

CONSTITUTION OF THE

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Preamble:

Canada endures because ordinary people keep choosing to build it together: across regions, across languages, across the line between those who own a business and those who work for one. The Common Good Party exists because we believe that choice is being made harder than it needs to be, by concentrated economic power on one side and by politics that sorts citizens into competing categories on the other.

We believe in economic common sense: a country strong enough to keep its essential industries, infrastructure, and services working for the people who depend on them, not simply for the shareholders who trade them. We believe the returns of shared national wealth belong to the citizens who built it. We believe markets work best when they are genuinely competitive, and worst when a handful of firms are allowed to become the market.

We believe in social justice measured in outcomes, not slogans: a country where healthcare, housing, and education are guaranteed as public goods, and where the small business, the family farm, and the independent tradesperson are protected rather than swallowed, by the state or by monopoly alike.

We believe in a sovereign identity: a Canada confident enough in its institutions, its two official languages, and its regions to set its own course, and open enough to welcome newcomers on the same terms as it asks loyalty of everyone else.

We believe in freedom: the right to speak, to dissent, to hold cash, to move through daily life without a mandatory digital identity, and to organize, whether in a union hall, a co-op, a farmers' association, or a small business chamber, without the government or any party treating that organization as a threat.

We believe every member and every candidate should be judged on what they bring, not on the category they belong to. We do not allocate rights, positions, or privileges by group identity, majority or minority. We do believe some structures must reflect Canada's real geography and history, including the distinct federal jurisdiction organizing needs of Quebec, and the legitimate role of organized labour, farm groups, co-operatives, and business associations as institutions, not as identities.

We believe that internal democracy must have teeth: that members should be able to force a vote when leadership will not, that grassroots organizers should be able to check a runaway bylaw, and that no one should occupy a position of power within our own party indefinitely, no matter how well-intentioned.

This Governance Framework is how we intend to govern ourselves: with the Convention as the supreme authority, with an independent Committee to keep our platform honest to our own resolutions, with entrenched principles that cannot be quietly abandoned by a single leader, a single Convention, or a single season of convenience, and with direct, workable tools for members to hold every level of this party accountable between Conventions.

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PART B

BYLAW #1

ARTICLE I

INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 "Party" or "CGP"

means The Common Good Party of Canada, also registered in French as "Parti du Bien Commun" (abbreviated "PBC"). Both names have equal legal and constitutional status; neither is a mere translation of the other. The Party's bilingual short form is presented as "CGP-PBC" in materials primarily in English and as "PBC-CGP" in materials primarily in French, per the presentation convention in Part F, Article 9.11. The Party is referred to throughout these instruments as the "CGP" for ease of recognition, without diminishing the equal status of the French name "PBC."

1.2 "CNCA" or "the Act"

means the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, the federal statute under which the CGP is incorporated.

1.3 "CEA"

means the Canada Elections Act, the federal statute governing the registration and financing of political parties, administered by Elections Canada.

1.4 "CHRA"

means the Canadian Human Rights Act.

1.5 "EDA"

means an Electoral District Association, the CGP's local organization for a federal electoral district (also called a riding association).

1.6 "AGM"

means an Annual General Meeting.

1.7 "Convention"

means the assembly of delegates, the supreme governing body.

1.8 "Federal Council"

means the body governing between Conventions.

1.9 "Leader"

means the political leader of the CGP.

1.10 "Committee"

means the Resolutions Compliance Committee (Part G).

1.11 "Member"

means an individual member of the CGP in good standing.

1.12 "Policy-based working committee"

means a working committee organized around a policy or issue area under Part F, Article 10)

1.13 "Affiliated Organization"

means an organization admitted to affiliated membership under Article 3A.

1.14 "Quebec Section"

means the body established under Article 13.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND ENTRENCHED PRINCIPLES

2.1 PURPOSE: The purpose of the CGP is to participate in Canadian federal elections and to advance its founding principles: Economic Common Sense, Social Justice, Sovereign Identity, and Freedom, as set out in the Party Program.

2.2 ENTRENCHED PRINCIPLES:

(a) Strategic Public Ownership:

the dominant banking, telecommunications, energy-extraction, rail, and grocery enterprises (the "Strategic Five") shall be held in public ownership for the public benefit and not privatized.

(b) Citizen Dividend:

public returns from publicly owned strategic enterprises shall fund a Citizen Dividend and universal public services, not private shareholders.

(c) Non-Market Essential Services:

healthcare, housing, education, and comparable essential services shall be provided on a public or nonprofit, non-market basis; privatization of these is prohibited as policy.

(d) Anti-Monopoly Mandate:

the CGP shall restore fair competition and prevent domination of markets by concentrated corporate or financial power.

(e) Small and Family Enterprise Shield:

small and family enterprises are protected from nationalization; entrepreneurs retain what they build.

(f) Democratic and Civil-Liberties Guarantee:

the right to cash, the right to live without a mandatory digital identity, privacy, and freedom of expression consistent with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms shall be defended.

(g) Equal Treatment and Individual Rights:

the CGP affirms that the government should treat citizens as individuals possessing equal rights, not as members of groups to whom rights or benefits are allocated by group identity. The CGP opposes the granting of legal privilege or disadvantage to any person on the basis of group identity, whether majority or minority. This principle is applied consistently with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Canadian Human Rights Act (CHRA), and Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, and with the CGP's commitment to equal opportunity for all regardless of background. Internally, the CGP shall not adopt quotas or positions reserved by group identity. For certainty, jurisdictional structures (such as the Quebec Section, Article 13), sector-neutral organizational categories (such as Affiliated Organizations, Article 3A), and Aboriginal and treaty rights recognized and affirmed under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 — including Indigenous self-government, treaty implementation, and collective land, resource, or governance arrangements arising from those rights — are not "group identity" allocations within the meaning of this subsection, provided they operate on the terms set out in those Articles or as otherwise required by law, consistent with the certification standard in Part G, Article 3.4(b).

2.3 FOUNDING MISSION:

These entrenchments preserve the founding mission and prevent mission drift over time.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

3.1 QUALIFICATION: Open to every resident of Canada who supports the CGP's principles and is not a member of another federal party.

3.2 DEFINITION: Members are voting members, exercising rights through their EDA and through delegates to Convention.

3.3 RIGHTS: Member rights are governed by this Bylaw and Part F.

ARTICLE IIIA

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

3A.1 QUALIFICATION: Affiliated membership is open to any incorporated or unincorporated organization (including unions, co-operatives, farm and agricultural associations, small business associations, and professional bodies) that, by official act, undertakes to support the CGP's founding principles and is not affiliated with any other federal party.

3A.2 APPLICATION: An application for affiliation is made to the Federal Council and must include (a) evidence of the organization's official act of support, and (b) a count of the organization's members who are also individual CGP members in good standing.

3A.3 ENTITLEMENT: No category of organization (including labour, business, or agricultural) receives a dedicated officer position, reserved Council seats, or any representation greater than that calculated under the neutral formula in Article 3A.4. This ensures affiliation reflects organizational support for the CGP, not group-identity allocation under Article 2.2(g).

3A.4. REPRESENTATION: Delegate and Council representation for Affiliated Organizations is calculated by the same membership-based formula applied to EDAs (Part F, Art. 3.3), applied identically regardless of the affiliate's sector.

3A.5. SUBMISSIONS: An Affiliated Organization may submit resolutions under Part F, Art. 5.2, and may recognize itself, or be recognized, as a policy-based working committee under Part F, Art. 10, if it organizes around policy rather than identity.

3A.6. WAIVERS: The Federal Council may waive Article 3A.2(a) where it deems just cause

ARTICLE IV

CONVENTION

4.1 AUTHORITY: The Convention is supreme and has final authority over constitution, program, policy, and leadership.

4.2 MEETINGS: The Convention meets at least once every two calendar years.

4.3 RULES: Notice, Composition, delegate entitlement quorum, and procedure: Part F.

4.4. OBLIGATIONS: Between Conventions, the Federal Council governs consistent with Convention decisions and may not act contrary to a passed resolution or a binding referendum result (Article 14).

ARTICLE V

THE LEADER

5.1 DEFINITION: The Leader is the political leader and principal spokesperson.

5.2 VOTING: Elected by secret ballot in a process open to all members (Part F, Art. 6).

5.3 ACCOUNTABILITY: Accountability and removal (Part F, Art. 7):

(a) at each non-leadership Convention, a secret-ballot vote on whether to call a leadership election, and automatically following a federal election in which the CGP does not form government;

(b) if 50% + 1 of delegates voting support it, an election within 6 months;

(c) review may be triggered between Conventions by one-third of EDAs across a majority of provinces.

5A.4. RESPONSIBILITY: The Leader is responsible for the platform, subject to certification by the Committee (Part G).

ARTICLE VI

FEDERAL COUNCIL

6.1 PURPOSE: Governs between Conventions, subject to Convention supremacy.

6.2 COMPOSITION: Composition per Part F, Art. 8.

6.3 DUTIES: May issue policy/election statements consistent with Convention decisions; may not contradict passed resolutions, binding referenda (Article 14), or Entrenched Principles.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS

7.1 ROLES: Leader; President (presiding officer); Vice-President; Treasurer; National Director (duties in Part F, Art. 9).

7.2 DETERMINATION: Elected or ratified by Convention, except the National Director (appointed by Council).

7.3 ACCOUNTABILITY: The President presides but holds no unilateral power over the Leader, Council, or Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

RESOLUTIONS COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

8.1 PURPOSE: Established under Part G to certify platform/program compliance with passed resolutions and Entrenched Principles before publication.

