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STATUTES OF THE EUROPEAN CLUB ASSOCIATION (ECA)

For the purpose of these Statutes, the following abbreviations and definitions are used:

- **Board Member**: individual who is a member of the Executive Board
- **ECA**: European Club Association
- **ECA Body/Bodies**: Committee, Expert Panel or Working Group
- **ECA Cycle**: is defined under article 3
- **Executive Board**: ECA Executive Board
- **FIFA**: Fédération Internationale de Football Association
- **FIFA FSC**: FIFA Football Stakeholders Committee
- **UEFA**: Union of European Football Associations
- **UEFA ExCo**: UEFA Executive Committee
- **UEFA PFSC**: UEFA Professional Football Strategy Council
- **UEFA CCC**: UEFA Club Competitions Committee
- **UCC SA**: UEFA Club Competitions SA
- **Member**: ECA Ordinary or Associated Member
- **Subdivision Representative**: individual who is elected as an observer to the Executive Board

In these Statutes the use of the masculine form refers equally to the feminine.
ECA STATUTES

I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 – Legal form and seat

1 ECA is an association of European Football clubs constituted in accordance with Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

2 ECA shall have its seat in Nyon, Switzerland.

Article 2 – Objectives

The objectives of ECA are:

a) To safeguard and promote the interests of European club football, in particular, and club football in general;

b) To be recognized by UEFA as the sole body representing the interests of clubs at European level;

c) To represent the interests of the clubs as employers in Europe including in the social dialogue process and to act as a social partner where appropriate;

d) To contribute to the healthy development of European club competitions organised by UEFA, by taking part in the relevant decision making process;

e) To provide input as regards the international match calendar;

f) To contribute to the good governance of European and worldwide football, in particular by participating in the appropriate bodies established within UEFA and FIFA;

g) To foster the exchange of information and expertise between UEFA and the clubs;

h) To cooperate as well as foster the exchange of information and expertise with all football clubs in Europe and around the world;

i) To support and uphold the integrity and regularity of competitions and matches as well as the sporting values and principles on which European football is based;

j) Generally to ensure cooperation between the clubs and UEFA in matters related to European club football;

k) For the attainment of the above objectives, to maintain contacts, cooperation and negotiations with any football related organisations, or with any relevant public and private institutions, including in particular with the relevant social partners, as well as with non-member football clubs;

l) To do all other things to further the objectives of the association or as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of such objectives or any of them.
**II – MEMBERSHIP**

**Article 3 – Membership**

1. ECA membership is open to male football clubs affiliated to a UEFA member association.

2. The membership Panel of ECA consists out of Ordinary Members and Associated Members.

3. Ordinary and associated membership is, in principle, granted per ECA Cycle. The ECA Cycle lasts for four sporting seasons and shall run, as of July 2019, until the end of June 2023 and so on (hereinafter, “the ECA Cycle”).

**Article 4 – Ordinary Members**

1. All Ordinary Members shall be from the top men divisions of the UEFA member associations. The precise number of clubs from each member association is established at the beginning of every ECA Cycle, on the basis of the then valid official UEFA Associations’ Club Coefficient Ranking and according to the following principle:

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2. The identity of the clubs eligible for ECA ordinary membership is then established according to the valid official UEFA individual club coefficient ranking. If two clubs from the same member association have the same coefficient, the club that has qualified for a UEFA competition shall take precedence. Should both (or neither) have qualified for a UEFA competition, the one that finished the previous domestic championship in the better position shall take precedence.

3. Clubs which:
   a) are not participating in the top division of a UEFA member association;
   b) are prevented from participating in a UEFA competition as per a decision in force;
   c) are not integrated or did not obtain any points in the UEFA individual club coefficient ranking,
   are not eligible for ordinary membership.
As a mark of recognition of their sporting merit, those clubs which have won at least five UEFA club competition trophies (UEFA Champions League, UEFA Cup, UEFA Europa League or UEFA Cup Winners’ Cup) shall be entitled to ordinary membership even if they would not qualify as Ordinary Members on the basis of the principles and according to the rules set out above. In such a case, the number of Ordinary Members shall be increased accordingly.

