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„Party of Action and Solidarity”
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**STATUTE
OF THE POLITICAL PARTY
„PARTY OF ACTION AND SOLIDARITY”
(PAS)**

CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. – The Political Party „Party of Action and Solidarity” (hereinafter PAS) is a political party constituted on grounds of voluntary association of the citizens of the Republic of Moldova with voting rights, which, by common activities and based on the free participation principle, contribute to the creation, expression and realization of their political will.

Article 2. – The legal organizational form of PAS is political party.

Article 3. – (1) The full name of the party is the Political Party „Party of Action and Solidarity”.

a) The short version of the party name is „PAS”.

Article 4. – The activity of PAS is being carried out throughout the entire territory of the Republic of Moldova, fully in line with its Program, the Statute and the acts adopted based on and for the application of the latter, respecting the Constitution provisions and those of the legislation regulating the party activity.

Article 5. – (1) The permanent PAS symbol represents the word “pas” – the acronym of the full party name – written in small letters, in the Verdana/Tahoma font, framed between two slashes. The graphic, black and white and colour versions of the permanent PAS symbol is presented in the Annex.

(2) The electoral PAS symbol is approved by National Standing Bureau decision.

Article 6. – (1) PAS is organized based on the principle on administrative-territorial organization of the Republic of Moldova.

(2) PAS obtains the juridical person status from the moment its registration with the Ministry of Justice is completed, has patrimony, bank accounts, stamp, sheets of paper with header and seal.

(3) The legal address of PAS is: Chisinau, Calea Iesilor str. No.61/1, ap. 158. The juridical address can be changes by National Standing Bureau decision.

CHAPTER II. OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONING PRINCIPLES OF PAS

Article 7. – (1) PAS is a centre-right party, which shares and promotes the New Liberalism doctrine.

(2) PAS pleads for democratic values, rule of law, supremacy of law, power separation principle, political pluralism, social-liberal principles and building an economy based on knowledge and services, protection of fundamental human

liberties, the equality before the law principle, respect for property rights and insuring equal opportunities for everyone.

(3) PAS believes in fundamental values of liberalism (individualism, egalitarianism, universalism and progressivism), considering that the value of the individual is primary, superior to any collective entity (state, ethnic group, social group). In the vision of PAS, the state has the obligation to offer its citizens social protection and stability, to build an inclusive society, in which every person, regardless of their experiences or circumstances of life, can freely develop their potential, a society based on respect, equity, honesty and social justice.

Article 8. – (1) The objectives of PAS in its political activity are the following:

- a) Building a political system that is balanced and based on integrity;
- b) Fight against corruption;
- c) Insuring independence of justice;
- d) Developing an economy based on sound and healthy private initiative;
- e) Modernization of the Public Administration;
- f) Insuring quality of education;
- g) Consolidating cultural values;
- h) Developing modern infrastructure;
- i) Insuring environment protection and sustainable development;
- j) Developing accessible and quality health services;
- k) Providing adequate social protection;
- l) Promoting an external policy in the benefit of the interests of the citizens of the Republic of Moldova;
- m) Involving the diaspora in the development of the Republic of Moldova.

(2) PAS promotes the fully-fledged integration of the Republic of Moldova in the European Union as the innate path for the social, economic and political development of the society of the Republic of Moldova.

Article 9. – (1) The leading bodies of PAS carry out their activity according to democracy, transparency and meritocracy principles. In order to insure the proper functioning of the leading bodies, their activity is surveilled and assessed by superior fora.

- a) PAS guarantees the right to free speech and activity of its members, both within and outside the party, to the extent to which exercising this right does not negatively affect the image of the party and/or the public interest.
- b) PAS engages in making politics in a responsible, clean and transparent manner, as well as to bring the politics back to its fundamental purpose – in the service of common good.
- c) PAS advocates for civilized dialogue, discouraging personal attacks, and violent and discriminatory language.

CHAPTER III. AQUIRING, REGISTRATION, SUSSPENSION AND CEASING OF THE MEMBER STATUT OF A PAS MEMBER. INCOMPATIBILITIES

Article 10. – (1) A citizen of the Republic of Moldova can acquire Membership of PAS if he/she:

- a) has the right to vote;
- b) is not prohibited by law to hold party membership;
- c) has not been convicted, by court final and irrevocable court decision, to not become politically associated or loosing political and citizenship rights;
- d) is not convicted by final and irrevocable criminal charge for corruption acts;
- e) adhered to the Engagement for Action and Solidarity of PAS, the PAS Statute and Program; the content of the Engagement is approved by the National Standing Bureau;

(2) The application for membership of PAS is addressed to the PAS Local Organization in the solicitor's inhabitancy area, working area or the area where he/she wants to activate. If a Local Organization does not exist in the respective area, the request is submitted to the PAS Territorial Organization. If both a Local and Territorial Organizations are not present in the respective area, the membership application to PAS is addressed to the National Organization.

(3) The membership application is examined by the Standing Bureau of the Local Organization, by the Territorial Standing Bureau, respectively, or by the National Standing Bureau, that will make a decision to accept or deny the request in a maximum of 30 calendar days from the moment the application was submitted.

(4) The acceptance decision is communicated to the Territorial Organization, to include the respective person in the Territorial Organization Members' Register that, in turn, informs the General Secretariat of PAS to include the respective person in the National Members' Register of PAS.

(5) Once the application was accepted, the respective person becomes a PAS member within the organization where he/she applied, acquiring, thus, all the rights and responsibilities that derive from this statute, according to the Statute.

(6) The decision to deny the application must be motivated by the Local Organization Standing Bureau, the Territorial Standing Bureau, respectively, or by the National Standing Bureau.

(7) If the membership application is rejected by the Local Organization Standing Bureau, the Territorial Organization Standing Bureau, respectively, the solicitor can refer to the Territorial Standing Bureau or the National Standing Bureau, respectively, within 5 calendar days from the day the decision of rejection was communicated. The decision of the Territorial Standing Bureau, in case the referral is made based on the decision of the Local Organization Standing Bureau, and, respectively, the decision of the National Standing Bureau, in case if the referral is made on the Territorial Standing Bureau decision, has to be made in a maximum of 10 calendar days, is final and must be communicated immediately to the solicitor and to the Standing Bureau of the Organization which rejected the application.