8.2 ELIGIBILITY: Elected by Convention delegates; independent of Leader, officers, and staff.

8.3 ARBITRATION: The Convention is the final arbiter of any impasse, subject to the Entrenched Principle carve-outs in Part G.

ARTICLE IX

RIDING ASSOCIATIONS

9.1 RIGHTS: EDAs are the primary local organizations through which member rights are exercised (Part O).

ARTICLE X

SIGNING AUTHORITY

10.1 SIGNING OFFICERS: President, Treasurer, National Director, and others Council designates.

10.2 COMMITMENTS: Commitments up to \$20,000 may be made by one signing officer; commitments above \$20,000 require two signing officers.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENT

11.1 DETERMINATION: Ordinary constitutional/bylaw amendments require two-thirds of delegates present and voting.

11.2 ENTRENCHED PRINCIPLES: Amendments to entrenched principles (Art. 2.2, subsections (a)-(g)) require BOTH: (a) 75% at one Convention; AND (b) 75% ratification at the next ordinary Convention. Failure of either defeats the amendment. No such amendment may be proposed more than once in any 4-year period.

11.3 RULES: Election rules, financial regulations, and arbitration rules: simple majority.

11.4 EXCEPTIONS: Amendments to Article 3A (Affiliated Organizations) or Article 13 (Quebec Section) require two-thirds of delegates present and voting, per Article 11.1, and are not Entrenched Principles.

ARTICLE XII

PUBLIC ACCESS

12.1 Filed with Corporations Canada and publicly accessible.

ARTICLE XIII

QUEBEC SECTION

13.1 INTRODUCTION: There shall be a Quebec Section of the CGP, operating under a Council-approved constitution consistent with this Bylaw (Appendix Q1), to carry out the CGP's work in the federal electoral jurisdiction in Quebec.

13.2 PURPOSE: The Quebec Section exists to reflect Quebec's distinct legal and electoral environment, not to allocate rights or positions by identity. Membership in the Quebec Section remains open to every resident of Quebec on the same terms as Article 3 of this Bylaw.

13.3 DEFINITION: Where this Bylaw refers to an EDA or provincial structure and the context concerns Quebec, it shall be read to include the Quebec Section, except where this Article specifically provides otherwise.

13.4 ENTITLEMENT: Nothing in this Article creates a reserved office, delegate credential, or Council seat allocated on the basis of language or identity. Any additional representation for the Quebec Section on the Federal Council shall be calculated by the same membership-based formula applied to other regions (Part F, Art. 8.2(b)), not by linguistic designation.

13.5 RECOGNITION: The CGP may recognize a distinct provincial-jurisdiction party in Quebec operating consistently with the CGP's founding principles (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 2), governed by its own constitution and this Article only.

13.6 DISPUTE RESOLUTION: In the event of dispute as to whether an organization is or is not the recognized Quebec Section in good standing, the Federal Council is empowered to rule, subject to appeal to Convention.

13.7 LEGALITY: Bilingual Identity. The Quebec Section operates under the CGP's French name, "Parti du Bien Commun," and may present itself publicly in Quebec as "Le Parti du Bien Commun du Canada — Section Québec" or under the short form "PBC-CGP" (Part F, Art. 9.11). This does not make the Quebec Section a distinct legal entity from the CGP, except as Article 13.5 separately provides.

ARTICLE XIV

REFERENDA

14.1 PURPOSE: This Article gives members a direct, binding mechanism to decide a matter of Party policy or governance between Conventions, without requiring National Council or Convention initiative alone.

14.2 INITIATION: A referendum of the membership may be initiated by: (a) a petition submitted to the Federal Council, signed by not less than five percent (5%) of members in each of at least five (5) provinces; (b) a motion passed by a Convention, on notice given in advance in the manner set out in the Convention's rules and procedures (Part I); or (c) a motion passed by the Federal Council by a two-thirds majority vote, on notice given in advance as set out by Council rule.

14.3 PETITION VALIDITY: Only members in good standing for at least twenty-one (21) days are eligible to sign a petition under 14.2(a). All signatures for a single petition must be collected within a ninety (90) day period, and organizers must notify the Federal Council in writing of the date collection begins. The Federal Council determines the validity of any petition, subject to appeal to the Arbitration Committee (Part H).

14.4 CONDUCT: On receipt of a valid petition, or a qualifying Convention or Council motion, the Federal Council shall conduct the referendum by secret ballot within one hundred and twenty (120) days, using rules and procedures designed to ensure a fair, secure, and auditable process, consistent with the identification standards in Part F, Article 13.

14.5 FORM OF QUESTION: Every referendum question must be framed as a resolution, stated in neutral language, and reviewed by the Resolutions Compliance Committee (Part G) for consistency with Article 14.7 before the question is finalized.

14.6 THRESHOLD: A referendum result is binding only if at least one-third (1/3) of the membership cast a ballot, the resolution receives at least two-thirds (2/3) of votes cast, and a majority of votes cast in each of a majority of individual provinces. For this purpose, the territories together constitute one province.

14.7 ENTRENCHED PRINCIPLES EXCLUDED: A referendum under this Article may not amend, suspend, or override an Entrenched Principle (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 2.2). Any referendum question that would do so is invalid and the Federal Council shall decline to proceed with it, subject to appeal to Convention. Only the double-supermajority process (Art. 11.2) may alter an Entrenched Principle.

14.8 EFFECT: A binding referendum result under this Article has the same binding effect on the Federal Council as a passed Convention resolution (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 4.4; Part F, Art. 5.3), and is reported in the Compliance Committee's next transparency report (Part G, Art. 5).

14.9 FREQUENCY LIMIT: No substantially similar referendum question may be put to members more than once in any twenty-four (24) month period, absent a two-thirds vote of Convention to permit an earlier repeat.

ARTICLE XV

TERM LIMITS

15.1 DURATION: No individual may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in any one of the following capacities: Federal Council member (Part F, Art. 8), Officer (Part F, Art. 9), Resolutions Compliance Committee member (Part G, Art. 2), or Arbitration Committee member (Part H, Art. 2).

15.2 RESIGNATION: For purposes of this Article, an initial period served through a byelection or interim appointment to fill a vacancy does not count as a term, but a term ended by resignation before its scheduled expiry counts as a full term.

15.3 BREAKS: This Article does not limit the number of terms a member may serve after a break of at least one full term in that capacity.

15.4 LEADER EXCEPTION: This Article does not apply to the Leader, whose tenure is governed exclusively by Bylaw No. 1, Article 5 and Part F, Articles 6-7.

PART C

GOVERNANCE PROVISIONS

ARTICLE I

DUTIES

1.1. OBLIGATIONS: Every director and officer shall (a) act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the CGP; and (b) exercise the care, diligence, and skill of a reasonably prudent person, as required by the CNCA.

ARTICLE II

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

2.1 DISCLOSURE: A director or officer with a material interest shall disclose it as required by the CNCA and shall not vote on it except as the Act permits; recorded in the minutes.

2.2 DESIGNATION: Applies to officers, Federal Council members, and Committee members acting as directors or officers.

ARTICLE III

INDEMNIFICATION

3.1 The CGP shall indemnify directors, officers, former directors/officers, and others acting at its request, to the fullest extent permitted by the CNCA, where they acted honestly and in good faith and, in penal proceedings, had reasonable grounds to believe their conduct lawful.

ARTICLE IV

LIMITATION

4.1 Nothing here limits other rights to indemnity or relieves liability the Act does not permit to be relieved.

PART D

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I

FISCAL YEAR

1.1 The fiscal year of the CGP ends on December 31 each year.

ARTICLE II

CHIEF AGENT

2.1 The CGP appoints a Chief Agent as required by the CEA, responsible for financial transactions and returns to Elections Canada.

2.2 Registered agents may be appointed as the CEA permits.

2.3 The Chief Agent ensures compliance with contribution limits, eligibility, receipting, and reporting.

2.4 Appointed by the Federal Council and removable by it, subject to the CEA.

ARTICLE III

CONTRIBUTIONS AND FEES

3.1. Membership fees are recorded separately from political contributions.

3.2 Only eligible contributions within CEA limits are accepted; others are returned or remitted as the CEA requires.

3.3 Receipts issued only as permitted by law.

3.4 Cash payment of fees preserved where lawful, consistent with CGP principles.

3.5 Contributions or remittances from Affiliated Organizations (Article 3A) are accepted and reported only to the extent the CEA permits organizational contributions or remittances; where the CEA restricts such contributions, the Chief Agent shall ensure compliance, including by declining or returning non-compliant funds.

3.6 No expenditure authorized by the Federal Council, an Officer, or any CGP body may be, in substance, a subsidy to an individual member, Officer, or Federal Council member unrelated to advancing the electoral or political interests of the CGP. This Article does not prohibit reasonable expense reimbursement (Part F, Art. 8.8) or lawful remuneration disclosed under Part D, Article 6.

ARTICLE IV

BANKING AND SIGNING

4.1 Accounts at a Council-designated institution; signing per Bylaw No.1, Art.10.

ARTICLE V

REMITTANCE

5.1 Funds received for another part of the CGP are remitted promptly; transfers comply with the CEA. This includes funds received on behalf of the Quebec Section (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 13).

