT OF THE PARTY

9.1 The Congress of the Party shall be the Supreme Governing Body of the Party entitled to the adoption of a decision on the final settlement of any matters related to the activity of the Party and the decision adopted shall be binding upon the bodies, structural and regional subdivisions, representations and members of the Party.

9.2 Regular Congresses of the Party shall be convened once in two years. A special Congress may be convened by the decision of the Political Board of the Party. At least one month prior to the convocation of the Regular Congress of the Political Board of the Party shall convene a special meeting where the draft of the agenda of the Congress shall be considered.

9.3 The total number of the deputies of the Congress of the Party, the proportionate of the number of the deputies of the Primary Organization of the Party and the total number of the members of such an organization, as well as the list of the members of the Party who ex officio are the deputies of the Congress shall be determined by the Political Board of the Party. The deputies of the primary organizations of the Party shall be nominated and appointed at the meetings of Primary Organizations forty days prior to the convocation of the Regular Congress and at least 10 days prior to the convocation of the Special Congress.

9.4 The Congress of the Party shall

a) consider and approve the report of the Political Board of the Party regarding the operation of the Party for the period between the Congresses,

b) consider and adopt the program of the Party and approve the Charter, the drafts of making amendments and supplements thereto,

c) elect the Party President and the members of the Political Board of the Party,

d) elect the Auditing Commission of the Party,

e) consider and approve the report of the Auditing Commission of the Party,

f) determine the strategical, ideological-political direction of the Party, the policy of the implementation of the tasks of the Party,

g) adopt a decision about the reorganization or liquidation of the Party,

h) consider and make a final decision about any matter related to the operation of the Party.

9.5 The Congress of the Party shall be competent if it is attended by at least 2/3 of the total number of deputies of the Congress present (registered).

9.6 The decisions of the Congress, with the exception of the cases envisaged by the Law and this Charter, shall be adopted by the majority of votes of the deputies present (registered) at the Congress on basis of open or secret ballot.

Secret ballot shall be held at the request of at least 1/3 of the deputies present (registered) at the Congress.

9.7 In the event of the adoption of the charter and program of the Party, making amendments and supplements thereto, reorganization and liquidation of the Party, as well as other cases envisaged by the Law or this Charter, decisions shall be adopted by the majority of the votes of the total number of the deputies of the Congress of the Party.

9.8 To ensure the control over the financial activity of the Party, the Congress of the Party shall elect an Auditing Commission of the Party, the number of the members thereof shall be confirmed by the Congress. A member of the Auditing Commission cannot simultaneously be a member of the Governing Body of the Party, the Head or Secretary of the Regional Subdivision of the Party.

9.9 The members of the Auditing Commission of the Party shall elect the Chairman of the Commission from among themselves. The Auditing Commission of the Party shall act within the powers vested in it by the Congress of the Party and shall be accountable only to the Congress.

9.10. The Congress of the Party by the majority of votes of the registered deputies shall elect the Party President for the term of two years. In case more than one candidate has been nominated, then the candidate who has obtained the maximum affirmative votes shall be elected. By the decision of the Congress, earlier elections of the Party President may be held on basis of the decision adopted by 2/3 affirmative votes of the total number of the deputies of the Congress.

9.11 The Party President shall

a) exercise the management of the operation of the Party and its Political Board,

b) represent the Party, its interests and position in the relations with state bodies, public, political and international organizations, union and associations or to this end it shall authorize other members of the Party,

c) manage the affairs of the Political Board of the Party and systematize the operation of all the subdivisions of the Party,

d) administer the property and funds of the Party,

e) approve (sign) the decision of the Political Board of the Party,

f) approve and submit the financial and accounting reports of the Party to the state authorized body in the manner and within the period provided for by the law,

g) publish the financial reports and the reports related to the use of the property of the Party in the mass media within the time period defined by the law,

h) propose the candidacy for the Deputy Chairman of the Political Board of the Party,i) exercise other powers vested in it by the Congress of the Party.

## 10. MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY, RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY

10.1 Every citizen of the Republic of Armenia having attained the age of eighteen, as well as the individuals endowed with electoral right (with the right to be elected to the post of a Head of the Party and Supervisory Bodies) which recognize the program and the Charter of the Party shall not be the member of another Party.

10.2 The following individuals cannot be the member of the Party:

a) foreign citizens,

b) non-citizens, except for the cases envisaged by the Law,

c) individuals who cannot be a member of any other Party in accordance with the law of the Republic of Armenia "On Parties".