(8) In case the membership application is denied by the National Standing Bureau, in a maximum of 5-calendar day from the moment the decision was communicated, the solicitor may issue a motivated referral addressed to the National Standing Bureau. The National Standing Bureau decision is made in a maximum of 10 calendar days and is final.

(9) At any given point after the application was accepted, any other member of PAS can submit a motivated appeal to the National Integrity and Discipline Committee, which must make a decision in a maximum of 10 days from the appeal submission date. If the National Integrity and Discipline Committee revokes the acceptance decision through a final decision, it is immediately communicated to the Standing Bureau of the Organization that has adopted the acceptance decision, which, in turn, undertakes the needed actions to exclude the respective person from the PAS members' Registers.

Article 10. – (1) A PAS member can only be registered with one Local Organization.

(2) The transfer of the party member to another Local Organization involves his/her automatic exclusions from the previous Organization.

(3) The transfer to another PAS Local Organization is realized through a request submitted to the Local Organization from the new inhabitancy, resident or work area of the PAS member, or the area where he/she wants to activate. The Standing Bureau of the respective Local Organization, after the acceptance of the decision, will communicate to the Local Organization where the solicitor was previously a member on the fact the transfer is carried out.

(4) When a PAS member is not adhered to any Local Organization, because it is inexistent, when the Local Organization in the inhabitancy or residence area of the member is constituted, he/she obtains the status of PAS member in the respective Local Organization.

(5) The dispositions of paragraphs (1)-(3) are applicable also in case a PAS member is transferred from a Local Organization to a Territorial Organization where a Local Organization of the new locality where he/she inhabits, resides in, works or wishes to activate in is not yet constituted, and vice-versa.

Article 12. – (1) The National PAS Members' Register is created and updated by the party's General Secretariat.

(2) Separately, registers of PAS volunteers and supporters can be held by the General Secretariat.

(3) Processing of personal data is carried out within the framework of the enforced legislation in this area.

Article 13. – The PAS member status is suspended under the following circumstances:

a) upon written request of the member, when there are incompatibilities of the membership status with the member's position or due to any other reasons invoked by the member (auto-suspension);

b) in case when the member is under criminal investigation for corruption acts and/or committing serious and/or very serious crimes, during the time between the date the criminal investigation was launched to when a final and irrevocable court decision is issued;

c) in the form of disciplinary sanction, according to provisions laid out at Article 20, letter b), as well as in other cases when the competent bodies will decide the suspension of the member status of a PAS member.

(2) The decision on the suspension or the recommencement of PAS membership is adopted by the Organization in which the PAS member has/had membership.

(3) Throughout the suspension period, the PAS member will not carry out activities that could harm the Party. Eventual declarations or actions of the suspended member that infringe Statute provisions are considered grounds for exclusion from PAS.

Article 14. – PAS membership status ceases in the following circumstances:

- a) Renouncement;
- b) Exclusion;
- c) Registering with a different political party;

- d) Death;
- e) Acknowledgement on non-compliance with the conditions laid out at article 10, par.(1) or of revoking the decision on the acceptance of the membership application to PAS by the National Integrity and Discipline Committee;
- f) The party ceases to carry out its activity.

Article 15. - (1) Renouncement is based on and dated along with the submission of the request.

(2) The renouncement is communicated, in written form, to the Local Organization or the Territorial Organization.

Article 16. - Exclusion from the party will be carried out in line with the conditions foreseen in the Statute.

Article 17. – Ceasing the membership status automatically implies the revocation as of right from the positions held within PAS.

Article 18. – (1) A member of PAS can hold a maximum of two leadership or management positions within the political leadership bodies of PAS, but not positions that are on the same level. Leadership positions are considered those of the President, Deputy President and General Secretary (Secretary) of political leadership bodies at the local, territorial and national levels.

(2) The PAS President cannot hold another leadership position within the political leadership bodies of PAS or within associative structures of PAS.

(3) Members of the National Integrity and Discipline Committee, as well as members of the Audit Committee cannot be part of any political leadership bodies of PAS.

(4) Other incompatibilities are established in the Statute and can be, as well, established by the decision of National Political Council, on the proposal coming from the National Standing Bureau.

CHAPTER IV. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Article 19. – Actions that entail disciplinary sanctions, dependent on their gravity, are the following:

- a) criminal conviction, independently from its execution manner;
- b) preventive arrest and/or being brought before a court of law for deliberate infringements;
- c) a final decision of the national integrity institution of incompatibility, infringement of the legislation on the conflict of interest, as well as deliberate infringement of income and property declaration regime;

d) grounded indications on buying or attempt to buy votes, influence or attempt to influence of votes by promising goods or gains of any other nature;

e) grounded indication on illegal, non-transparent or preferential conclusion of contracts for services or goods with Public Authorities, Public Institutions, State-owned Enterprises, municipal Enterprises or corporations with a majority of state or municipal capital by party members that hold public positions or public office positions, or their first and second degree relatives, as well as other persons affiliated to them;

f) promoting ideas or actions of racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and intolerance;

g) indecent public behaviour, offensive public declaration or any other types of public behaviour that infringes enforced legislation and seriously jeopardizes the party credibility;

h) using the official statuses by the party members that hold public positions or public office positions, or leadership positions within PAS for obtaining advantages, of any nature, for themselves or for others;

i) infringing legal provisions on submission of income, property and personal interests declaration to the National Integrity Commission by the party members before they were appointed to public office positions or before they had submitted their candidacy for elective positions;

j) falsely arrogating functions, rights or responsibilities within the party or assuming political engagements in the name of and for the Party with other parties, associations or professional structure without the approval of party structures that behold the competency for that decision;

k) any type of activity for the benefit of another party or passing on to political opponents the confidential documents, decisions and discussions, that are of nature to affect the objectives the party has engaged to achieve;

l) repeated infringement of Statute provisions, disrespecting decisions of leading bodies of PAS, and, by that, seriously jeopardizing the achievement of the PAS political objectives;

m) neglectful action in exercising the responsibilities assumed within the party, unjustified refusal to participate in the electoral campaigns of the party or unjustified refusal to promote and support the measures adopted by the leading bodies of PAS;

n) unmotivated absence of the members elected to the internal structure of PAS during at least three consecutive meetings;

o) unmotivated refusal to pay the membership fee after notification on payment delay.