ARTICLE VI

RECORDS, AUDIT, REPORTING

6.1 Complete records kept per the CNCA and Income Tax Act.

6.2 Auditor appointed where required; statements audited/reviewed accordingly.

6.3 Returns filed with Elections Canada on time.

6.4 Financial report presented to Convention (reviewed by auditors).

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENT

7.1 Amendable by simple majority of delegates, provided no conflict with the CEA, Income Tax Act, or CNCA.

PART E

DISSOLUTION AND WINDING-UP

ARTICLE I

DECISION

1.1 The CGP may be dissolved or merged by a three-quarters majority of delegates at Convention, confirmed by a ratification vote open to all members, per the CNCA and the CEA.

1.2 The decision shall address deregistration under the CEA and surplus-fund handling as that Act requires.

ARTICLE II

DISTRIBUTION

2.1 After payment of debts, remaining property is dealt with as the CEA requires and otherwise distributed to qualified recipients permitted by law, as Convention determines.

2.2 No property is distributed to members for personal benefit except as law permits.

ARTICLE III

RECORDS

3.1 Records retained and disposed of as the CNCA and CEA require.

PART F

CONVENTION AND DELEGATE RULES

ARTICLE I

CONVENTIONS

1.1 Two kinds: Biennial Conventions and Special Conventions.

1.2 A Biennial Convention is held at least once every other calendar year at a time and place set by the Federal Council.

1.3 A Special Convention may be called by the Federal Council, or on the written request of a majority of EDAs across a majority of provinces and territories.

1.4 Notice of a Biennial Convention is sent to every EDA and eligible body at least 90 days before; Special Convention notice is set by Council but reasonable.

ARTICLE II

AUTHORITY OF CONVENTION

2.1 Supreme governing body; final authority over constitution, program, policy, and leadership.

2.2 Elects the Federal Council, the officers (or ratifies them), and the members of the Resolutions Compliance Committee.

2.3 Receives and adopts reports, including the audited financial report and the Committee's annual transparency report.

ARTICLE III

DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT

3.1 Each delegate is an individual member in good standing with one vote.

3.2 Credentials are calculated on membership lists as at the end of the previous membership year, or 90 days before the Convention, whichever is greater.

3.3 EDA delegates: (a) one delegate for 25 members or fewer; (b) one additional per further 25 members or major fraction; (c) one reserved youth credential.

3.4 The youth section and recognized policy-based working committees receive delegates as set by Council and ratified by Convention.

3.5 Entitled to credentials: all former Leaders; all caucus members; all Federal Council members; and Compliance Committee members.

3.6 The Federal Council may, by resolution, adjust the delegate-to-member ratio in Article 3.3 within a range of one delegate per 25 to one delegate per 75 members, to keep Conventions of a workable size as membership grows. Any such adjustment is reported to and may be varied by the next Convention, and does not require a constitutional amendment.

3.7 Affiliated Organizations (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 3A) and the Quebec Section (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 13) receive delegate credentials calculated under Article 3A.4 and Article 13 respectively, and are not subject to Article 3.3's EDA-specific formula except as those Articles direct.

1.1 Two kinds: Biennial Conventions and Special Conventions.

ARTICLE IV

QUORUM AND VOTING

- 4.1 Quorum: not fewer than one-third of registered delegates.
- 4.2 Simple majority decides except where a greater majority is required.
- 4.3 Constitutional amendments: two-thirds. Entrenched Principle amendments: double 75% across two Conventions (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 11.2). Dissolution/merger: three-quarters plus member ratification (Part E). Referenda: per Bylaw No. 1, Article 14.6.

ARTICLE V

RESOLUTIONS

- 5.1 Headquarters must receive resolutions at least 60 days before the Convention.
- 5.2 Submitted by: EDAs; recognized policy-based working committees; the youth section; Federal Council; Councils of EDAs; standing committees; Affiliated Organizations (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 3A); and the Quebec Section (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 13).
- 5.3 Passed resolutions bind the Federal Council and inform the platform, subject to certification by the Compliance Committee (Part G).

ARTICLE VI

LEADERSHIP SELECTION

- 6.1 Elected by secret ballot in a process open to every member.
- 6.2 Every member may cast a ballot.
- 6.3 Lowest-vote candidates drop off in successive rounds until one receives 50% + 1 of votes cast in that round.
- 6.4 The Federal Council sets additional guidelines.
- 6.5 On vacancy, the Council, in consultation with caucus, may appoint an interim Leader until an election.
- 6.6 Votes cast in a leadership election are counted using the national and provincial threshold procedure in Part F, Article 15.

ARTICLE VII

LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND REMOVAL

- 7.1 At each non-leadership Convention, a secret-ballot vote on whether to call a leadership election. In addition, at the first Convention following a federal general election in which the CGP does not form government, a secret-ballot leadership review vote shall automatically be placed before delegates, unless the Leader has, before the Convention begins, given irrevocable written notice of an intention to resign.
- 7.2 If 50% + 1 of delegates voting support it, an election is held within 6 months.
- 7.3 Between Conventions, a review may be triggered by one-third of EDAs across a majority of provinces, compelling a delegate ballot by mail or electronic means.
- 7.4 Delegates, not any officer or committee, hold the power to remove the Leader.

ARTICLE VIII

FEDERAL COUNCIL

8.1 Governs between Conventions, subject to Convention supremacy; may not contradict passed resolutions, binding referenda (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 14), or Entrenched Principles.

8.2 Composition: (a) the officers; (b) 11 regional representatives, elected by regional caucuses of delegates and ratified by Convention, selected on the basis of merit and the free choice of each region's delegates, without quotas; (c) representatives of recognized policy-based working committees, elected on merit by Convention and ratified, where such committees are organized around policy areas rather than group identity; (d) 3 youth representatives, selected by the youth section; (e) 1 representative of the Quebec Section (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 13), elected by the Quebec Section's own delegates at Convention and ratified by Convention; (f) up to 2 representatives of Affiliated Organizations (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 3A), elected by a caucus of affiliate delegates at Convention and ratified by Convention, apportioned among sectors only by the neutral formula in Article 3A.4, never by reserved sector.

8.3 Meets at least twice per calendar year; quorum one-third; a member missing 2 successive meetings without justification is deemed resigned.

8.4 Fills Convention-elected vacancies until the next Convention ratifies/elects a replacement.

8.5 Suspension. The Federal Council, on approval of a majority of its current voting membership present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose, may suspend a Federal Council member whose conduct is judged improper, unbecoming, or likely to adversely affect the interest or reputation of the Federal Council, the Leader, or the CGP.

8.6 Removal. The Federal Council, on approval of two-thirds (2/3) of its current voting membership present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose, may remove a Federal Council member on the same grounds as Article 8.5.

8.7 Adjudication. Any dispute concerning the imposition, continuance, or revocation of a suspension or removal under Articles 8.5-8.6 shall be referred to a panel of the Arbitration Committee (Part H), whose decision is final and binding. Pending that decision, a suspended member's Council rights are stayed but their term continues to run for purposes of Bylaw No. 1, Article 15.

8.8 Members of the Federal Council shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while fulfilling their responsibilities, subject to Part D, Article 3.6.

ARTICLE IX

OFFICERS AND DUTIES

9.1 Officers: Leader; President (presiding officer); Vice-President; Treasurer; National Director.

9.2 Leader: per Articles 6-7 and Bylaw No. 1, Article 5.

9.3 President: presides over Convention and the corporation; chairs Council; no unilateral power over Leader, Council, or Committee; elected by delegates.

9.4 Vice-President: supports and substitutes for the President.

9.5 Treasurer: oversees finances with the National Director and Chief Agent per Part D.

9.6 National Director: chief administrative officer; appointed and ratified by Council; runs day-to-day administration.

9.7 Officers are elected or appointed on the basis of merit and ability, with equal opportunity for every member regardless of background. The CGP does not apply quotas or group-based allocation of positions. Selection is made by the free choice of delegates or members, consistent with the CGP's commitment to a fair, meritocratic process.

9.8 Officers' emergency decisions between meetings are subject to Council approval.

9.9 Functional Bilingual Capacity. The CGP shall ensure that at all times at least one Officer is functionally capable of conducting Party business and public communications in French. This is a functional operating requirement of the office, to be considered by delegates in exercising their free choice under Article 9.7, and does not constitute a reserved position by identity under Bylaw No. 1, Art. 2.2(g).

9.10 All governing constitutional documents of the CGP shall be published in both official languages of Canada.

9.11 Bilingual Identity Presentation. The Party's bilingual name and logo shall be presented as "CGP-PBC" in materials primarily directed outside Quebec or primarily in English, and as "PBC-CGP" in materials primarily directed within Quebec, the Quebec Section, or primarily in French, at the National Director's direction, applied consistently and without preference for either language in substance. This Article governs presentation only and does not affect the equal legal status of either name established by Bylaw No. 1, Art. 1.1.

9.12 Officer Succession.

(a) If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall automatically assume the functions of President for the remainder of the term, pending ratification by the Federal Council at its next meeting.

(b) A person who has resigned or been removed from the office of President may not be appointed to fill a subsequent vacancy in that office without being re-elected to it by Convention.

(c) If a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice-President, Treasurer, or National Director, the Federal Council shall promptly appoint a member to assume the functions of the vacant office for the remainder of the term, consistent with Bylaw No. 1, Article 5.2(g)/Part F, Article 8.4.

(d) An appointment under this Article to fill the remainder of a term is not counted as a full term for purposes of Bylaw No. 1, Article 15.

ARTICLE X

POLICY BASED WORKING COMMITTEES

10.1 The CGP may recognize working committees organized around policy areas (for example, healthcare, economic sovereignty, housing, or competition policy).

10.2 Working committees are organized around policy and issue areas, not around group identity, consistent with the CGP's principles of meritocracy and equal opportunity for all members regardless of background.