Article 5 – Rights of the Ordinary Members

The Ordinary Members shall have the following rights:

a) To participate in the activities of ECA;
b) To take advantage of the opportunities and benefits that ECA may obtain;
c) To make suggestions to the Executive Board to improve the implementation of the objectives of ECA;
d) To attend the meetings of the General Assembly, with the right to speak and to vote;
e) To propose candidates for all ECA Bodies, the Executive Board and the Subdivision Representatives;
f) To propose candidates for any appropriate body within FIFA and UEFA, in particular for the FIFA FSC, the UEFA PFSC and UEFA CCC, where and if applicable as per the Statutes and Organisational Regulations or if so decided by the Executive Board;
g) To elect Board Members and Subdivision Representatives as per articles 21 and 32 of the Statutes;
h) To be informed of the state of the accounts of ECA;
i) To be informed of the decisions adopted by the General Assembly and by the Executive Board;
j) To be regularly informed of the activities of ECA;

Article 5bis – Loss of Ordinary Membership

If, in the course of an ECA Cycle, an Ordinary Member:

a) Stops participating in the top division of a UEFA member association;
b) Is prevented from participating in a UEFA club competition as per a final decision in force;
c) Is taken out of a UEFA club competition during the course of a season as per a final decision in force;
d) Is expelled from ECA;
e) Is suspended as per article 9; or
f) Withdraws from ECA,
such club will lose its eligibility as Ordinary Member and will be replaced by the next best club from the same member association according to the then valid official UEFA individual club coefficient ranking and which fulfils the necessary requirements. However, if the loss of ordinary membership concerns a club that has been admitted to membership for having won five UEFA club competition trophies, that club will not be replaced.

2 If a club ceases to be Ordinary Member according to this article, such club will not regain eligibility as Ordinary Member before expiration of the ECA Cycle, even if the reasons for the loss of ordinary membership cease to exist before such term.

3 A club, which ceases to be an Ordinary Member, may apply to become an Associated Member, provided it is eligible as Associated Member and fulfils certain requirements set out in the Statutes and in the Membership Policy.

Article 6 – Associated Members

1 ECA Founding Members and clubs in the top men division of a UEFA member association which fulfil the requirements set out in the Membership Policy, but which do not qualify as Ordinary Member can apply for membership as an Associated Member.

2 Membership as an Associated Member is acquired by acceptance by the ECA Executive Board of the submission lodged by a candidate club.

3 Associated membership is granted per ECA Cycle. Associated membership can be renewed for successive ECA Cycles upon request to and approval of the ECA Executive Board.

Article 7 – Rights of the Associated Members

The Associated Members shall have the following rights:

a) To participate in the activities of ECA;

b) To take advantage of the opportunities and benefits that ECA may obtain;

c) To make suggestions to the Executive Board to improve the implementation of the objectives of ECA;

d) To attend the meetings of the General Assembly as observers;

e) To propose candidates for the ECA Bodies, where and if applicable as per the Statutes and Organisational Regulations or if so decided by the Executive Board;

f) To elect Subdivision Representatives as per article 32 of the Statutes;

g) To be informed of the state of the accounts of ECA;

h) To be informed of the decisions adopted by the General Assembly and the Executive Board;

i) To be regularly informed of the activities of ECA.
Article 8 – Obligations of the Members

The Members shall have the following obligations:

a) Not to be a party to, or a member of, any other association, organisation or grouping involving clubs from more than one UEFA member association, with the exception of football club associations recognized by ECA, FIFA and/or the respective confederation;

b) To pay the annual membership fees;

c) To notify the General Secretary of their address and their appointed representatives;

d) To comply with these Statutes, and in particular with the Objectives and Undertakings set out in article 2 of the Statutes;

e) To comply with any regulation and/or decision taken by the General Assembly and/or the Executive Board and with any agreement or Memorandum of Understanding entered into between ECA and a relevant football stakeholder, in particular with UEFA and FIFA, as may be in force from time to time;

f) To actively contribute to the work of ECA in furtherance of its objectives;

g) To reflect and promote consistently, in particular in all relevant fora, the positions adopted by ECA;

h) To act in good faith at all times towards ECA and other Members thereof;

i) To conduct ECA Mediation in good faith if a dispute of financial nature would arise with another Member.

Article 9 – Suspension of Membership

1 A Member may be suspended by the General Assembly if it breaches these Statutes, a decision or regulation made pursuant to them or its obligations under these Statutes.

2 The decision of suspension shall be taken by the General Assembly by simple majority of the Ordinary Members present and shall specify the duration of the suspension imposed on the Member.