Article 20. – (1) The following disciplinary sanctions can be imposed on PAS members:

- a) written warning;
- b) suspension of membership status for a determined period;
- c) revocation from the position held within the party;
- d) withdrawal of the political support for the public office position he/she holds;
- e) exclusion from the party.

(2) The actions foreseen at Article 19 letter a), acknowledged in final decision of the courts of Law are sanctioned with exclusion from the party.

(3) Acts foreseen at Article 19 letter b) are sanctioned with suspension from the party.

(4) Acts foreseen at Article 19 letter c) are sanctioned with exclusion from the party.

(5) For all the other disciplinary infringements, the National Integrity and Discipline Committee has the competency to establish their existence and to decide upon the sanctions to be applied.

(6) Disciplinary sanctions are applied in line with the provisions of the Statute.

Article 21. – (1) Initiation of the disciplinary procedure is made upon a referral by any PAS member addressed to the National Integrity and Discipline Committee regarding any other PAS member, indifferently from the position he/she beholds at local, territorial or national level.

(2) In case the referral is addressed to any other body or member of PAS, he/she has the obligation to submit the referral to the National Integrity and Discipline Committee.

(3) The National Integrity and Discipline Committee can refer the matter to itself (ex-officio), can carry out all disciplinary procedures and decide upon the sanctions.

(4) The sanction of suspending the membership status of a member is registered in the National Members' Register.

(5) The solution adopted by the National Integrity and Discipline Committee is final and mandatory for all party structures, initiation of the application shall start at the date the solution is pronounced.

CHAPTER V. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PAS MEMBERS

Article 22. – PAS members have the following rights:

- a) to propose candidates, to elect and be elected in the leading bodies of PAS, under the conditions stipulated in the Statute;
- b) to run, on behalf of PAS, for public office positions at all levels, in correspondence with the Statute provisions;
- c) to propose legislative, administrative initiative and/or to dispose of possibilities to express them, as well as to express his/her opinion in all matters regarding the program and the organization and functioning of PAS;
- d) to participate in meetings of the party organizations from which they are part of, in meetings where their persona and activity are being discussed, as well as other meetings to which they are invited in statutory manner;
- e) to participate, on behalf of PAS, in conferences, congresses, seminars, as well as other events;
- f) to be informed on the activity of the organization which they are part of, as well as on the decisions of the local, territorial and national leading bodies;
- g) to evaluate the activity of PAS elected members from the leading bodies of the party and from the local, territorial and national leading bodies;
- h) to benefit from PAS protection against political attacks and pressures of any kind;
- i) other rights foreseen by the law and the present Statute, or by the acts enabling the enforcement of the latter.

Article 23. – PAS members have the following obligations:

- a) to pay the membership fee;
- b) to respect the Statute, the PAS Program, the decisions of the hierarchically superior leadership bodies and those of the National Integrity and Discipline Committee, the PAS Action and Solidarity Engagement, to keep the internal documents and information confidential;
- c) to contribute to the achievement of PAS objectives and carry out all needed actions for promoting and protect the prestige and reputation of the Party;
- d) to exercise the public office positions they were appointed to or elected to with dignity, honesty and competence.

CHAPTER VI. PAS ORGANIZATIONAL PROCESS. POLITICAL LEADERSHIP BODIES

Article 24. – PAS is organized and functions based on the territorial-administrative principle and includes:

- a) the Local Organization;
- b) the Territorial Organization;
- c) the National Organization.

Section 1. Organization at the local level

Article 25. – (1) PAS Local Organizations are constituted in villages, communes, towns, Chisinau municipality sectors and in municipalities (except Balti and Chisinau municipalities).

(2) Members of PAS Local Organizations are all Party members that inhabit or reside in the locality where the Organization is constituted.

Article 26. – (1) In order to be constituted, the Local Organization must have at least three members.

(2) The Local Organization establishment, as well as electing its leading bodies, is validated by the Standing Bureau of the Territorial Organization.

(3) If the Territorial Organization is not established, the Local Organization and the election of its leading bodies is validated by the National Standing Bureau.

Article 27. – (1) The Local Organization can set-up structures at the level of voting sections, of villages that constitute the commune and/or at the level of district (area, suburb).

(2) The organization and functioning of structures at the level of voting sections, at villages that constitute the commune level and/or at district level (area, suburb) are regulated by the National Political Council.

Article 28. - The structure of the Local Organization is the following:

- a) General Assembly of the Local Organization;
- b) Standing Bureau of the Local Organization;
- c) President of the Local Organization;
- d) Deputy President of the Local Organization – in cases when the total number of PAS members within the respective organization exceeds 100 persons.

Article 29. – (1) The General Assembly of the Local Organization is the supreme deliberative body of the Local Organization.

(2) The General Assembly of the Local Organization is called at least once a year or upon necessity.

(3) The call is carried out by the President of the Local Organization, by the Local Organization Standing Bureau or upon the request of 1/3 of Local Organization members.

Article 30. – The General Assembly of the Local Organization is considered deliberative if there is a majority of members taking part in the first call, and with any number of present members during repeated call for meeting.

Article 31. – (1) Decisions of the General Assembly of the Local Organization are adopted with a majority vote of the participants.

(2) The Minutes of the General Assembly of the Local Organization, as well as its adopted decisions, are signed by the President of the Local Organization.