10.3 Membership is open to any member in good standing wishing to contribute.

10.4 Recognition requires Federal Council approval and an annual report. A recognized committee may submit resolutions (Art. 5.2) and elect a representative to Council (Art. 8.2(c)).

ARTICLE XI

RULES OF PROCEDURE

11.1 Plenary and committee sessions follow the Rules of Procedure (Part I).

11.2 In unregulated matters, the Chair may apply generally accepted meeting procedure consistent with the CNCA and the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII

GRASSROOTS BYLAW REVIEW

12.1 Any bylaw enacted by the Federal Council under its rule-making authority takes effect on the date of enactment and shall be circulated to all EDA presidents, the Quebec Section, and all Affiliated Organizations within seven (7) days of enactment.

12.2 If written objection (by email or hard copy) is received by the Federal Council, within thirty (30) days of circulation, from more than the number of EDA presidents equal to five percent (5%) of all recognized EDAs, the bylaw is deemed repealed as of the date the threshold is met.

12.3 The Federal Council may instead propose a bylaw directly to a Convention; a bylaw approved by a simple majority of delegates voting is not subject to subsequent repeal under this Article.

12.4 This Article does not apply to rules or procedures the Federal Council adopts solely for the internal conduct of its own meetings, which remain subject only to Part F, Article 8, and Part I.

12.5 A bylaw repealed under this Article may be re-proposed only in amended form, or after a period of not less than six (6) months, unless Convention directs otherwise.

ARTICLE XIII

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

13.1 To exercise a right to vote under this Governance Framework, including at an EDA meeting, in delegate selection, in a leadership election, or in a referendum under Bylaw No. 1, Article 14, a member must provide: (a) one original piece of government-issued identification containing the member's photograph, name, and address; or

(b) two original pieces of identification, one containing the member's photograph and one containing the member's address, each also containing the member's name.

13.2 The returning officer or equivalent presiding official may, in their discretion, waive a specific requirement of Article 13.1 where exceptional circumstances warrant, including hardship, disability, or lack of access to qualifying identification, and shall record the reason for any waiver.

13.3 The Federal Council may by bylaw set out further procedures for remote or electronic identity verification consistent with this Article, subject to Article 12 (Grassroots Bylaw Review).

ARTICLE XIV

PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS LIAISON COMMITTEE

14.1 Upon the CGP first electing one or more members to the House of Commons or the Senate, the Federal Council and the parliamentary caucus shall establish a standing liaison committee with equal representation from each body, or such other composition as the Federal Council and the caucus jointly ratify.

14.2 The liaison committee's role is to facilitate communication and coordination between the Federal Council and the parliamentary caucus. It has no independent decision-making authority and does not displace the Federal Council's authority under Bylaw No. 1, Article 6, or the Compliance Committee's certification authority under Part G.

14.3 Until the CGP has elected members under Article 14.1, this Article is held in reserve and has no operative effect.

ARTICLE XV

LEADERSHIP VOTE: NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL THRESHOLDS

15.1 Purpose. This Article ensures that a leadership vote, and any referendum conducted under Bylaw No. 1, Article 14, reflects the CGP's geographic breadth, using the same dual-threshold standard already established for referenda (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 14.6), rather than a separate riding-by-riding points system. This avoids maintaining two different fairness mechanisms for two different kinds of party-wide votes.

15.2 National count. Every member entitled to vote casts one vote, counted nationally on a one-member-one-vote basis. Where more than two leadership contestants stand, counting proceeds by preferential ballot: the contestant with the fewest national votes is eliminated after each count, and that contestant's ballots are redistributed nationally according to the next-ranked preference, until one contestant holds a majority of votes cast in that count.

15.3 Provincial threshold. To be declared the winner, a contestant must, in the same final count in which they achieve a majority under Article 15.2, also receive a majority of votes cast in each of a majority of individual provinces. For this purpose, the three territories together constitute one province, consistent with Bylaw No. 1, Article 14.6.

15.4 Resolving a threshold failure. If the contestant who achieves a national majority under Article 15.2 does not also satisfy the provincial threshold in Article 15.3 in the same count, the count continues (with further eliminations and redistributions under Article 15.2) until a single contestant satisfies both thresholds simultaneously. If only two contestants remain and neither satisfies both thresholds simultaneously, the contestant with the higher national vote total is declared the winner, and the Chief Electoral Officer shall publish both the national and province-by-province results in full.

15.5 Chief Electoral Officer. The Federal Council shall jointly appoint, with the Resolutions Compliance Committee (Part G), a Chief Electoral Officer to administer every leadership vote and every referendum under Bylaw No. 1, Article 14. The Chief Electoral Officer:

- (a) must act independently of the Federal Council, the Leader, and every leadership contestant or referendum campaign;
- (b) is responsible for registration procedures, balloting arrangements, and adjudication of disputes over eligibility to vote or accreditation as a contestant, subject to appeal to the Arbitration Committee (Part H);
- (c) shall publish registration and voting procedures at least 27 days before the vote; and
- (d) shall not be a sitting Officer, Federal Council member, Compliance Committee member, or candidate, and is subject to the term limit in Bylaw No. 1, Article 15.

15.6 Emergency and referendum ballots. The Chief Electoral Officer also administers the emergency delegate ballot under Part G, Article 4A.4 and any leadership review ballot under Part F, Article 7, applying the identification standards in Part F, Article 13, and, where the ballot is a leadership vote or referendum, the national/provincial threshold in Articles 15.2-15.4.

15.7 Disclosure of results. Both the national count and the count by province shall be made public after each round, consistent with the auditability principle underlying Part G, Article 4A.4.

ARTICLE XVI

LEADERSHIP CAMPAIGN FINANCE

16.1 PURPOSE: This Article prevents a leadership contest from being decided disproportionately by a contestant's personal wealth or donor network, consistent with the CGP's anti-monopoly and anti-concentrated-power principles (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 2.2(d)).

16.2 LEADERSHIP FINANCE COMMITTEE: On the calling of a leadership vote, the Federal Council shall strike a Leadership Finance Committee consisting of:

- (a) two co-chairs, selected by the Federal Council on the basis of merit and functional bilingual capacity between them (at least one must be functionally capable of conducting business in French), consistent with Bylaw No. 1, Art. 2.2(g);
- (b) the Treasurer;
- (c) two Federal Council members elected by the Federal Council from among its members; and
- (d) one representative appointed by the parliamentary caucus, once Part F, Article 14 is operative.

16.3 RESPONSIBILITIES: The Leadership Finance Committee shall:

- (a) fix a refundable or non-refundable deposit payable by each leadership contestant, sufficient to demonstrate serious candidacy without creating an unreasonable barrier to entry;
- (b) set a maximum spending limit applicable equally to every leadership contestant;
- (c) adopt Leadership Finance Rules requiring full and prompt disclosure of all contributions to leadership campaigns, consistent with the CEA; and
- (d) monitor ongoing compliance with the spending limit and the Leadership Finance Rules for the duration of the contest.

16.4 NEUTRALITY UNDERTAKING: Each member of the Leadership Finance Committee must agree in writing to remain neutral in the leadership contest for its duration.

16.5 CONTESTANT UNDERTAKING: Every leadership contestant must, before being accredited by the Chief Electoral Officer, undertake in writing to comply with this Article, the Leadership Finance Rules, and the CEA, and to submit any dispute concerning the leadership contest to the Arbitration Committee (Part H) for final and binding resolution.

16.6 RELATIONSHIP TO THE CEA: Where any requirement of this Article conflicts with the CEA, the CEA governs and the requirement is modified to the minimum extent necessary for compliance.

ARTICLE XVII

YOUTH SECTION

17.1 DEFINITION AND MEMBERSHIP: The Youth Section is composed of every CGP member who is between the ages of 14 and 25 (inclusive) at the time of the relevant Convention, election, or Council selection under this Article. Membership in the Youth Section is automatic for members meeting this criterion and requires no separate application or fee beyond ordinary CGP membership (Part K).

17.2 Purpose. The Youth Section exists to organize and support young members, recruit youth membership, provide a forum for youth policy input to the Federal Council and Convention, and elect the Youth Section's representatives under Articles 17.4 and 17.5.

17.3 Executive. The Youth Section shall elect its own executive, of at least a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary, by its members at a general meeting, for terms not exceeding two years, subject to the term limit in Bylaw No. 1, Article 15 where the Youth Section's own rules adopt it.

17.4 Federal Council Representation. The Youth Section selects its 3 representatives to the Federal Council (Part F, Art. 8.2(d)) by a process set by the Youth Section's executive and ratified by the Federal Council.

17.5 Convention Delegates. The Youth Section's Convention delegates (Part F, Art. 3.4) are selected by a process set by the Youth Section's executive and ratified by the Federal Council, consistent with the delegate ratio the Federal Council sets under Article 3.6.

17.6 Status. The Youth Section is a subordinate body of the CGP, organized around age-based participation rather than group identity, and does not have authority to bind the CGP, an EDA, or any other CGP body without Federal Council authorization.

17.7 Amendment. This Article may be amended by the Federal Council and reported to Convention, consistent with Part F, Article 12 (Grassroots Bylaw Review).

PART G

RESOLUTIONS COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE CHARTER

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

1.1 The Committee certifies that the CGP's election platform and official program comply with (a) the Entrenched Principles (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 2.2), including the equal-treatment principle in Art. 2.2(g), and (b) resolutions passed by the most recent and still-current Conventions, and (c) binding referenda under Bylaw No. 1, Article 14.

