Federation of Green Parties of the Americas

Preamble to the Founding Statutes

For a long time, the Americas have been subjected to the irrational management of their human beings and natural resources. Since the first colonizers, the devastation of Nature and the aggression against ancient American cultures, by radically changing their relationship with the environment, have turned our Americas into a battlefield between Life and the economy.

As early as 1825, the Liberator Simón Bolívar decreed in Chuquisaca the defense of water courses, reforestation, and the protection of forests. These principles were forgotten by our leaders throughout history.

The Green Parties of the Americas aspire to a quality of life measured by improvements in the Health and Education of our Peoples and in a better harmony with Nature, rejecting evaluations based on mere economic indices that disregard the reality of each of the country's inhabitants and its natural elements. Therefore, one of our objectives is to raise the Quality of Life of our Peoples in harmony with Nature. We believe that Education at all levels, formal and informal, is a priority for improving these relationships.

Future generations will inherit not only the world we leave them, but also the responsibility to preserve it, but that responsibility begins now, with us, and we cannot reject it. The future of the Americas depends on our commitment to non-aggression against Nature and our ancient cultures, but also on a commitment to positive changes in the behavior of our citizens and leaders.

In 1992, the world's leaders, gathered at the Earth Summit, declared a global ecological emergency, proposing a supposed common strategy to solve it through Agenda 21. Six years later, the causes of that emergency have not been addressed, and many of the ecosystems, species, and communities endangered at that time have disappeared or have been mortally wounded.

In 1995, the Presidents of the Americas met in Bariloche, signing environmental protection agreements that have not yet been fulfilled. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that our leaders comply with the signed agreements and create the necessary regulations to implement them.

Considering that the promotion and protection of the environment, as well as the interrelationship between Humanity and Nature, is a priority issue for the community of the Americas, we established the FEDERATION of GREEN PARTIES of the AMERICAS to strengthen the bonds of unity, in order to promote, in a fair and balanced manner, an organizational model that allows for the enjoyment of a suitable environment for the healthy survival of all forms of life. The Federation considers the development of social and environmental policies a priority to be pursued by governments; therefore, it emphasizes the search for political strategies that contribute to building an alternative social and economic model to achieve harmony with Nature.

Resolved to continue on the path already begun, the FEDERATION of GREEN PARTIES of the AMERICAS aims to achieve significant progress in ecological matters through sustained efforts in favor of international cooperation and solidarity.

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STATUTES OF THE FEDERATION OF GREEN PARTIES OF THE AMERICAS

Currently in force, as amended at the General Assembly held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, on November 26, 2022

NAME AND PRINCIPLES

Article 1. The Federation of Green Parties of the Americas, hereinafter referred to as the Federation, is an association of Political-Ecological Parties, Movements, and Organizations of the Americas, which seek integration and cooperation to disseminate and adopt ideas and practice solidarity, coexistence, and love and respect for all forms of life, within the framework of an environmentally sustainable program.

Article 2. The general policy of the Federation shall be defined in its statutes, its regulations, the resolutions issued by its governing bodies, and shall also be inspired by the principles contained in the Green Charter of the Earth. Its actions shall be carried out respecting the diversity and wisdom of the original nations and indigenous peoples of the Americas.

HEADQUARTERS AND FORUM

Article 3. The Federation of Green Parties of the Americas shall have legal personality. The Permanent Headquarters and Forum of the Federation shall be established in Mexico, and its Administrative Headquarters in the country of residence of the Executive Co-President in office.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Article 4. The aims of the Federation are:

To promote the construction of a society with social justice, participatory democracy, environmentally sustainable, with respect for diversity and human rights, equity, peace, and security under the principles of ecological wisdom, non-violence, and all those incorporated by the Earth Charter of the Global Greens.

To promote the inclusive participation of all people in Green Politics, applying the principle of sustainable development, which is to leave no one behind.

Article 5. The objectives of the Federation are:

To unify and strengthen the efforts of the political-ecological parties, organizations, and movements with a humanist vision and harmonious coexistence with nature and all forms of life.

To be an organization that facilitates and regulates cooperation between Green Parties, Green Movements, and related organizations.

To show solidarity with social movements defending human rights, indigenous rights, social justice, environmental protection, and related organizations.

To encourage and support organizations in the process of formation, whether they are Green Parties, environmental organizations, or other related groups.

To encourage the participation of representatives of the indigenous nations of the Americas among the Members of the Federation.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 6. The Federation is open to political-ecological parties, movements, and organizations whose main objectives are the pursuit of a balance between humanity and nature. The Federation will have only one member per country.

The Federation has two categories of membership: Full Members and Affiliate Members. The General Assembly may vote on the participation of other organizations, which will not have the status of members and will be called Observers.