Article 32. – The General Assembly of the Local Organization has the following attributions:

- a) elects and revokes, by secret vote, the President of the Local Organization;
- b) elects and revokes, by secret vote, the Deputy President and the other members of the Standing Bureau of the Local Organization;
- c) debates and approves the report on the campaign carried out throughout the year of the Local Organisation;
- d) approves, at the proposal of the Standing Bureau of the Local Organization, the Action Plan on the implementation of the campaign throughout the year;
- e) approve the annual budget of the Local Organization, reported to the estimated quantum of the resources received from membership fees and/or donations;
- f) elect, by secret vote, the ballot candidate/ list of candidates for the local elections in the respective territorial-administrative unit (mayors, local counsellors); the ballot candidate/ list of candidates is presented to the Territorial Standing Bureau for endorsement and to the Territorial Political Council for final approval;
- g) elects the delegates to the Territorial Convention in line with the norm on representation established by the National Political Council;
- h) examines and makes decisions on all matters concerning activity of the Local Organization.

Article 33. – (1) The Standing Bureau of the Local Organization is the local executive body of PAS that coordinates the Local Organization activities.

(2) The Standing Bureau of the Local Organization is convened at least once per month, as called by the President of the Local Organization, of the Standing Bureau of the Territorial Organization and at any point upon written request of the simple majority of its members.

(3) The Standing Bureau of the Local Organization has a 4-year mandate.

Article 34. – (1) The Standing Bureau of the Local Organization shall be composed as follows:

a) the Standing Bureau of the Local Organization in which the total number of members does not exceed 100 members is composed of 3 members: the President and 2 members elected by the General Assembly of the Local Organization;

b) the Standing Bureau of the Local Organization in which the total number of members exceeds 100 members is composed of 5 members: the President, the Deputy President and 3 members elected by the General Assembly of the Local Organization;

c) the Standing Bureau of the Local Organizations of the Chisinau municipality sectors are composed of 7 members: the President, the Deputy President and 5 members elected by General Assembly of the Local Organization.

(2) In case when the mayor and deputy mayor of the respective locality are PAS member, the Standing Bureau of the Local Organization includes them as of right.

Article 35. – (1) The Standing Bureau of the Local Organization has the following attributions:

a) plans the campaign activities implemented throughout the year, the door-to-door campaign and the electoral campaign of the PAS candidates;

b) elaborate and implement the action plan of the electoral campaigns at local level and that of the campaign carried out throughout the year;

c) organises activities on mobilization of PAS members, activists and volunteer, in light of the year-round campaign, and the mobilization for participating at voting.

d) complete and update the data base of the Local Organization members and presents it to the Territorial Organization;

e) updates the Locality Passport;

f) organises the distribution of materials so as to communicate the PAS message and policy directly to the citizens;

g) tests the national messages and policy via instruments established by the PAS General Secretariat;

h) proposes to the Territorial Standing Bureau the budget need of the Local Organization, reported to the estimated quantum of the resources cashed from membership fees and/or donations;

i) proposes to the General Assembly of the Local Organization the candidates to run for local elections in the respective administrative-territorial organization (mayors, local counsellors);

j) decides, after receiving positive endorsement from the Standing Bureau of the Territorial Organization, the candidates to run for public office positions at local level (deputy Mayors);

k) presents to the Territorial Organization proposals regarding the ballot candidates/list of candidates for the local elections to be held within second level territorial-administrative units and that of ATU Gagauzia (district counsellors, local counsellors of Balti and Chisinau municipalities, members to the Popular Assembly of ATU Gagauzia, General Mayor of Balti, General Mayor of Chisinau, Governor of ATU Gagauzia);

l) organises local level events;

m) approves, as foreseen in the Statute, the members' adherence requests to the organization and informs the Organization about approval of new members.

(2) The Minutes of the Standing Bureau of the Local Organization, as well as the adopted decisions, are signed by the President of the Local Organization.

Article 36. – (1) The President of the Local Organization:

a) represents PAS at local level;

b) exercises the leadership and management of the Local Organization, being responsible for coordinating and managing the Local Organization activity;

c) chairs the meetings of the Standing Bureau and those of the General Assembly of the Local Organization and establishes the discussions' agenda;

d) coordinates the electoral campaign in the Local Organization he/she leads;

e) plans, organises and participates in the year-round campaign, the door-to-door campaign and the campaign for the local elections in light of mobilizing the voters;

f) organises Party activities at local level, including meetings, public assemblies, the field work;

g) carries responsibility for the entire activity of the Local Organization, the communication within the Party Local Organization as well as with other Party Organizations and for the image of the Local Organization;

h) evaluates and elaborates the list of training needs of the PAS members from the Local Organization;

i) keeps track records of the members and presents to the Territorial Organization the Local Organization members' Register;

j) coordinates the financial-accounting and membership fees' collecting activities;

k) elaborates the Local Organization budget, reported to the estimated quantum of the resources chused from membership fees and/or donation;

l) presents to the Standing Bureau of the Territorial Organization the Minutes to the meetings of the Local Organization's forums;

m) is responsible for the archives of the organisation;

n) fulfils other duties stipulated in the Statute, in the acts adopted based on and for the application of the latter or established by the General Assembly of the Local Organization.

Article 37. (1) The Deputy President of the Local Organization has representation responsibilities, within the limits of the mandate granted by the Standing Bureau of Local Organization and within statutory limits.

(2) The Deputy President performs the duties of the president, in case of temporary absence of the later, or in case of vacancy of the position; if the position of Deputy President does not exist, the interim duties of the President shall be fulfilled by a member of the Standing Bureau, designated by it.

(3) The Deputy President may chair, according to the disposition of the President, the meetings of the local governing structures, and can perform any duties delegated by the President of the Local Organization.

(4) The Deputy President has specific responsibilities, as established by the Standing Bureau of Local Organization and the President of the Local Organization.

Section 2. Organization at territorial level

Article 38. – (1) Territorial Organizations of PAS are constituted at the districts level, in the municipalities of Chisinau and Balti and in the Territorial Autonomous Unit Gagauzia (UTA Gagauzia). They include all members of Local Organizations that exist in the respective administrative-territorial unit.