1.2 The Committee safeguards the CGP against mission drift by ensuring passed resolutions and binding referenda are reflected, or their omission disclosed, before publication.

ARTICLE II

COMPOSITION AND INDEPENDENCE

2.1 The Committee consists of 7 members elected directly by Convention delegates by secret ballot.

2.2 Members are NOT appointed by the Leader, officers, Federal Council, or staff.

2.3 No sitting Leader, officer, paid staff member, or candidate may serve.

2.4 Members serve 4-year staggered terms, subject to the term limit in Bylaw No.1, Article 15, and may be recalled only by a vote of Convention delegates.

2.5 The Committee elects its own Chair from among its members.

ARTICLE III

CERTIFICATION POWER

3.1 Before the CGP publishes or adopts an election platform or official program, it must be submitted to the Committee.

3.2 The Committee issues a Certificate of Compliance, a Certificate of Partial Compliance (identifying each deficiency), or a Refusal to Certify (with written reasons).

3.3 A platform that has not received a Certificate of Compliance (in whole or, per Article 4A.1, in part) MAY NOT be published or used as the official CGP platform to the extent it is uncertified.

3.4 In applying Article 2.2(g), the Committee shall:

(a) treat as non-compliant any provision that allocates a legal privilege or disadvantage to persons on the basis of group identity, or any internal CGP rule that establishes a quota or a position, candidacy, or delegate seat reserved by group identity;

(b) NOT treat as non-compliant (i) an identity-neutral measure open to all that encourages broad participation (for example, general recruitment, the youth section, merit-based regional representation, the Quebec Section under Bylaw No. 1, Art. 13, the bilingual name and identity under Bylaw No. 1, Art. 1.1 and Part F, Art. 9.11, or the Affiliated Organizations category under Bylaw No. 1, Art. 3A), (ii) any measure required by, or consistent with, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms or the CHRA, or (iii) any measure required by, or consistent with, Aboriginal and treaty rights recognized and affirmed under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, including Indigenous self-government, treaty implementation, and collective land, resource, or governance arrangements arising from those rights; and

(c) where a provision is required by the Charter or the CHRA, certify it as compliant notwithstanding any apparent tension with Art. 2.2(g), since 2.2(g) is by its terms subordinate to those instruments.

ARTICLE IV

RESOLUTION OF NON-COMPLIANCE

4.1 On partial certification or refusal, the platform is returned with written reasons identifying each non-compliant provision.

4.2 The Leader or drafters may revise and resubmit.

4.3 An impasse is resolved as set out in Article 4A. Neither the Committee nor the Leader may override the Convention; the Convention remains the final arbiter.

ARTICLE IV A

DEADLOCK AND ELECTION-PERIOD RESOLUTION

4A.1 Severability. The Committee shall certify a platform in part where only specific provisions are non-compliant, identifying each. The CGP may publish and campaign on the certified portions while a disputed provision is resolved or omitted. No platform is blocked in its entirety on account of a severable provision.

4A.2 Time limits. The Committee shall rule within 14 days of submission, reduced to 5 days once a general election is called. If the Committee does not rule within the applicable period, the platform is deemed provisionally certified, except as to any provision the Committee has, in writing, already identified as engaging an Entrenched Principle. 4A.3 Remediation conference. On a refusal or partial certification, the Committee and the Leader's drafters shall meet within 3 days to resolve the identified provisions.

4A.4 Emergency delegate ballot. If the conference does not resolve the matter, the dispute is referred to an expedited electronic ratification ballot of Convention delegates, who shall decide among: (a) the platform as drafted; (b) the platform as the Committee requires; or (c) return of specified provisions. The delegates' decision is final. The ballot shall be conducted under the integrity safeguards in the election rules (verified delegate roll, secret ballot, auditability), consistent with Part F, Article 13.

4A.5 Entrenched Principles not subject to override. Where the Committee certifies that a provision violates an Entrenched Principle (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 2.2), that determination is NOT subject to 4A.2 (deeming) or 4A.4 (delegate override). The provision must be amended to comply or omitted. Only the double-supermajority process (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 11.2) may alter an Entrenched Principle itself.

ARTICLE V

TRANSPARENCY REPORT

5.1 The Committee publishes an annual report to members listing every passed resolution and binding referendum, and whether the platform and program reflect each.

5.2 Any passed resolution or binding referendum omitted from the official program must be listed with the stated reason. Silent omission is prohibited.

5.3 The report shall also record any use of Article 4A in the period, including any provisions deemed provisionally certified, severed, or resolved by delegate ballot.

ARTICLE VI

LIMITS

6.1 The Committee certifies compliance; it does not write policy or select the Leader.

6.2 The Committee may not override the Convention, which remains supreme and may overrule a Committee determination by a two-thirds vote of delegates, except as to Entrenched Principles, which are governed by Bylaw No. 1, Art. 11.2.

ARTICLE VII

RECORDS

7.1 Certifications, reasons, reports, and any Article 4A proceedings are maintained with the corporate records and made available to members.

PART H

INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ARBITRATION RULES

ARTICLE I

SCOPE

1.1 Applies to disputes between members and the CGP, between EDAs, between Affiliated Organizations and the CGP, concerning the Quebec Section, concerning the suspension or removal of a Federal Council member (Part F, Arts. 8.5-8.7), concerning a Grassroots Bylaw Review determination (Part F, Art. 12), concerning the validity of a referendum petition (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 14.3), and concerning the Code of Conduct and disciplinary measures.

1.2 Does not override the authority of Convention or the Committee's certification function.

ARTICLE II

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

2.1 An Arbitration Committee of 5 members is elected by Convention or appointed by the Federal Council and ratified by Convention.

2.2 Members act impartially and independently.

2.3 Members are subject to the term limit in Bylaw No. 1, Article 15.

ARTICLE III

PROCEDURE

3.1 A disciplined member may, within 30 days of notice, request review.

3.2 The Committee gives a reasonable opportunity to be heard and may hold a hearing.

3.3 It may confirm, vary, or substitute a lesser measure.

3.4 Its decision is final within the CGP, subject to any appeal to Convention the rules provide.

ARTICLE IV

INTERIM MEASURES

4.1 Pending decision, the Federal Council may suspend participatory roles in urgent or serious matters.

ARTICLE V

CONFIDENTIALITY

5.1 Members keep facts and deliberations confidential, including after service ends.

PART I

RULES OF PROCEDURE

ARTICLE I

APPLICATION

1.1 Govern Conventions, Federal Council meetings, and committee sessions.

ARTICLE II

CHAIR

2.1 The President, a Vice-President, or a Convention Chair chosen by the Convention presides.

2.2 The Chair preserves order and rules on procedure, subject to appeal (two delegates may appeal; the question "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" is put).

ARTICLE III

SPEAKING AND MOTIONS

3.1 Speeches are limited to 3 minutes, except a committee spokesperson introducing a report.

3.2 A delegate speaks once per motion, except the committee spokesperson may close debate.

3.3 "Previous question": if a majority votes the question be now put, it is put without debate.

ARTICLE IV

VOTING

4.1 Decided by show of hands or standing vote; a standing count is taken on request when the vote is close.

4.2 The Chair votes only to break a tie.

ARTICLE V

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

5.1 Participants attending by electronic means that permit adequate communication are deemed present.

ARTICLE VI

RECORDS

6.1 Minutes are kept with the corporate records.

ARTICLE VII

RESIDUAL

7.1 In unregulated matters, Robert's Rules of Order apply, consistent with the CNCA and the Bylaws.

7.2 Any rule may be suspended by unanimous consent, or changed for the Convention by majority vote on one day's notice.

PART J

MEMBERSHIP DATA AND PRIVACY POLICY

ARTICLE I

PRINCIPLES

1.1 Personal information is collected, used, and retained only for legitimate CGP purposes (membership, communication, events, nominations, fundraising, campaigns, and the conduct of referenda under Bylaw No. 1, Article 14).

1.2 Only information reasonably necessary is collected.

1.3 The CGP does not sell members' personal information and does not profile or score members for purposes unrelated to CGP activity.

ARTICLE II

REGISTER

2.1 A central register is maintained; access is limited to authorized officers, staff, and agents who require it. This includes any register maintained for the Quebec Section or for Affiliated Organizations under Bylaw No. 1, Arts. 3A and 13.

ARTICLE III

DISCLOSURE

3.1 Disclosed only with consent, to authorized parts of the CGP for CGP purposes, or as required by law (including CEA reporting).

ARTICLE IV

SECURITY AND RETENTION

4.1 Reasonable safeguards are applied.

4.2 Information is retained only as long as necessary or as law requires, then securely disposed of.

4.3 Where practicable, members' information is stored on systems under Canadian control, consistent with the CGP's data-sovereignty principles.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERS RIGHTS

5.1 A member may request access to or correction of their own information, subject to law.

5.2 Requests go to the officer designated by the Federal Council.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENT

6.1 Amendable by the Federal Council, with no conflict with privacy or election law, and subject to Part F, Article 12 (Grassroots Bylaw Review).

PART K

MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

ARTICLE I

CATEGORIES AND FEES

- 1.1 General Membership (annual): \$10
- 1.2 Reduced Rate (students, seniors, low-income; self-declared): \$5
- 1.3 Youth Membership (ages 16-17): Free
- 1.4 Sustaining / Lifetime Membership (one-time): \$250

ARTICLE II

TERMS

- 2.1 Membership runs twelve months from payment, or aligns with the calendar year if Council so determines.
- 2.2 Fees are payable on application and renewal.
- 2.3 Membership lapses if renewal is unpaid within 90 days of the renewal date.