3 The Executive Board may suspend a Member at any time with immediate effect for the reasons specified above. In such case, the decision issued by the Executive Board shall stay in full force and effect until the next General Assembly, unless it expires before.

4 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Member may renounce to its right to have the General Assembly deciding on its suspension by irrevocably accepting a decision of suspension imposed on him by the Executive Board.

5 A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights for the duration of the suspension.
Article 10 – Termination of Membership

1 A Member may withdraw its membership of ECA by giving formal notice in writing to the Executive Board.
2 A Member may be expelled from ECA if it:
   a) Fails to settle its financial obligations to ECA;
   b) Breaches seriously these Statutes or any regulation or decision made pursuant to them;
   c) Fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the General Assembly.

III – HONORARY CHAIRMAN

Article 11 – Honorary chairman

1 The General Assembly, may, on the proposal of the Executive Board, bestow the status of honorary chairman upon a person for especially meritorious services to European club football.
2 Honorary chairmen may attend the meetings of the General Assembly and the meetings of the Executive Board in an advisory capacity without any voting rights.

IV – ORGANS

Article 12 – Organs

The Organs, through which ECA may act, shall be:

a) The General Assembly;
   b) The Executive Board.

IV 1. General Assembly

Article 13 – Composition

1 The General Assembly is the supreme body of ECA and shall consist of every Member of ECA.
2 Each Member shall appoint one representative to attend the General Assembly.
3 The Board Members and the General Secretary participate in the meetings of the General Assembly without voting rights, except when appointed as representative of an Ordinary Member at the General Assembly.
4 The Chairman may invite interested third parties to attend meetings.
Article 14 – Powers

The General Assembly has the following powers:

a) To modify these Statutes;
b) To hold elections in accordance with the rules set out in Article 21;
c) To approve the annual membership fees and the yearly budget proposed by the Executive Board;
d) To approve the accounts;
e) To appoint an independent auditor;
f) To discharge any Board Member;
g) To suspend or expel any Member from ECA upon a proposal of the Executive Board;
h) To dissolve ECA;
i) To revoke a Board Member or the Executive Board for all cases where highly important reasons are given;
j) To bestow the status of honorary chairman upon a proposal from the Executive Board.

Article 15 – Meetings

1 The General Assembly shall be chaired by the ECA Chairman.

2 Ordinary meetings of the General Assembly shall be held, in principle, twice a year at a time decided by the Executive Board.

3 Extraordinary meetings of the General Assembly may be held if requested by at least 20% of the Members.

4 ECA Members shall be notified at least 20 days in advance of any meeting of the General Assembly. The General Secretary will notify members of all items on the agenda together with the date and place of the meeting. Any Ordinary Member may, within five calendar days of receiving such notification, request additional items to be placed on the agenda. Such request shall be supported by at least 10% of the Ordinary Members. The General Secretary shall notify Members of the final agenda, including all additional items, within at least five calendar days in advance of any meeting of the General Assembly.

5 There may also be informal meetings of the Members of the subdivision groups set out in Article 19, so each subdivision group may submit proposals to the Executive Board or provide feedback of its meeting at the ECA General Assembly.
Article 16 – Quorum & Decisions

1 The General Assembly shall be validly convened if the number of attendees represents at least two thirds of the Ordinary Members, including at least eight clubs represented on the Executive Board.

2 Decisions of the General Assembly shall be adopted by simple majority of the Ordinary Members present or represented, except for any decision to transfer the seat of ECA, to amend the Statutes of ECA, to dissolve ECA, to expel a Member from ECA or to revoke a Board Member or the Executive Board, which must be adopted by 70% of the Ordinary Members present or represented.

3 The election of (i) the Board Members shall be held in accordance with the rules set out in Article 21 and (ii) the election of the Subdivision Representatives shall be held in accordance with the rules set out in Article 32.

Article 17 – Voting rights and procedures

1 Each Ordinary Member shall have one vote which shall be exercised on its behalf by its appointed representative.

2 Votes by proxy shall be permitted; votes by letter shall not be permitted.

3 Votes shall be open (show of hands), unless at least one third of the Ordinary Members present request a secret ballot.

4 Elections shall be held by secret ballot.

Article 18 – Minutes

1 Minutes of the General Assembly shall be sent to all Members within 30 days of the meeting.

2 Minutes shall be signed by the Chairman and the General Secretary.

IV 2. Executive Board

Article 19 – Composition

1 The Executive Board is the executive body of ECA and shall be composed of 11 members elected by the General Assembly, plus the four representatives appointed by the Executive Board to the UEFA PFSC. These four members will be appointed, in principle, at the last Executive Board meeting prior to first General Assembly in a new ECA Cycle and their position shall not be compatible with appointment in the UEFA CCC. Three of these four representatives must represent clubs belonging to the first ECA Subdivision.