10.3 Anyone can become a member of the Party on a voluntary, individual basis and according to their personal application:

a) by the decision of the Board of the Regional Organization of the Party,

b) by the decision of the Political Board of the Party.

10.4 A Party member shall become a member to any Regional Organization of the Party and shall be registered in the given organization.

10.5 In case party affiliation becomes impermissible under the Constitution and the law of the Republic of Armenia, then it shall be suspended on basis of the application of the Party member and/or by the decision of the Political Board of the Party. Cancellation of suspension shall be made in the same procedure.

10.6 The Party member shall be entitled to:

a) elect and be elected a member of the Governing Body of the Party (including the deputy, Chairman, Head or Secretary of the given bodies), a member of the Governing Bodies of the Regional and/or Structural Subdivisions (including the Chairman, Head or Secretary of the given bodies) or a member of Supervisory Bodies save for the cases provided for by Subclause "a" of Clause 10.8 of this Charter;

b) be included in the list of proposing candidates for the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia on proportionate electoral procedure, be nominated a candidate of the Party for the purpose of being elected (appointed) by majority electoral procedure of the National Assembly, as well as to the elective posts of state government or self-governing other bodies and political or civil appointed posts save for the cases provided for by Subclause "a" of Clause 10.8 of this Charter,

c) submit undertakings and proposals with regard to various issues on public life to the Governing Bodies of the Party for consideration,

d) participate in the meeting or sittings where his/her personal matter or proposal is considered, express his/her viewpoint about the issue under consideration,

e) suspend and resume his/her membership of the Party,

f) withdraw from the Party on basis of his/her own application,

g) exercise other rights as provided for by this Charter and the Law.

#### 10.7 The Party member shall:

a) act within the Charter of the Party,

b) execute the decisions of the Congress of the Party and the Superior Bodies,

c) attend the Party meetings and events of his/her organization,

d) abide by the restrictions imposed on Party members as provided for by the Law and bear other responsibilities as prescribed by this Charter and the Law,

10.8 The Party member shall be entitled to:

a) be elected a Head of the Party, its regional and structural subdivisions and in supervisory bodies or be nominated as a Party candidate for the purpose of being elected (appointed) to the elective post of the state government or local selfgoverning bodies of the Republic of Armenia, as well as political or civil appointed posts if he/she is not a citizen of the Republic of Armenia,

b) use its official post held in the state governmental and local self-governing bodies of the Republic of Armenia to the benefit of the interests of the Party.

By the decision of the Political Board of the Party, the Party members may have other restrictions of rights to be elected the Head of the Party, its Regional and Structural Subdivisions and in Supervisory Bodies.

10.9 The Party affiliation of the Party member shall cease,

- a) according to his/her application on withdrawal from the Party,
- b) in the event of removal from the Party,
- c) on the grounds envisaged by Clause 15.6 of this Charter,
- d) in case of his/her death
- e) in case of liquidation of the Party.

10.10 The following types of incentive measures may applied to the Party member for the excellent fulfillment of his/her party duties and special tasks:

a) declaring appreciation,

- b) removing disciplinary penalty,
- c) lump-sum monetary remuneration,

d) souvenir reward

10.11 The following disciplinary penalties may be applied to the Party member for nonobservance of the requirements of the Charter of the Party or the decisions of Superior Bodies, displaying behaviour indecent for the Party member, defaming the honor and goodwill of the Party, committing a criminally-prosecuted act, nonfulfillment or improper performance of the Party tasks for inexcusable reasons, as well as in other cases not envisaged by the Political Board of the Party:

a) warning,

b) reprimand,

c) severe reprimand,

d) termination of membership of the Political Board, Regional, Community and Governing Bodies of the Primary Organizations of the Party,

e) expulsion from the Party.

10.12 The procedure of application of incentive measures and disciplinary penalties in respect of the Party members shall be defined by the Political Board of the Party

#### 11. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE OF THE PARTY MEMBERS

11.1 Registration of the Party members shall be made by:

a) the Secretary of the Board of the Regional Organization,

b) the Secretary of the Political Board of the Party

11.2 For the registration of the Party members, personal registration cards of the Party members shall be created in the Regional Organizations which shall contain the following information about the Party member:

a) current registration number and registration month, day and year,

b) first, last and father's name,

c) age (month, day and year of birth) and sex

d) address of the permanent residence and telephone numbers,

e) education,

f) place of work,

g) the name of the Regional Organization of the Party where the given Party member is registered,

h) other additional information, if desired.

11.3 The respective information shall be registered in the registration card of the Party member within seven days upon the Party affiliation.