ARTICLE III

PAYMENT AND COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 Payable by available methods, including cash where lawful, consistent with CGP principles.
- 3.2 Collected in compliance with the CEA.
- 3.3 Fees are distinct from political contributions; both are recorded and reported as required.

ARTICLE IV

REFUNDS

- 4.1 Fees are non-refundable, including on resignation, lapse, or termination.

ARTICLE V

WAIVER

- 5.1 The Federal Council may waive or reduce a fee for hardship; a waiver does not change a member's status.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENT

- 6.1 Amendable by the Federal Council; amended fees apply from the date set and do not affect the remaining term of memberships already paid.

PART L

PARTY PROGRAM AMENDMENT PROCESS

ARTICLE I

SCOPE

1.1 Governs amendment of the Party Program.

1.2 The Program comprises (a) Entrenched Principles (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 2.2) and (b) Policy Provisions elaborating them.

ARTICLE II

TWO TIERS

2.1 Entrenched Principles: amendable ONLY by the double 75% process across two consecutive Conventions (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 11.2), and may not be amended by referendum (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 14.7).

2.2 Policy Provisions: amended by resolutions passed by Convention, or by a binding referendum under Bylaw No. 1, Article 14. The platform giving effect to them is subject to certification by the Compliance Committee (Part G).

ARTICLE III

PROPOSAL

3.1 Amendments originate as resolutions submitted under Part F, Article 5, or as a referendum question under Bylaw No. 1, Article 14.

3.2 Members propose through their EDAs, policy-based working committees, the youth section, Affiliated Organizations (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 3A), the Quebec Section (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 13), or a valid member petition (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 14.2(a)).

ARTICLE IV

PROCEDURE

4.1 Entrenched Principle amendments follow Bylaw No. 1, Art. 11.2.

4.2 Policy amendments take effect when passed by Convention or by binding referendum; the Leader's platform must then be certified compliant before publication.

4.3 Adopted amendments are recorded and the updated Program published to members.

ARTICLE V

RECORD AND PUBLICATION

5.1 The current Program, with date of last amendment, is maintained and made available to members.

5.2 The Compliance Committee's transparency report (Part G, Art. 5) records whether each passed resolution or binding referendum is reflected.

ARTICLE VI

SUPREMACY

6.1 Convention is the final authority; in any conflict, Convention decisions and the Bylaws govern.

PART M

CODE OF CONDUCT

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

- 1.1 Sets standards for all members, officers, directors, candidates, and volunteers.
- 1.2 Binding under the Bylaws; where it conflicts with the Member Charter, the Bylaws and this Code prevail.

ARTICLE II

STANDARDS

Every member shall:

- 2.1 Act lawfully and in good faith toward the CGP.
- 2.2 Uphold the founding principles (Bylaw No. 1, Article 2).
- 2.3 Refrain from conduct that brings the CGP into disrepute.
- 2.4 Protect confidential CGP information.
- 2.5 Treat others with respect; refrain from harassment, discrimination, intimidation, or violence.
- 2.6 Not represent themselves as speaking for the CGP without authorization.
- 2.7 Not be a member or active supporter of another federal party.

ARTICLE III

INTERPRETATION

- 3.1 The Federal Council administers and interprets this Code, subject to appeal to the Arbitration Committee (Part H) and ultimately to Convention.

ARTICLE IV

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

- 4.1 The Council may impose: (a) written warning; (b) suspension of participatory roles; (c) removal from a CGP office; (d) expulsion from membership.
- 4.2 Measures must be proportionate.

ARTICLE V

PROCESS

- 5.1 Before removal or expulsion, written notice and a reasonable opportunity to respond are given.
- 5.2 Urgent or serious cases may warrant immediate suspension pending decision.
- 5.3 Decisions take effect when communicated.

ARTICLE VI

APPEAL

- 6.1 A disciplined member may appeal to the Arbitration Committee (Part H) and, as those rules provide, ultimately to Convention.

PART N

CANDIDATE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is binding under Bylaw No. 1. Where it conflicts with the Member Charter, this Agreement and the Bylaws prevail.

ARTICLE I

NOMINATION

1.1 Candidates are nominated through local processes set by the Federal Council and the EDA, consistent with the CEA.

1.2 The Federal Council sets and reviews nomination rules after each general election.

1.3 A candidate must support the founding principles and the platform certified under Part G.

ARTICLE II

CANDIDATE OBLIGATIONS

The Candidate agrees to:

2.1 Support and publicly uphold the CGP's founding principles and certified platform.

2.2 Comply with the Bylaws, this Agreement, the Code of Conduct, and lawful CGP directions.

2.3 Run the campaign in compliance with the CEA and all law.

2.4 Refrain from conduct contrary to the CGP's interests or bringing it into disrepute.

2.5 Cooperate with CGP communications and campaign coordination.

2.6 Disclose any matter that could affect eligibility or embarrass the CGP.

ARTICLE III

APPROVAL AND REMOVAL

3.1 Nominations are confirmed under the Council's nomination rules.

3.2 Removal or refusal of a candidate follows those rules and any applicable disciplinary process, subject to the CEA; arbitrary override by any single officer is not permitted.

ARTICLE IV

INTERPRETATION

4.1 Disputes are resolved under the Bylaws and Part H.

4.2 This Agreement survives the election and any term in office.

ARTICLE V

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

5.1 By signing, the Candidate acknowledges having read the Bylaws, Member Charter, Code of Conduct, and this Agreement.

[Date: _____] Candidate: _____ Signature: _____
Witnessed by (CGP Officer): _____ Position/Signature: _____

PART O

RIDING ASSOCIATION (EDA) MODEL CONSTITUTION

Adopted under Bylaw No. 1, Article 9. An EDA's own constitution may not contradict this Model Constitution or Bylaw No. 1.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND TERRITORY

1.1 "The Common Good Party of Canada (CGP) — [Electoral District Name] EDA."

1.2 Territory is the named federal electoral district per Elections Canada.

1.3 One recognized Association per district. Within the Quebec Section (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 13), an EDA operates on the same terms as elsewhere, subject to the coordinating role of the Quebec Section's Executive as defined in Appendix Q1, Article 6A.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

2.1 Organize and support the CGP locally; recruit members; assist fundraising in CEA compliance; support nomination and election of the CGP's candidate; elect delegates to Convention; advance the founding principles locally.

ARTICLE III

STATUS

3.1 A subordinate body, recognized by the Federal Council, subject to Bylaw No. 1 and Convention.

3.2 Where required, registers with Elections Canada and complies with all financial, reporting, and agent requirements of the CEA.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Members are CGP members resident in or assigned to the district.

4.2 Members elect the EDA executive and the district's Convention delegates.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE

5.1 At least a President, Secretary, and Treasurer/Financial Agent (as Elections Canada requires); additional positions optional.

5.2 Elected by members at a general meeting for 2-year terms, subject to the term limit in Bylaw No. 1, Article 15 where the EDA's own constitution adopts it.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

6.1 At least one general meeting per year; reasonable notice.

6.2 Quorum is 5 members or 20%, whichever is greater, but not fewer than three.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCES

7.1 Managed in strict compliance with the CEA (contributions, limits, expenses, financial agent, reporting).

7.2 Funds for the CGP or another part are remitted promptly.

7.3 May not bind the national CGP without Federal Council authorization.

ARTICLE VIII

NOMINATIONS

8.1 Conducts local nominations under the Council's nomination rules and the Candidate Agreement (Part N), consistent with the CEA.

ARTICLE IX

OVERSIGHT

9.1 An EDA may be placed under review, suspended, or dissolved only by the Federal Council, for serious or persistent non-compliance with the Bylaws, the CEA, or Convention decisions.

9.2 Any such action requires written reasons and is subject to appeal to the Arbitration Committee (Part H) and ultimately to Convention.

9.3 No single officer may unilaterally dissolve an EDA or override an elected EDA executive. For certainty, the Quebec Section's Executive (Appendix Q1, Article 4) has no authority to dissolve or override a Quebec EDA under this Article; its role is limited to the coordinating functions in Appendix Q1, Article 6A.

ARTICLE X

DISCIPLINE

10.1 Members and officers are subject to the Code of Conduct (Part M).

ARTICLE XI

RELATIONSHIP TO THE CGP

11.1 This Model Constitution and Bylaw No. 1 govern; conflicting EDA provisions are void.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENT

12.1 Amendable by the Federal Council and reported to Convention; an EDA amends its own constitution only with Council approval, consistent with this Model Constitution.

PART P

MEMBER CHARTER

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

1.1 Open to every resident of Canada who supports the CGP's principles and is not a member of another federal party.

1.2 Members are voting members of the CGP.

ARTICLE II

MEMBER RIGHTS (REAL AND BINDING)

2.1 Vote on Policy. Members, through their EDAs and elected delegates, submit and vote on resolutions at Convention. Passed resolutions bind the Federal Council and inform the platform, and the Compliance Committee certifies the platform's compliance before publication.

2.2 Elect the Leader. Every member may vote by secret ballot in leadership elections.

2.3 Review the Leader. At each non-leadership Convention, delegates vote on whether to call a leadership election; a review is also automatically held after any federal election the CGP does not win; members can also trigger a review between Conventions through their EDAs.

2.4 Elect Delegates and Local Executives. Members elect their EDA executive and their district's delegates to Convention.

2.5 Nominate Candidates. Members participate in candidate nominations under the Council's nomination rules; no single officer may arbitrarily override a local nomination.