(2) The structure of the Territorial Organization is as follows:

a) the Territorial Convention;

b) the Territorial Political Council;

c) the Territorial Standing Bureau;

d) the President of the Territorial Organization;

e) the Deputy President / Deputy Presidents of the Territorial Organization;

f) the Secretary of Territorial Organization.

Article 39. – (1) The Territorial Convention is the supreme governing body at district level, at the level of the municipalities of Chisinau and Balti and of ATU Gagauzia, consisting of delegates from all local organizations that are in the respective administrative-territorial unit. Besides the delegates of local organizations, the members of the Territorial Political Council and of the Territorial Standing Bureau are delegates as of right to the Territorial Convention.

(2) In the case of PAS members directly registered in the Territorial Organization, for the the reason that local organizations have not been established yet, a joint meeting for them is organised, in which they appoint delegates to the Territorial Convention.

(3) Territorial Convention is convened every two years or when needed, based on a proposal from the President of the Territorial Organization, or of at least 1/3 of the Local Organisations, of the Political Territorial Council or of the National Standing Bureau.

Article 40. – (1) The Territorial Convention is deliberative in the case if the majority of delegates, elected and as of right, participate in the activities.

(2) The Minutes of the Territorial Convention and the adopted decisions shall be signed by the President of the Territorial Organization and countersigned by the Secretary of Territorial Organization.

Article 41. – The Territorial Convention has the following attributions:

a) discusses and approves the report of the Territorial Political Council, the report of the President of the Territorial Organization, the financial report and the internal audit report, as well as any other documents;

b) elects, for a term of four years, via a secret ballot the President, the Deputy President / Deputy Presidents and the 5 members of the Standing Bureau of the Territorial Organisation; In the case of the Territorial Organization in the Chisinau municipality, there are 7 members of the Territorial Standing Bureau elected;

c) elects delegates to the PAS Congress, according to the norms for representation, established by the National Political Council;

d) elects by secret ballot candidates / lists of candidates for local elections in the administrative units of the second level and Gagauzia (district councillors, local councillors for Chisinau and Balti, members of the Popular Assembly of ATU Gagauzia, mayor of Balti, the general mayor of Chisinau, Governor of ATU Gagauzia);

e) adopts action plans for election campaigns and throughout-the-year campaign at local level;

f) exercises other attributions, as stipulated in the present Statute.

Article 42. – (1) The Territorial Political Council constitutes the governing political and organizational body of the Territorial Organization, in the period between Territorial Conventions.

(2) The composition of the Territorial Political Council includes:

a) the members of the Territorial Permanent Bureau;

b) the Presidents and Deputy Presidents of Local Organisations;

c) mayors and deputy mayors representing of PAS;

d) chairmen and deputy chairmen of districts, representing PAS;

e) District councillors of Chisinau and Balti, and respectively members of ATU Gagauzia Popular Assembly, elected on the lists of PAS.

(3) Territorial Political Council meets usually once every three months, convened by the President of the Territorial Organization, and whenever necessary, at the request of the Territorial Standing Bureau, the National Standing Bureau, or at the request of at least 1/3 of all of its members.

Article 43. (1) The meetings of the Political Territorial Council are chaired by the President of the Territorial Organization.

(2) The meetings of the Political Territorial Council are deliberative if the majority of its members are present.

(3) The Decisions of the Council are adopted if voted by the majority of present members. The decisions are signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary of the Territorial Organization.

Article 44. – the Territorial Political Council has the following attributions:

a) convenes the Territorial Convention;

b) determines the norms of representation of the Local Organisations in the Territorial Convention;

c) monitors and evaluates the development of territorial structures in terms of number of members, implementation of campaigns throughout the year and of electoral campaigns for PAS candidates, their efficiency and effectiveness;

d) approves the budget of the Territorial Organization, based on the estimated amount of resources received via membership fees and / or donations;

e) analyses the activity of the Territorial Standing Bureau, of the district councillors, municipal councillors and of the members of the People's Assembly of ATU Gagauzia;

f) approves / modifies the candidates / the lists of candidates for local elections in the territorial administrative unit of the first level (mayors, local

councillors); the candidates / the list of candidates is proposed by respective local organizations and endorsed by the Territorial Standing Bureau;

g) decides, based on proposal from the Standing Bureau of Territorial Organization and with the endorsement of the National Standing Bureau, upon the candidates for positions of public dignity at the level of districts, of Chisinau and Balti municipalities and of ATU Gagauzia (other than elective ones);

h) presents proposals to the appropriate decision making bodies of the National Organization about potential candidates for deputies positions in the Moldovan Parliament;

i) informs the National Integrity and Discipline Committee about serious cases of violation of the principles of integrity by party members from the respective administrative-territorial unit and by local, district and national level elected officials;

j) performs any other tasks stipulated in this Statute, in the subsequent acts for the Statute implementation acts or assigned by the Territorial Convention.

Article 45. – 1) The Territorial Standing Bureau is the executive body that coordinates and plans the activities of the Territorial Organization.

(2) The Territorial Standing Bureau is composed of:

a) The President of the Territorial Organization;

b) The Deputy President / Deputy Presidents of the Territorial Organization;

c) The Secretary of the Territorial Organization;

d) 5 members (7 members for the Territorial Organisation of Chisinau municipality) elected by the Territorial Convention.

(3) The Standing Bureau of the Chisinau Territorial Organization is supplemented with the five presidents of Local Organizations from the municipal sectors, as well as a member appointed by the National Standing Bureau.

Article 46. – (1) The Territorial Standing Bureau has monthly meetings, called by the President of the Territorial Organization and, whenever necessary, upon request of the National Standing Bureau and at least 2 members.

(2) The meetings of the Territorial Standing Bureau are deliberative if the majority of its members are participating.

(3) The decisions are taken by the vote of the majority of present members. The decisions are signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary of the Territorial Organization.