2 The Board Members who are not members of the UEFA PFSC are elected on the basis of the valid official UEFA Associations’ Club Coefficient Ranking at the beginning of an ECA Cycle, subdivided as follows:
3 Candidates shall be proposed by Ordinary Members to the General Secretary in writing by the date set by the General Secretary in the call for candidates which can in no case be later than 14 days before the date set for the elections.

4 All Board Members must be from different Ordinary Members and the 11 members elected by the General Assembly must belong to Ordinary Members affiliated to different UEFA member associations.

Article 20 – Eligibility Requirements

1 All Board Members must hold active office with an Ordinary Member for the entire period of their term of office.

2 A Board Member cannot be in a situation or hold a position with any third party which is of such nature that constitutes a clear conflict of interest with ECA’s objectives and interests. Any circumstances which might be of such nature must be disclosed to the ECA General Secretary.

3 Active office is a position whereby a Board Member is actively involved in the day-to-day senior management of an Ordinary Member and/or holds an executive position in that club, in particular positions such as a president, chairman or member of the board.

4 No person may serve as Board Member of ECA for more than three terms of office, whether consecutive or not.

5 No Board Member may serve as Chairman for more than three terms of office, whether consecutive or not. If a Board Member is appointed and elected Chairman for a full or partial term of office, the term of office as Chairman does not count as a term of office for the purpose of the preceding paragraph 4.

6 For the purpose of this article, any partial term of office shall count as one full term.

Article 21 – Elections

1 The election procedure of the Executive Board is governed by the Procedure for Election of the Executive Board.

2 Elections may only be conducted at a General Assembly according to the following rules:

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a) Ordinary Members shall be divided into four groups corresponding to the ECA Subdivisions as set out above;
b) Each group shall elect the number of Board Members attributed to its subdivision;
c) The elections within each group shall be by Simple Majority of the group Members present;
d) The results of the elections shall be communicated by the General Secretary to the General Assembly at the end of the voting procedure.

3 The Executive Board appoints and elects from among its members:
   a) A Chairman, who shall act as ECA Chairman and who represents one of the clubs belonging to the first subdivision in the table above;
   b) A first, a second, a third and fourth Vice-Chairman;
   c) The representatives of ECA on the UEFA ExCo, one of whom shall be the ECA Chairman;
   d) The representatives of ECA on the UCC SA, two of whom shall represent clubs belonging to the first subdivision in the table above.

**Article 22 – Obligations of Board Members**

Board Members shall:

a) Be present at the meetings of the Executive Board with a minimum presence of 50% of the meetings per sporting season of the ECA Cycle;
b) Actively contribute to the meetings and work of the Executive Board in furtherance of its objectives;
c) Reflect and promote consistently, in particular in all relevant fora, the positions adopted by ECA and the Executive Board;
d) Act in good faith towards ECA, its Members and the Executive Board;
e) Comply with the general obligations provided under Article 34 of the Statutes.

**Article 23 – Powers**

The Executive Board has the following powers:

a) To direct the activities of ECA and its economic and administrative management, for which purpose it may perform all such acts and sign all such contracts as it may deem advisable;
b) To implement the decisions adopted by the General Assembly;
c) To submit proposals to the General Assembly to bestow the status of honorary chairman on a person;
d) To submit proposals to the General Assembly for the suspension or expulsion of any Member;
e) To decide on any membership issue, except for the powers attributed to the General Assembly under Article 14 let. g;

f) To prepare the yearly budget and submit it to the General Assembly for approval;

g) To adopt such regulations and take such decisions as necessary to implement these Statutes;

h) To adopt and amend the Organisational Regulations;

i) To appoint the four representatives of ECA in the UEFA PFSC in accordance with the rules set out in Article 19;

j) To appoint the representatives of ECA in the UEFA CCC, each ECA Subdivision having at least two representatives;

k) To appoint the representatives of ECA in any other appropriate bodies, such as those established within UEFA and FIFA, provided that the same individual cannot be appointed by ECA in more than two of the following bodies: UEFA ExCo, UEFA PFSC, UEFA CCC, FIFA FSC and FIFA PSC;