Article 7. Candidates for full membership are Green Parties and/or Movements, officially constituted in their jurisdiction with national, regional, or local registration and that have participated in elections. They must be previously proposed by a member party and duly accepted by the General Assembly of the Federation. Within the Federation, only one party per country may participate.

Full membership will be maintained in case of a temporary loss of national, regional, or local registration as a result of not having reached the minimum electoral percentages or the electoral representation required by the electoral law of their country.

Parties with temporary loss of registration must submit their organizational report annually in accordance with the electoral legislation of their country.

Full membership will be lost if the political party's representation does not attend the annual General Assembly for two consecutive years, at which point the party will become an observer.

Article 8. Green Political Parties and Green or Ecological political movements that are in the process of formation will have the right to speak and may participate as affiliate members in all meetings of the Federation.

Article 8 A. The General Assembly may open participation in the Federation, as Observers, to political-ecological parties, movements, and organizations, when they cannot be accepted as members according to the provisions of the statutes.

ALLIANCE POLICY

Article 9. Full Member and Affiliated Member parties, within the framework of an electoral alliance policy, may freely form programmatic alliances with political parties of other ideologies when they deem it necessary to advance their growth objectives. These alliances must be based on written agreements for the implementation of environmental government programs.

The member party of the Federation, in alliance with other forces, must strengthen its political communication during and after the electoral process to prevent its alliance from being perceived as an assimilation or loss of environmental values.

The Federation will not directly support candidates from non-environmental parties, but will support the electoral decisions of its member parties, whether through direct participation or through alliances.

The more developed full member parties commit to providing political and electoral support to the green parties, movements, and organizations within the Federation.

ORGANIZATION

Article 10 The organs that comprise the Federation are:

General Assembly

Executive Committee

Thematic Secretariats

Green Mediator

Green Ambassadors

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 11 The General Assembly is the highest decision-making body of the Federation:

Article 12 The General Assembly is responsible for:
• Establishing the Federation's policy
• Approving and amending these Statutes
• Approving and amending the Federation's Program
• Coordinating the initiatives and activities outlined in the Strategic Plan, within the general policy and the Statutes of the Federation.
• Approving and amending the Federation's Internal Regulations
• Proposing and approving the inclusion and/or exclusion of Full Members and Affiliate Members of the Federation.
• Proposing and approving the participation and/or withdrawal of Observer status in the Federation
• Approving the Federation's Annual Agenda
• Creating special commissions not provided for in the Statutes
• Electing the Executive Committee
• Electing the Green Mediator.
• Electing the Secretariats
• Electing the representatives
• Electing Green Ambassadors
• Holding a general in-person meeting at least once a year and an electronic meeting whenever the Executive Committee convenes.
• Approving or disapproving the annual and special reports produced by the Executive Committee and the different secretariats.
• Creating and approving letters of understanding and cooperation for projects to be carried out between the Federation and organizations external to the Federation.

Article 13 The General Assembly shall be composed of a maximum of 3 delegates from each Party that is a full member. Each country represented shall have the right to one vote.

The vote must be agreed upon by the 3 delegates. In the event of a disagreement among them, the majority decision will prevail. If only two delegates are present, one with a positive vote and the other with a negative vote, the vote of that country will be nullified. Affiliated members may also be represented by a maximum of 3 delegates and will only have the right to speak at the General Assembly.

Article 14. The delegates shall be freely appointed by each Member Party or Movement, which must formally submit the list of names to the Executive Committee before each General Assembly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 15 The Executive Committee is the body responsible for implementing the decisions made by the General Assembly.

Article 16 The Executive Committee is responsible for: planning, coordinating, and organizing the activities of the Federation in accordance with the Statutes, the Strategic Plan, the Internal Regulations, and the guidelines established by the General Assembly; keeping the General Assembly informed about the Federation's activities; preparing an annual report or whenever required and providing information to the General Assembly at each ordinary or extraordinary meeting; proposing to the Assembly modifications to the Internal Regulations or to the present Statutes; as well as convening extraordinary assemblies when deemed appropriate. For in-person extraordinary assemblies, a quorum of half plus one of the full members of the Federation will be required, and for extraordinary assemblies held electronically, a quorum of three-quarters of the full members of the Federation will be required.

Article 17 The Executive Committee will be composed of three Co-Presidents, three Vice-Presidents, an Executive Secretary, and a Finance Secretary. A subsequent and immediate election will determine the Executive Co-President from among the three Co-Presidents. Each office holder will have a Vice-President, also elected. All these elections will be held within the General Assembly.

CO-PRESIDENTS

Article 18. The Co-Presidents shall be elected by the Assembly, serving a two-year term, and may be re-elected for only one additional consecutive term. They shall represent the Federation in the Global Green Coordination.