Article 47. – The Territorial Standing Bureau has the following attributions:

a) informs the Territorial Political Council about the activity of the organization;

b) evaluates the work of Local Organisations and proposes to the Territorial Political Council a training plan for their members;

c) proposes to the Territorial Political Council the training plan for mayors, deputy mayors, district presidents, vice -presidents and local councillors elected on the lists of PAS;

d) develops and organizes the campaign throughout the year, the door-to-door campaigns and the election campaigns for PAS candidates at the district level, in Chisinau and Balti municipality, and in ATU Gagauzia;

e) organizes activities to mobilize members, activists and volunteers of PAS, for participation in the campaigning throughout the year, and for mobilization to the vote;

f) elaborates the budget of the Territorial Organization, based on the estimated amount of resources received through membership fees and / or donations;

g) delivers national policies and messages to Local Organizations;

h) proposes the candidates for positions of public dignity at the district level, for Chisinau and Balti municipalities and for People's Assembly of ATU Gagauzia, other than the elective ones;

i) approves and submits for approval or modification to the Territorial Political Council the candidates / the lists of candidates for local elections in the territorial administrative unit of the first level (mayors, local councillors);

j) approves proposals of Local Organization's Standing Bureau on appointments to political positions at local level (Deputy mayors);

k) reports to the Territorial Political Council the cases of breach of the principles of integrity and discipline by party members in political positions at the district level, municipalities and ATU Gagauzia, but also by members of PAS from the respective administrative-territorial unit, for the application of sanctions by the National Integrity and Discipline Committee;

l) validates the creation and dissolution of local organizations;

m) abolishes the Standing Bureau of a Local Organization, in the case of improperly exercised powers against the provisions of this Statute and / or of breaking the decisions of the superior political bodies of PAS; in this case, the mandates of the members of the Standing Bureau of the Local Organization ceases by law; The Standing Bureau of the Territorial Organization will appoint an Acting Standing Bureau of the Local Organisation, until the election of a new Local Organization's Standing Bureau takes place, according to the provisions of this Statute;

n) revokes the President, Deputy Presidents or any other member of the Standing Bureau of Local Organization, if they do not fulfil properly the duties under this Statute and / or do not respects the decisions of the superior political decision

making bodies of PAS; in this case, the Standing Bureau of the Territorial Organization will appoint interim members instead of the ones revoked, until the election of new members takes place under this Statute;

o) appoints interim members of the Standing Bureau of Local Organization, until the election of new members under this Statute, if a position of a member becomes vacant during the term;

p) validates the results of the election in the Local Organizations;

q) performs other functions as provided in the present Statute.

Article 48. – (1) The President of the Territorial Organization chairs the meetings of the Territorial Political Council, of the Territorial Standing Bureau and of the Territorial Convention.

(2) The President of the Territorial Organization is elected by secret uninominal ballot for a term of 4 years.

(3) The President of the Territorial Organization:

a) represents the party at the territorial level;

b) proposes to the Territorial Convention the candidature of Deputy President / Deputy Presidents;

c) is responsible for the management of movable and immovable property of the party in the territory;

d) presents to the Territorial Standing Bureau and Territorial Political Council the reports about the activity of local structures and evidence of PAS members;

e) performs the leadership and management of the Territorial Organization, having the responsibility for coordinating the activities of Local Organizations;

f) leads the election campaign and the campaign throughout the year of the Territorial Organization;

g) organizes and participates in the campaign throughout the year, the door to door campaign and campaign for local candidates in order to mobilize voters;

h) organizes party activities at the local level, including staff meetings, public meetings, and field trips;

i) signs the Minutes of the meetings of the bodies of Territorial Organization;

j) performs other duties stipulated in the Statute, in the subsequent documents for implementation of provisions of the Statute, or attributed by the Territorial Convention, the Territorial Political Council and the Territorial Standing Bureau.

Article 49. – (1) The Deputy President / the Deputy Presidents of the Territorial Organization operate under the coordination of the Standing Bureau of the Territorial Organization and of the President of the Territorial Organisation.

(2) The Deputy President performs the duties of the President during temporary absence of the later, or in case of vacancy of the position; where there are several positions of Deputy Presidents, the Territorial Standing Bureau will decide who substitutes.

(3) The Deputy Presidents of the Territorial Organization can have responsibilities of representing the Territorial Organization within the mandate granted by the Territorial Standing Bureau and the President of the Territorial Organization.

(4) The Deputy Presidents of the Territorial Organization will chair the meetings of management structures, based on a disposition of the President of the Territorial Organisation, and will perform any other duties delegated by the President of Territorial Organization.

Article 50. – (1) The Secretary of the Territorial Organization organizes and manages the entire activity of the organization.

(2) The Secretary is confirmed by the National Standing Bureau, upon proposal of the President of the Territorial Organization.

(3) The Secretary of the Territorial Organization must be a member of PAS.

(4) The Secretary of the Territorial Organization has the following attributions:

a) coordinates and monitors the work of Local Organizations;

b) develops training plans and ensures the provision of trainings for members of Local Organisations, mayors, deputy mayors, district presidents and deputy presidents and councillors elected on the lists of PAS;

c) develops and submits for approval the activity plans of the campaign throughout the year, the election campaigns and door to door campaigns, field trips and meetings with voters, supporters and members of PAS;

d) proposes models of advertising policy materials and ensures communication and transfer to Local Organizations;

e) assists the presidents of Local Organisations in the construction of the party by organizing communication campaigns with voters and using the tools available to the Party;

f) submits to the Territorial Standing Bureau reports on the activity of the Party structures at the local level;

g) updates the register of PAS members in local organizations and presents to the Territorial Standing Bureau reports on PAS members records;

h) countersigns the Minutes of meetings of the bodies of Territorial Organization;

i) ensures the collection of membership fees and donations from local organizations, or of other legal financial aids;

j) prepares the list of budgetary needs and sends it to the Territorial Standing Bureau for discussion;

k) performs other duties stipulated by the Statute, by the subsequent documents for implementation of provisions of the Statute, or attributed by the President of the Territorial Organisation.