2.6 Free Expression and Debate. Members may speak, debate, and dissent within the CGP. Discipline follows a defined process with appeal to the Arbitration Committee and ultimately to Convention, so this right is procedurally protected, not subject to arbitrary expulsion.

2.7 Protected Mission. The Entrenched Principles can be changed only by a double 75% vote across two consecutive Conventions, and cannot be changed by referendum, so the founding mission cannot be quietly abandoned.

2.8 Organize Through Your Institution. Unions, co-operatives, farm groups, and business associations may formally support the CGP as Affiliated Organizations and participate in Convention on the same neutral terms as any other affiliate.

2.9 Quebec Organizing. Members in Quebec organize through a dedicated Quebec Section, operating under the name Parti du Bien Commun, reflecting the province's distinct federal-jurisdiction role, on the same membership terms as members elsewhere.

2.10 Force a Vote. Members may, by petition, force a binding, party-wide referendum on a policy or governance question without waiting for a Convention (Bylaw No. 1, Article 14).

2.11 Check a Bylaw. If the Federal Council enacts a bylaw grassroots members object to, EDA presidents may collectively force its repeal within 30 days (Part F, Article 12).

2.12 No Permanent Incumbency. No one may hold an elected CGP position for more than three consecutive terms (Bylaw No. 1, Article 15).

ARTICLE III

STATUS OF THIS CHARTER

3.1 This Charter accurately summarizes rights set out in the Bylaws. The Bylaws, filed with Corporations Canada, are the controlling instrument and prevail in any conflict.

3.2 Because the Bylaws genuinely grant these rights, this Charter and the Bylaws are consistent; nothing here promises a right the Bylaws withhold.

APPENDIX Q1

QUEBEC SECTION MODEL CONSTITUTION

Adopted under Bylaw No. 1, Article 13.1

PREAMBLE

This constitution establishes the Quebec Section of The Common Good Party of Canada (the "CGP") to carry out the CGP's work in the federal electoral jurisdiction in Quebec. It exists because Quebec's federal electoral landscape, its distinct legal environment, and its role within Confederation warrant a dedicated organizing structure. It does not exist to allocate any right, office, or position by language or identity. Every provision below is subordinate to Bylaw No. 1, and any conflict is resolved in favour of Bylaw No. 1.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND STATUS

1.1 The name of this body is "The Common Good Party of Canada — Quebec Section," operating in French as "Le Parti du Bien Commun du Canada — Section Québec" (the "Quebec Section"), consistent with Bylaw No. 1, Articles 1.1 and 13.7.

1.2 The Quebec Section is a subordinate section of the CGP, established under Bylaw No. 1, Article 13, and is not a separate corporation unless and until the CGP's Federal Council and Convention determine otherwise.

1.3 This constitution governs the Quebec Section's internal organization. Where this constitution is silent, or in any conflict, Bylaw No. 1 and the other Parts of the CGP's Governance Framework govern.

ARTICLE II

TERRITORY AND PURPOSE

2.1 The Quebec Section's territory comprises all federal electoral districts within the province of Quebec, as defined by Elections Canada.

2.2 The purpose of the Quebec Section is to:

- (a) organize and support the CGP's federal electoral activity in Quebec;
- (b) coordinate among Quebec EDAs on communications, fundraising support, policy input, and candidate recruitment, consistent with the CEA;
- (c) provide a forum through which Quebec members bring resolutions, concerns, and policy proposals to the Federal Council and Convention;
- (d) elect the Quebec Section's Council representative under Bylaw No. 1, Article 13.4 and Part F, Article 8.2(e);
- (e) advance the CGP's founding principles (Bylaw No. 1, Article 2) within Quebec.

2.3 For certainty, the Quebec Section does not hold, and may not claim, any office, delegate credential, or Council seat allocated on the basis of language or identity. Its representation is calculated under the same membership-based formulas applied elsewhere in the CGP (Bylaw No. 1, Art. 13.4).

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership in the Quebec Section is automatic for every CGP member resident in, or assigned by Elections Canada's boundaries to, an electoral district in Quebec. No separate application or fee is required beyond ordinary CGP membership (Bylaw No. 1, Article 3; Part K).

3.2 A Quebec Section member has the same rights and obligations as any other CGP member, including the right to vote in leadership elections, submit resolutions, stand for office, sign or trigger a referendum petition under Bylaw No. 1, Article 14, and participate in Grassroots Bylaw Review under Part F, Article 12, subject only to the same generally applicable rules that apply CGP-wide.

3.3 Nothing in this constitution restricts membership, office, or participation on the basis of language, place of birth, or any other identity characteristic. Participation in Quebec Section governance is open to any member described in Article 3.1, regardless of their first language.

ARTICLE IV

QUEBEC SECTION EXECUTIVE

4.1 The Quebec Section shall have an Executive comprised of at least:

- (a) a Chair;
- (b) a Vice-Chair;
- (c) a Secretary; and
- (d) a Treasurer/Financial Agent, to the extent required by the CEA for any activity conducted at the Quebec Section level.

4.2 The Executive is elected by Quebec Section members at a general meeting, for two-year terms, subject to the term limit in Bylaw No. 1, Article 15, and on the same merit-based basis as officers are elected CGP-wide (Bylaw No.1, Article 2.2(g); Part F, Article 9.7). No Executive position is reserved by language, region within Quebec, or any other identity characteristic.

4.3 The Executive's role is coordinating, not governing: it supports Quebec EDAs and communicates Quebec Section business to the Federal Council. It does not have authority to bind the CGP or any EDA without Federal Council authorization (see Part O, Article 7.3, applied identically to the Quebec Section, and see Article 6A below for the specific limits on its coordinating role).

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

5.1 The Quebec Section shall hold at least one general meeting per year, with reasonable notice to all Quebec Section members.

5.2 Quorum at a general meeting is 15 members or 10% of Quebec Section members, whichever is greater, but not fewer than five.

5.3 Special meetings may be called by the Executive or on the written request of a majority of Quebec EDAs.

ARTICLE VI

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION AND CONVENTION DELEGATES

6.1 The Quebec Section elects its Federal Council representative under Bylaw No. 1, Article 13.4 and Part F, Article 8.2(e), at a caucus of Quebec Section delegates at Convention, and submits that person for ratification by Convention.

6.2 Quebec EDAs elect Convention delegates on the same basis as any other EDA under Part F, Article 3.3. The Quebec Section itself holds no additional bloc of delegate credentials beyond those its EDAs and its Council representative are entitled to under Bylaw No. 1 and Part F.

ARTICLE VI A

COORDINATION WITH QUEBEC EDAs

6A.1 The Quebec Section's Executive (Article 4) has a coordinating, not a governing, relationship with Quebec EDAs. It may:

- (a) convene joint planning meetings among Quebec EDAs;
- (b) facilitate shared communications, translation, or media resources among Quebec EDAs, subject to each EDA's own decision to participate;
- (c) relay Quebec-wide policy input to the Federal Council and the Resolutions Compliance Committee (Part G);
- (d) coordinate a Quebec-wide candidate recruitment strategy, without displacing any individual EDA's nomination process under Part N and Part O, Article 8.

6A.2 The Quebec Section's Executive has no authority to direct, override, or bind an individual Quebec EDA's internal decisions, finances, or nomination process. Each Quebec EDA retains full status and rights under Part O, subject only to Federal Council oversight on the same terms as any other EDA (Part O, Article 9).

6A.3 Where the Quebec Section's Executive and a Quebec EDA disagree on a coordinating matter under 6A.1, either may refer the matter to the Federal Council for a non-binding recommendation; if unresolved, either may pursue the dispute-resolution process in Part H.

6A.4 Nothing in this Article affects an EDA's remittance obligations under Part D, Article 5, or its reporting obligations to Elections Canada under Part O, Article 7.1.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCES

7.1 Any funds raised, held, or spent at the Quebec Section level are managed in strict compliance with the CEA, including registration, contribution limits, receipting, and reporting requirements applicable to the CGP's activity in Quebec.

7.2 Funds received on behalf of a Quebec EDA or the national CGP are remitted promptly (Part D, Article 5).

7.3 The Quebec Section may not incur debt or contractual obligations binding the national CGP without Federal Council authorization.

ARTICLE VIII

RESOLUTIONS AND POLICY INPUT

8.1 The Quebec Section may submit resolutions to Convention under Part F, Article 5.2.

8.2 The Quebec Section may organize its own policy consultations and forward conclusions to the Federal Council or the Resolutions Compliance Committee (Part G) for consideration, but such input does not bind either body except through the ordinary resolution process or a binding referendum under Bylaw No. 1, Article 14.

ARTICLE IX

RELATIONSHIP TO A POSSIBLE PROVINCIAL-JURISDICTION PARTY

9.1 Nothing in this constitution establishes, or should be read to establish, a distinct provincial-jurisdiction political party in Quebec. Should the CGP wish to recognize such a party under Bylaw No. 1, Article 13.5, that recognition requires a separate instrument approved by the Federal Council and reported to Convention, and is not created by adoption of this constitution.

ARTICLE X

OVERSIGHT AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

10.1 The Quebec Section, like an EDA, may be placed under review, or its Executive suspended, only by the Federal Council, for serious or persistent non-compliance with Bylaw No. 1, the CEA, or Convention decisions, with written reasons and a right of appeal to the Arbitration Committee (Part H) and ultimately to Convention.