OTHER FUNCTIONS

Article 19. The Internal Regulations shall define the functions of the Federation's positions.

TECHNICAL AND/OR THEMATIC SECRETARIATS

Article 20. The Technical and/or Thematic Secretariats are responsible for the development and execution of specific tasks in accordance with the Federation's objectives.

Article 21. The Federation shall maintain at least the following permanent Technical and/or Thematic Secretariats:
• Finance

• Electoral Affairs and Green Party Development
• Green Youth of the Americas – JVA
• Women's Affairs
• Indigenous Nations and Peoples
• Human Rights, Social Justice, and Peace
• Climate Change
• Socio-Political Studies and Research of the Americas
• Parliamentary Affairs
• Ombudsman for the Defense of Green Rights
• Executive Governments

Article 22. The Internal Regulations detail the requirements, objectives, and operating procedures of the Secretariats.

GREEN YOUTH OF THE AMERICAS – JVA

Article 23: The Green Youth of the Americas (JVA) are an integral part of the Federation.

All its members must be affiliated with the parties, movements, and organizations that are members of the Federation, and their actions must be framed within the principles and values of the Federation.

The main objective of the JVA is to develop political leaders to advance the environmental goals of the Federation.

Its delegates will be nominated by the highest authority of their respective parties, movements, and organizations, which are responsible to the Federation for the actions of their youth sector.

The Executive Committee may request the Assembly to sanction any member party whose JVA youth sector acts against the principles and values of the Federation.

The statutes of the JVA organization must be aligned with the statutes of the FPVA and cannot, and will not, contravene them in any way.

Any project that the JVA wishes to carry out with an organization outside the Federation must be previously submitted to the Federation's Executive Committee for its approval, and once completed, the JVA will submit a report on the results obtained in relation to the planned objectives.

As an integral part of the Federation, the JVA may be a member of the Global Green Youth (GGY) organization, and all its actions must be framed within the principles of the Federation.

GREEN MEDIATOR

Article 24. The Green Mediator is the person responsible for mediating conflicts, as well as facilitating communication between the Federation and its Members;

Article 25. The Green Mediator is responsible for:
• Acting to maintain harmony within the Federation;
• Receiving complaints and grievances addressed to him/her by the Members of the Federation;

• Suggesting to the General Assembly the need to establish Arbitration Committees;
• Recommending measures aimed at preventing, stopping, assigning responsibility for, or remedying verified irregularities;
• Submitting periodic reports to the Assembly and/or Executive Committee whenever requested.

Article 25. The Green Mediator shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of 2 years, and may not be re-elected consecutively.

Article 26. The Green Mediator may participate in the General Assembly and in the meetings of the Assembly and the Executive Committee, with the right to speak.

Article 27. The Green Mediator shall report directly to the Executive Committee.

ARBITRATION

Article 28 The General Assembly may establish an Arbitration Commission with the objective of resolving doubts, impasses, and/or disputes between Member Parties and/or Movements, as well as processing irregularities.

Article 29 The Internal Regulations shall define the operating procedures of the Arbitration Commission.

FINANCES AND DUES

Article 30 The General Assembly shall elect the Secretary of Finance who will be responsible for Finances and Administration.

Article 31 The Internal Regulations shall establish the mechanisms for setting the contributions of each Member Party of the Federation, as well as the functions of the Secretariat of Finance.

BUDGET, EMPLOYEES AND FACILITIES

Article 32 The Internal Regulations shall specify the rules regarding the budget, employee hiring, and the location of the Federation's headquarters.

VOTING

Article 33 Elections for the bodies that comprise the Federation are approved by a simple majority vote, with the following exceptions:

For the modification of the Statutes and the Internal Regulations, an extraordinary General Assembly shall be held. Two-thirds of the votes of the members present at the Assembly shall be required to make the changes. For the dissolution, merger, or incorporation of the Federation, three-quarters of the votes of the Members of the General Assembly shall be required.

DOCUMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Article 34 The official language of the Federation is Spanish. Official documents produced by the Federation may be transcribed from Spanish into English, Portuguese, and French or any other language, as working documents.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 35 The Assembly shall resolve situations not foreseen in these Statutes, as well as interpret their spirit in case of doubts and controversies.

Article 36. These Statutes shall enter into force at the moment of their approval by the General Assembly of the official full and affiliated members present: Green Party of Brazil, Green Party of Canada, Green Ecological Party of Chile, Dominican Green Party of the Dominican Republic, Green Movement of Guatemala, Green Ecological Party of Mexico, Green Democratic Party of Peru, Green Ecological Movement of Venezuela.

Article 37. None of the amendments to these statutes may be applied retroactively to the detriment of the members of the Federation of Green Parties of the Americas.