Section 3. Organization at the national level

Article 51. – The political governing bodies of PAS at the national level are:

- a) The Congress;
- b) The National Political Council;
- c) The National Standing Bureau.

Article 52. – (1) The Congress is the supreme forum of leadership of PAS and the only entity that establishes the general political line of the party.

(2) The Congress has the attributes of general assembly of PAS members, according to the law.

Article 53. – (1) The Congress convenes in ordinary sessions every four years.

(2) The Congress convenes in extraordinary session whenever necessary, at the request of the President of the Party, of the majority of members of the National Political Council, of the National Standing Bureau or at the express request of at least 6 (six) Territorial Organizations of PAS.

Article 54. – (1) The Congress is constituted by delegates PAS Territorial Organizations, member of the National Political Council and the National Standing Bureau, who are delegates as of right of the Congress.

(2) If the case of PAS members directly registered at the national level, for the reason that some Territorial Organizations do not exist yet, a joint meeting will be organised, in which they will appoint their delegates to the Congress.

(3) The Congress meetings are deliberative if in it participate more than half of the number of elected delegates and delegates as of right. The Minutes of the Congress and the decisions taken by it are signed by the President of PAS and countersigned by the General Secretary of PAS.

(4) The representation rate, the modality of election of delegates and the Congress flow are established by the National Political Council, based on proposal from the National Standing Bureau.

Article 55. – (1) The Congress has the following attributions:

a) approves the Program of PAS and decides on policy resolutions;

b) approves the Party Statute;

c) approves the amendments to the Statute;

d) elects by secret ballot one of the motions submitted to and accepted by the Organizing Committee of the Congress (if the National Political Council decided to elect the President, Deputy President / Deputy Presidents, General Secretary and members of the National Standing Bureau on behalf of the Congress by voting on motions);

e) elects by uninominal secret ballot the President of the Party, the Deputy Presidents and members of the National Standing Bureau, the functions, structure provided under this Statute (if the National Political Council decided to elect the President, Deputy President / Deputy Presidents, the General Secretary and members of the National Standing Bureau by uninominal vote from Congress); In this case, the National Political Council decide the exact list of functions that are elected by the Congress within the numbers provided by the Statute (the number of Deputy Presidents, the number of members of the National Standing Bureau elected by the Congress);

f) elects 3 members of the National Audit Committee;

g) decides on Party reorganization or dissolution;

h) discusses and approves the report of the National Standing Bureau, presented by the President of the Party;

i) decides on the report presented by the Chairman of the Audit Committee;

j) revokes, via the same procedure used for their appointment, the President of the Party and any member of the governing bodies elected by Congress.

(2) The Congress may delegate its certain tasks to other management bodies of PAS, except those which, by law, are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Congress, and may revoke or suspend any decision of the other governing bodies of the party.

Article 56. – (1) The National Political Council ensures leadership of the party between Congresses.

(2) The National Political Council consists of:

a) the members of the National Standing Bureau;

- b) the Presidents and Deputy Presidents of Territorial Organizations of PAS;
- c) the Presidents of Local Organisations of the districts of Chisinau municipality;
- d) members of the Moldovan Parliament representing PAS;
- e) ministers and deputy ministers, members of PAS;
- f) chairmen and deputy chairmen of the country districts, members of PAS;
- g) mayors of cities and municipalities, members of PAS;
- h) local councillors from Chisinau and Balti, deputies of People's Assembly of ATU Gagauzia, members of PAS.

Article 57. – (1) The National Political Council meets usually quarterly, convened by the President of the Party, upon the request of the National Standing Bureau or of the majority of its members, whenever needed.

(2) The National Political Council is headed by President of the Party, and in his/her absence, by one of the Deputy Presidents empowered.

(3) The meetings of the National Political Council are deliberative if the majority of its members participates.

(4) The decisions of the National Political Council are taken by the majority of votes of those present.

(5) The National Political Council decisions are mandatory for all party structures and for all its members.

Article 58. – (1) The National Political Council has the following attributions:

a) convenes the Congress, sets the draft agenda and the procedures of its work, determines the date and place, approves the norms of representation to the Congress;

b) amends and completes the PAS Statute, based on the proposals from the National Standing Bureau, except for the provisions which, by law, are the sole responsibility of the Congress;

c) based on the National Standing Bureau's proposal, approves / amends the list of candidates for members of Parliament, designates candidates for the positions of President of the Republic, Prime Minister of the Government of Moldova and Speaker of Parliament;

d) approves the election campaign programs;

e) decides upon political and / or electoral alliances, including on having joint electoral lists when appropriate, and on policies for parliamentary coalitions and / or governmental coalitions;

f) amends / approves candidates / lists of candidates for local elections in the administrative units of the second level and ATU Gagauzia (district councillors, local councillors of Chisinau and Balti, members of the Popular Assembly of Gagauzia, mayor of Balti, the general mayor of Chisinau, the Governor of Gagauzia); candidates / lists of candidates are proposed by the Territorial Organizations and endorsed by the National Standing Bureau;

g) establishes the proportion of funds generated through membership fees for the Local and Territorial Organizations;

h) if the position of an elected member of the National Standing Bureau becomes vacant before the end of mandate, appoints, based on PAS President's proposal, an interim member of the Bureau for the remaining part of the mandate;

i) establishes the procedure of voting for the President of PAS, Deputy President / Deputy Presidents and the other members of the National Standing Bureau on behalf of the Congress, by motion vote or by uninominal vote; if the uninominal vote is decided, the Congress determines the exact list of functions in the National Standing Bureau that are elected by the Congress, within the numbers established by the present Statute (the number of Deputy Presidents, the number of members of the National Standing Bureau elected by the Congress);

j) approves the Organizing Committee of the Congress;

k) appoints three members of the National Integrity and Discipline Committee;

l) appoints, based on the proposal of the President of PAS, the Party Spokesman/Spokeswoman and the Treasurer;

m) approves the necessary documents for the implementation of this Statute expressly deriving from the provisions of the Statute, except those that are within the jurisdiction of other organs;

n) approves the procedure for registration of candidates in the Register of Candidates;

o) performs other duties under the Statute, by the subsequent documents for implementation of provisions of the Statute, or attributed by the by the Congress.