l) To appoint the representatives of ECA in the UCC SA;

m) To appoint the General Secretary;

n) To create the Committees, Expert Panels and Working Groups it deems necessary for the functioning of ECA;

o) To appoint the Chairmen of Committees, Expert Panels and Working Groups, where applicable, as well as the members of such ECA Body proposed by the Members (subject to the provisions of the ECA Organisational Regulations providing for the contrary) and to define the composition, organisation and competences of such Committees, Expert Panels and Working Groups;

p) To ensure the necessary flow of communication and information between ECA and UEFA and any other relevant football related organisations;

q) To present proposals to the appropriate bodies established within UEFA, FIFA and any other relevant football related organisations;

r) To engage in discussions and enter into agreements with UEFA, FIFA and any other relevant football related organisations;

s) To take decisions on all matters which do not fall under the mandatory or statutory competence of the General Assembly.

**Article 24 – Term of Office**

1 The term of office of the Chairman and the Board Members runs as from the first General Assembly in an ECA Cycle till the first General Assembly in the next ECA Cycle.

2 If a Board Member elected by the General Assembly is recalled, withdraws or becomes no longer eligible to serve on the Executive Board during his term of office, a replacement will be elected by the Ordinary Members of the relevant subdivision group for the remaining period of his term at the next General Assembly.
If a Board Member elected by the General Assembly obtains an active office at a different club, his position at the Executive Board will become vacant. A replacement will be elected by the Ordinary Members of the relevant subdivision for the remaining period of his term at the next General Assembly. In case this Board Member obtains an active office at a Member from the same subdivision group, he can stand for re-election.

Elections during the course of an ECA Cycle shall be based on the official UEFA association ranking at the beginning of the ECA Cycle.

If a Member appointed to the UEFA PFSC withdraws or becomes no longer eligible to serve on the Executive Board during his term of office, a replacement will be appointed by the Executive Board at its next meeting for the remaining period of his term.

Article 25 – Meetings

1 The ECA Chairman or, in his absence, the highest-ranked Vice-Chairman shall chair the meetings of the Executive Board.

2 The Executive Board shall meet as often as may be determined by the ECA Chairman or when requested by five Executive Board members, but as a rule no less than four times per year.

3 Board Members shall, in principle, be notified at least 20 days in advance of any Board meeting. The General Secretary will notify Board Members of all items on the agenda together with the date and place of the meeting. Board Members may, within five calendar days of receiving such notification, request additional items to be placed on the agenda. The General Secretary shall notify Board Members of the final agenda, including all additional items, three calendar days prior to the actual meeting. Notwithstanding the above, the Executive Board may decide at any time any matter within its competence if this is decided by 100% of its members.

4 The General Secretary participates in the meetings of the Executive Board without voting rights.

5 The Chairman may invite interested third parties to attend meetings.

Article 26 – Quorum & Decisions

1 The Executive Board shall be validly convened if a minimum of eight Board Members, including at least two of the four Board Members appointed to the UEFA PFSC, attend the meeting.

2 Decisions of the Executive Board shall be adopted by Simple Majority of the Board Members present or represented.

3 In the event of a tie, the ECA Chairman shall have the casting vote.

4 A decision in writing (including by fax) signed by all Board Members shall be valid and effective as if it had been adopted at an Executive Board meeting.
Article 27 – Voting Rights and Procedures

1 Each Board Member shall have one vote.

2 A Board Member who is unable to attend a meeting of the Executive Board cannot be replaced by a substitute but has the obligation to appoint another Board Member for any vote. That Board Member must produce a proxy given by way of letter, telegram, e-mail, facsimile transmission or any other means in writing. Such proxies shall be delivered to the General Secretary. Any given Board Member cannot have more than three votes at a meeting of the Executive Board.

3 Votes shall be open (show of hands), unless at least half of the Board Members present request a secret ballot.

Article 28 – Minutes

1 Minutes of the Executive Board meetings shall be sent to all Board Members within 20 days of the meeting.

2 Minutes shall be signed by the Chairman and the General Secretary.

V – SUBDIVISION REPRESENTATIVE

Article 29 – Subdivision Representative’s Status

Each ECA subdivision will elect one individual who shall have the right to attend the Executive Board meetings as an observer. The Subdivision Representative may join in the debates but may not vote. He will be provided with and have access to all Executive Board meeting documents.