11.4 The Secretary of the Regional Organizations of the Party shall provide the data about the registration of the Party members recorded in the regional registers to the Secretary of the Political Board of the Party within 10 days upon registration thereof via electronic media who shall draw up the common register of the registration of the Party members.

11.5 In case of making any changes and/or supplements in the registration card of the Party member, as well as membership of new members and suspension or termination of the membership, respective changes and supplements shall be made in the regional and common registers of the registration of the Party members in the same procedure.

### 12. NOMINATION AND CANCELLATION OF THE PARTY CANDIDATES IN THE ELECTIVE POSTS

12.1 To be elected (appointed) in the elective posts of state government and local selfgoverning bodies of the Republic of Armenia, as well as in the political or civil appointed posts, the Party candidates may be nominated by the Political Board of the Party at its own initiative and/or at the request of the Governing Bodies of the Party.

12.2 The Political Board of the Party may nominate a candidate for the President of the Republic or adopt a decision in favour of any nominated candidate.

12.3 The qualification of the candidates approved by the Political Board of the Party shall be made in the same manner.

#### **13. PROCEDURE OF SETTLEMENT OF INTERPARTY DISPUTES**

13.1 Interparty disputes shall be settled in a judicial procedure. If any of the disputing parties disagrees to the decision adopted by the Superior Body, then this decision may be appealed with the Political Board of the Party and, if necessary, also with the Congress of the Party.

13.2 Only the decision regarding the ideology, viewpoints, positions, program and charter of the Party as well as those related to the Party candidates for the elective posts may be appealed with the Congress of the Party.

13.3 The appeal of the decision in a judicial procedure shall not release the disputing parties from the fulfillment of the obligations vested in them.

#### 14. PROPERTY AND FUNDS OF THE PARTY

14.1 The property of the Party shall be formed out of the membership fees, contributions, the activity implemented in the prescribed manner and other sources not prohibited by Law.

14.2 The Party shall be the owner of the property received by the Party, as well as the property created and/or acquired at its own means.

14.3 The party member shall not have an ownership right to the property owned by the party and/or its part and shall be responsible for the obligations of the party. The Party shall be responsible for the obligations of its members.

14.4 The Governing Bodies, Regional and Structural Subdivisions of the Party shall manage and use the property granted by the Party within the limits and in the manner envisaged by the Political Board of the Party.

- 14.5 The funds of the Party shall be formed from:
- a) membership fees
- b) contributions envisaged by law
- c) budget financing stipulated by the law,
- d) political-legal transactions and other operations not prohibited by the Law.

14.6 The Party may by virtue of ownership own constructions (buildings), monetary, transportation means and other property required for the fulfillment of the program and statutory tasks.

14.7 The property of the Party and funds shall be managed by the Party President or the Political Board of the Party and Regional Organizations of the Party, if authorized by him as per the estimate and procedures approved by the Political Board of the Party.

# 15. PROCEDURE OF REORGANIZATION AND/OR LIQUIDATION OF THE PARTY

15.1 Reorganization and/or liquidation of the Party may occur by the decision of the Congress of the Party in compliance with the Legislation of the Republic of Armenia and in the manner prescribed by this Charter. The Party may be reorganized (merged, united, divided, separated) only into another Party (parties).

15.2 The Political Board of the Party or at least 1/3 of the deputies of the Congress of the Party may submit a proposal as to the reorganization and/or liquidation of the Party.

15.3 The decision about the reorganization and/or liquidation of the Party shall be adopted by the majority of a total number of votes of the deputies of the Congress of the Party.

15.4 In the event the Congress adopts a decision about the reorganization of the Party, an Interim Committee shall be created which shall implement the affairs related to the reorganization of the Party and as envisaged by the decision of the Congress.

15.5 In the event the Congress adopts a decision about the liquidation of the Party, a Liquidation Committee shall be formed which shall manage the property and funds of the Party in the manner prescribed by the Legislation, as well as fulfill the operations related to the liquidation of the Party. In this case, the remaining property upon the liquidation of the Party shall be transferred to the public organization or foundation registered in the Republic of Armenia or to the Republic of Armenia by the decision of the Congress of the Party.

15.6 In the event the Congress rejects the proposal as to the liquidation of the company, the membership of the Party member making a proposal about the liquidation shall cease upon the adoption of the decision thereabout and, whenever necessary, new elections shall be held.

15.7 The Party shall also be liquidated in the cases and procedure provided for by the Law.

Appendix 1 Charter of "Prosperous Armenia" Party

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Appendix 2 Charter of "Prosperous Armenia" Party

Coloured image of the Flag of "Prosperous Armenia" Party