10.2 Any dispute as to whether an organization is the recognized Quebec Section in good standing is resolved under Bylaw No. 1, Article 13.6.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENT

11.1 This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of Quebec Section members at a general meeting, subject to approval by the Federal Council, consistent with Bylaw No. 1, Article 13.1.

11.2 No amendment may conflict with Bylaw No. 1 or create any office, quota, or representation allocated by language or identity, contrary to Bylaw No. 1, Article 2.2(g).

ARTICLE XII

LANGUAGE

12.1 This constitution, and all governing documents of the Quebec Section, shall be maintained and published in both English and French, consistent with Part F, Article 9.10.

APPENDIX Q2

MODEL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT FOR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Adopted under Bylaw No. 1, Article 3A

PREAMBLE

This Agreement is entered into between The Common Good Party of Canada, operating equally under its French name Parti du Bien Commun (together, the "CGP," "CGP-PBC," or "PBC-CGP"), and the organization named below (the "Affiliate"), under Bylaw No. 1, Article 3A of the CGP's Governance Framework. Where this Agreement conflicts with Bylaw No. 1, Bylaw No. 1 governs.

ARTICLE I

PARTIES AND EFFECTIVE DATE

1.1 Affiliate legal name: _____

1.2 Affiliate type (select one): ☐ Trade union ☐ Co-operative ☐ Farm or agricultural association ☐ Small business or professional association ☐ Other (specify): _____

1.3 This Agreement takes effect on the date of approval by the Federal Council under Article 2 below.

1.4 For certainty, the Affiliate's type as selected in 1.2 is recorded for administrative and reporting purposes only, and confers no representation, privilege, or disadvantage different from any other Affiliate, consistent with Bylaw No. 1, Article 3A.3.

ARTICLE II

APPLICATION AND APPROVAL

2.1 The Affiliate applies for affiliated membership by submitting to the Federal Council:

- (a) a copy of the official act (board resolution, executive decision, or equivalent governing instrument) by which the Affiliate resolved to support the CGP and to seek affiliation;
- (b) a current count of the Affiliate's members who are also individual CGP members in good standing, as of a date no more than 60 days before application;
- (c) the name and contact information of the Affiliate's designated liaison to the CGP; and
- (d) confirmation that the Affiliate is not affiliated with, and does not officially support, any other federal political party.

2.2 The Federal Council may waive the requirement in 2.1(a) where it deems just cause, consistent with Bylaw No. 1, Article 3A.6.

2.3 The Federal Council approves or declines the application within 60 days of receipt, in writing, with reasons for any decline.

2.4 Affiliation is renewed biennially by the Affiliate submitting an updated member count under 2.1(b). Failure to renew within 90 days of the renewal date lapses the affiliation, subject to reinstatement on a fresh application.

ARTICLE III

RIGHTS OF THE AFFILIATE

3.1 Delegate credentials. The Affiliate is entitled to delegate credentials to Convention calculated under the same formula applied to EDAs (Part F, Article 3.3), based on the member count confirmed under Article 2.1(b) or renewed under Article 2.4, whichever is most recent.

3.2 Resolutions. The Affiliate may submit resolutions to Convention under Part F, Article 5.2, and may sign or help trigger a referendum petition under Bylaw No. 1, Article 14.2(a) through its individual CGP members.

3.3 Council representation. The Affiliate's delegates participate in the caucus of Affiliate delegates at Convention that elects up to two Council representatives under Part F, Article 8.2(f), apportioned only by the neutral formula in Bylaw No. 1, Article 3A.4, and never by reserved sector or type.

3.4 Policy-based working committee status. Where the Affiliate's interests align with a recognized policy-based working committee (Part F, Article 10), the Affiliate may seek recognition as, or participate in, such a committee, consistent with Bylaw No. 1, Article 3A.5.

3.5 No sector receives greater or lesser rights under this Agreement than any other sector of Affiliate. A union, a co-operative, a farm association, and a business association affiliating under materially similar circumstances receive materially identical treatment.

ARTICLE IV

OBLIGATIONS OF THE AFFILIATE

The Affiliate agrees to:

4.1 Support the CGP's founding principles (Bylaw No. 1, Article 2) by official act, and not withdraw that support while remaining affiliated.

4.2 Not affiliate with, or officially support, any other federal political party while affiliated with the CGP.

4.3 Provide an updated member count on request by the Federal Council, and no less often than biennially under Article 2.4.

4.4 Ensure that any Affiliate communications purporting to speak for the CGP are authorized in advance by the Federal Council or its designate.

4.5 Comply with the Canada Elections Act in any activity connected with its affiliation, including as to contributions, third-party advertising rules, and reporting, recognizing that the Affiliate's status as an organization may subject it to CEA restrictions that do not apply to individual members (see Article 6 below).

4.6 Not use the affiliation to seek, and not be granted, any office, quota, or delegate allocation reserved by the Affiliate's sector, type, or the group identity of its membership, consistent with Bylaw No. 1, Article 2.2(g) and Article 3A.3.

ARTICLE V

FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 Membership fees. Affiliation under this Agreement does not itself require payment of a fee to the CGP, unless the Federal Council sets one under Part K by resolution applicable to all Affiliates equally. Individual CGP membership fees (Part K) remain payable by the Affiliate's members who are individual CGP members, on the same terms as any other member.

5.2 Contributions. The Affiliate acknowledges that the Canada Elections Act restricts or prohibits political contributions from corporations, trade unions, and unincorporated associations to registered federal parties. Nothing in this Agreement authorizes, and the CGP will not accept, any contribution, remittance, or in-kind support from the Affiliate that the CEA does not permit. The Chief Agent (Part D, Article 2) shall determine, case by case, what support is permissible.

5.3 Permissible support. Subject to Article 5.2, the Affiliate may, where the CEA permits: (a) encourage its own members, in their individual capacity, to become CGP members or to contribute individually within CEA limits; (b) provide volunteer time by individuals, on the same basis as any volunteer; and (c) engage in its own third-party political activity, if any, only in compliance with the CEA's third-party rules, and not as an agent of, or in coordination prohibited by the CEA with, the CGP.

5.4 No pooling or circumvention. This Agreement does not permit the Affiliate to pool, bundle, or funnel individual contributions in a manner that the CEA would treat as an organizational contribution or that would circumvent CEA contribution limits or source restrictions.

5.5 Records. The CGP records the Affiliate's status, member counts, and any permissible support provided, and reports as the CEA requires (Part D, Article 6).

ARTICLE VI

RELATIONSHIP TO THE CEA

6.1 The parties acknowledge that this Agreement operates within, and is at all times subordinate to, the Canada Elections Act. Where any term of this Agreement is inconsistent with the CEA, the CEA governs and the term is severed or modified to the minimum extent necessary for compliance.

6.2 The CGP shall notify the Affiliate promptly of any CEA requirement that affects the Affiliate's rights or obligations under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII

TERM, SUSPENSION, AND TERMINATION

7.1 This Agreement continues until terminated under this Article or allowed to lapse under Article 2.4.

7.2 Either party may terminate on 30 days' written notice.

7.3 The Federal Council may suspend or terminate this Agreement immediately for the Affiliate's material breach, including affiliation with another federal party (Article 4.2) or a CEA violation connected with the affiliation, with written reasons provided to the Affiliate.

7.4 A suspension or termination under 7.3 may be appealed by the Affiliate to the Arbitration Committee (Part H) and, as those rules provide, ultimately to Convention.

7.5 On termination, the Affiliate's delegate credentials and Council representation under Article 3 lapse as of the effective date of termination; delegates already credentialed for a Convention already underway are not retroactively unseated.

ARTICLE VIII

LIAISON AND COMMUNICATION

8.1 The Affiliate designates a liaison (Article 2.1(c)) as its primary point of contact with the CGP.

8.2 The CGP's National Director or designate serves as the primary point of contact for the Affiliate.

8.3 Notices under this Agreement are given in writing to the liaison and the National Director respectively, and are effective on delivery.

ARTICLE IX

NO AGENCY

9.1 This Agreement does not create a partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship between the CGP and the Affiliate.

9.2 The Affiliate has no authority to bind the CGP, and the CGP has no authority to bind the Affiliate, except as this Agreement or the Bylaws expressly provide.

ARTICLE X

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

10.1 Disputes arising under this Agreement are resolved under Part H (Internal Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Rules), with final appeal to Convention as those rules provide.

10.2 Pending resolution, the Affiliate's rights under Article 3 continue unless suspended under Article 7.3.

ARTICLE XI

LANGUAGE

11.1 This Agreement is available, and may be executed, in either English or French, consistent with Bylaw No. 1, Article 1.1 and Part F, Article 9.10. Both language versions are equally authoritative; in the event of a genuine discrepancy, the parties shall refer the question to the Federal Council for resolution.

ARTICLE XII

ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT

12.1 This Agreement, together with Bylaw No. 1, Article 3A and the other provisions of the CGP's Governance Framework it references, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties respecting affiliation.

12.2 The Federal Council may amend the model form of this Agreement for future affiliates; amendments do not apply retroactively to an existing Affiliate's Agreement without that Affiliate's consent, except to the extent necessary to maintain CEA compliance (Article 6).

ARTICLE XIII

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND EXECUTION

13.1 By signing below, the Affiliate acknowledges having read Bylaw No. 1 (including Article 3A and Article 2.2(g)), Part D (Financial Regulations), Part F (Convention and Delegate Rules), and this Agreement, and agrees to be bound by them as they apply to Affiliated Organizations.

For the Affiliate:

Name of signing representative: _____

Title/Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For the CGP-PBC / PBC-CGP (Federal Council designate):

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____