Article 30 – Eligibility Requirements

1 All Subdivision Representatives must hold active office with an Ordinary Member for the entire period of their term of office.

2 A Subdivision Representative cannot be in a situation or hold a position which is of such nature that it constitutes a clear conflict of interest with ECA’s objectives and interests. Any circumstance which might be of such nature must be disclosed to the ECA General Secretary.

3 Active office is a position whereby a Subdivision Representative is actively involved in the day-to-day senior management of an Ordinary Member and/or holds an executive position in that club, in particular positions such as a president, chairman or member of the board.

4 Subdivision Representatives must be from different Ordinary Members as the Board Members.
If the Executive Board counts two Board Members from clubs affiliated to the same UEFA member association, no Subdivision Representative from a club affiliated to that same UEFA member association will be eligible.

No person may serve as Subdivision Representative of ECA for more than three terms of office, whether consecutive or not. Any partial term shall count as one full term. Any full or partial term of office as Chairman or Board Member also counts as a term of office as Subdivision Representative for the purpose of this paragraph 6.

Article 31 – Obligations
The obligations of the Board Members as foreseen in article 22 of the Statutes shall apply by analogy to the Subdivision Representatives.

Article 32 – Elections
The election procedure of the Subdivision Representatives is governed by the Procedure for election of the Subdivision Representatives. Candidates for the election shall be proposed by the Ordinary Members to the General Secretary in writing by the date set by the General Secretary in the call for candidates which can in no case be later than 14 days before the date set for the elections.

Elections may only be conducted at a General Assembly, following the elections of the Executive Board, according to the following rules:

a) Ordinary and Associated Members shall be divided into four groups corresponding to the ECA subdivisions as set out in these Statutes;

b) Each group shall elect one Subdivision Representative;

c) The elections within each group shall be by Simple Majority of the group Members present;

d) The results of the elections shall be communicated by the General Secretary to the General Assembly at the end of the voting procedure.

Article 33 – Term of Office
The term of office of the Subdivision Representative runs from the first General Assembly in an ECA Cycle until the first General Assembly in the next ECA Cycle, with a possibility of renewal.

If a Subdivision Representative elected by the General Assembly is recalled, withdraws or becomes no longer eligible to serve as a Subdivision Representative during his term of office, a replacement will be elected by the Members of the relevant ECA Subdivision for the remaining period of his term at the next General Assembly.
If a Subdivision Representative elected by the General Assembly obtains an active office at a different club, his position will become vacant. A replacement will be elected by the Members of the relevant subdivision for the remaining period of the term at the next General Assembly. In case this Subdivision Representative obtains an active office at an Ordinary Member from the same subdivision group, he can stand for re-election.

VI – ECA REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF ECA BODIES AND ORGANS

Article 34 – General Obligations

1 Anyone holding a function within ECA and its bodies and organs and anyone who is elected or appointed by the ECA as an ECA Representative in an UEFA and FIFA Body shall comply with the obligations laid down in article 8 letters d) to h) of these Statutes which are deemed to apply directly to each individual.

2 In addition, they shall:

a) Immediately inform the General Secretary if they cease to have an active office at a Member. An individual who ceases to have an active office at a Member can no longer be a member of an ECA Body or act as an ECA appointed representative and the individual agrees to comply with any instruction given by the Executive Board regarding his resignation from the appointed position and the timing thereof.

b) Submit their personal details to the ECA Administration and notify it if any changes;

c) Inform the ECA Administration in writing of any positions that they hold within a relevant football and sports body (UEFA, FIFA, National and International Olympic Committee, National Football Association, League, Dispute Resolution Chamber etc.).

3 During their term of office, such individuals must avoid any situation and refrain from holding a position which constitutes a conflict of interest with ECA’s objectives and interests. Any circumstance which may be of such nature must be disclosed to the General Secretary.

4 These individuals shall refrain from taking part in the deliberation process(es) of any matter in which a conflict of interest exists.
VII - ADMINISTRATION

Article 35 – Functions

The ECA administration shall be headed by a General Secretary who has the following functions:

a) To organise and prepare the meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Board, as instructed by the latter;

b) To attend, without voting rights, meetings of the General Assembly and of the Executive Board, and to draw up minutes of each such meeting;

c) To prepare an annual budget;

d) To supervise the accounts of ECA;

e) To perform all tasks that may be entrusted to him by the Executive Board;

f) To issue a call for candidates for those positions for which the Members can propose candidates.

Article 36 – Appointment and remuneration

1 The General Secretary is appointed by the Executive Board.

2 He shall receive a remuneration to be determined by the Executive Board.

VIII - REPRESENTATION AND FINANCES

Article 37 – Representation

1 The ECA Chairman shall represent ECA vis-à-vis third parties.

2 The Executive Board shall determine the signatory powers within ECA and the limits within which such powers may be exercised.

Article 38 – Membership Fees

1 The economic resources of ECA shall consist of membership fees.

2 The annual membership fee shall be proposed by the Executive Board in a reasonable manner having regard to the composition of ECA and shall be approved by the General Assembly.

3 The fee shall be paid at the beginning of the financial year.

4 Only the assets of ECA shall be liable for the debts of ECA. There is no liability of the Members for liabilities of ECA.
Article 39 – Accounts and Financial Year

1. Each year the Executive Board shall draw up the accounts for the previous financial year and submit them to the General Assembly for approval.
2. The financial year shall run from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Article 40 – Financial Audit

ECA shall have its accounts audited by an independent auditor to be appointed by the General Assembly.

IX – FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 41 – Dissolution

1. In the event of dissolution of ECA, the Executive Board shall act as the liquidating committee and settle all debts.
2. If any assets remain they shall be distributed to the Members.

Article 42 – Official languages and communications

1. The official language of ECA is English.
2. If official documents of ECA are published in several languages the English version shall be authoritative.
3. Meetings of the General Assembly, the Executive Board, Committees, Expert Panels and Working Groups, shall be conducted in English. In principle simultaneous translations shall not be provided.
4. Written communications to the members of ECA and/or the Executive Board shall be in English.
5. Communications to the Members and/or the Executive Board shall be by ordinary mail, fax or email.

Article 43 – Applicable law and jurisdiction

1. These Statutes shall be governed by the laws of Switzerland.
2. Any dispute arising from or related to the application of these Statutes, and/or any regulations adopted by ECA, as well as any dispute between ECA and a Member or an individual appointed or elected to a position within or by ECA shall be exclusively referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne (Switzerland). In the event of a dispute involving exclusively parties with their seat in Switzerland, the application of the Swiss Civil Code of Procedure shall be excluded and the arbitration procedure shall be governed by the CAS Code of Sports related arbitration and Chapter 12 of the Swiss Private International Law Statute.
**Article 44 – Matters not covered for**

The Executive Board shall have the power to decide on any matters not covered in these Statutes.

**Article 45 – Transitory Provisions and coming into force**

1. The amended version of the Statutes comes into force on 4 September 2017.

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph on the occasion of the ECA General Assembly on 4 September 2017, the General Assembly decided the following:
   a) The ECA Cycle starting in 2017 will run for two sporting seasons, i.e. until June 2019 after which the ECA Cycles and the term of office of the Executive Board shall be renewed on a four-year-basis;
   b) The incompatibility of appointment on the UEFA PFSC and the UEFA CCC, as provided for under article 19 par. 1 of the Statutes shall enter into force at the beginning of the ECA cycle starting on 1 July 2019;
   c) The provision whereby the 11 Board Members elected by the General Assembly must belong to Ordinary Members affiliated to different UEFA member associations, as provided for under article 19 par. 4 of the Statutes, shall enter into force at the beginning of the ECA Cycle starting on 1 July 2019;
   d) Any term of office served till the 1st ECA General Assembly in the ECA Cycle starting on 1 July 2019 shall not be taken into account for the purposes of the term limits set out in article 20 par. 4-5 and 30 par. 6 of the Statutes;
   e) Article 23 letter k) of the Statutes concerning the accumulation of appointments shall enter into force at the beginning of the ECA Cycle starting on 1 July 2019;
   f) By exception to article 32 and 33 of the Statutes, the election of the Subdivision Representatives for the ECA Cycle 2017/19 will be held during the General Assembly in March 2018 and their term of office shall run from their election until the first General Assembly in the next ECA Cycle.

**Article 46 – Adoption**

1. These Statutes were originally adopted by the General Assembly held on 21 January 2008 in Nyon and came into force on 28 January 2008. They were subsequently amended by the General Assembly held on 8 September 2009 in Geneva, the General Assembly held on 5 February 2013 in Doha and the General Assembly held on 4 September 2017 in Geneva.

Geneva, Switzerland, 5 September 2017

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