Article 59. – (1) The motion represents the political offer of the candidate for the position of President of PAS. The winning motion becomes the political action plan of PAS, until the next Congress is to elect a new President of PAS.

(2) The motions must contain measures that are to promote the party objectives, in accordance with the Statute and Program PAS. Moreover, the motions

must include the proposed list of National Standing Bureau members to be elected on behalf of the Congress: 1-3 Deputy Presidents, General Secretary and the 5-15 members of the National Standing Bureau.

(3) The motion is signed by its leader and is countersigned by the other candidates to the positions in the National Standing Bureau. The leader of the motion (the motion signatory) and the candidates for the positions in the National Standing Bureau (the counter signatories of the motion) must be members of PAS.

(4) The motions shall be submitted at least 45 days before the date established for the Congress.

(5) The motions are to be submitted to the PAS headquarters and immediately transmitted to the Organizing Committee of the Congress.

(6) Within 5 days after the submission of motions, the Organizing Committee of the Congress has an obligation to inform in writing the motions leaders about accepting or rejecting them. The rejection of motions can only occur if they do not comply with paragraph (2) - (4) of this article. In other cases, the Organizing Committee of the Congress has an obligation to accept the motion.

(7) The leader of a rejected motion may appeal for contesting the decision of rejecting the motion within 3 days of receipt of notification. The appeal will be analysed by the National Political Council within 5 days from its submission in the written form to PAS headquarters. The decision of the National Political Council is taken by a majority vote and is final.

Article 60. – (1) The accepted motions will be transmitted to the Territorial Organizations for analysis and discussion, not later than in 2 days after the decision of acceptance becomes final.

(2) In the process of discussion of motions within Territorial Organizations, the motions can be supported by leaders or by persons authorized by them.

(3) At least 15 days before the convening of Congress, each Territorial Standing Bureau decides by secret ballot on supporting a motion. Supporting of a motion is decided by the vote of majority of members.

(4) The Territorial Standing Bureaus shall immediately transmit a copy of the Minutes of the meeting to the Organising Committee of the Congress.

Article 61. – A motion shall be considered valid and will be debated at the Congress if it has been supported by at least 5 Territorial Organizations.

Article 62. – (1) The motions will be presented during the Congress by the leaders and, upon his/her decision, by maximum 2 mandated persons, usually being from among the candidates.

(2) The time for debate will be determined by the Organizing Committee of the Congress and must be equal for all motions.

(3) The order of presentation of motions will be made by lot during the Congress.

Article 63. – (1) The voting of delegates is secret and will be done via ballots.

(2) The delegates will opt for or against the motion when there is only one motion, or for one of the motions, when there are several motions.

(3) The motion that won the vote of half plus one of the delegates to the Congress, or obtained half plus one votes of the number of delegates to the Congress (in the case when a single motion is presented) becomes the winning motion. The leader of the winning motion becomes the President of PAS, and other candidates come to holding the positions presented in the text of the motion.

(4) In case if none of the motions obtained half plus one of the valid votes, a second round of voting will be held between the top two motions that have obtained the highest number of votes, in descending order.

(5) The leader of the motion that obtained the highest number of votes in the second round is declared President of PAS, and the other candidates come to holding the positions presented in the motion.

Article 64. – (1) For the case of convening an extraordinary session of Congress, the deadlines provided for ordinary session of Congress are not mandatory.

(2) The procedures for organization and flow of the Congress during its extraordinary session is determined by the decision of the National Political Council.

(3) A member of PAS can sign or countersign only one motion.

Article 65. – (1) The National Standing Bureau is the executive body of PAS.

(2) The National Sanding Bureau consists of the following members:

- a) the President of PAS;
- b) 1-3 Deputy Presidents;
- c) the General Secretary;
- d) the President of the parliamentary group of PAS;
- e) the President of Chisinau Territorial Organization;
- f) the Spokesman;
- g) the Party Treasurer;
- h) 5-15 members elected by Congress.

(3) The exact number of Deputy Presidents and members of the National Permanent Bureau elected by the Congress shall be determined within the limits provided by this Statute, within the motion that became the winning one (if the National Political Council decided to elect the President, Vice President / Vice-

Presidents and members of the National Permanent Bureau of the Congress by motion vote), or shall be stipulated in the decision of National Political Council, which sets the election of President, Deputy President / Deputy Presidents, the General Secretary and members of the National Permanent Bureau of the Congress by secret uninominal vote.

(4) If the decision is taken to apply the uninominal secret vote, the National Political Council will establish the procedure for conducting the elections.

Article 66. – (1) The National Standing Bureau usually holds its meetings every two weeks, or as needed, in this case being convened by the President or at least 1/3 of the members.

(2) The National Standing Bureau:

a) implements the decisions of the Congress and of the National Political Council;

b) adopts and presents as a whole or via individual members, depending on their delegated attributions, the official public positions of the party, related to current political, social and economic events, occurring within the country and abroad;

c) monitors the work of the Parliamentary group of PAS and of public officials who are representatives of PAS;

d) negotiates via mandate from the National Political Council any alliances or collaboration agreements with other political parties and propose the results of these negotiations for approval, according to statutory provisions;

e) validates the establishing of territorial organizations and validates results of the election at the local level;

f) revokes the entire Territorial Standing Bureau of a Territorial Organization in the case it does not fulfil or improperly fulfils the duties under this Statute and / or does not fulfil the decisions of the superior political leadership of PAS; in this case, the mandates of the Standing Bureau of Territorial Organization cease by the law; the National Standing Bureau will appoint an interim bureau, until the election of a new Standing Bureau of Territorial Organization takes place, according to the provisions of the present Statute;

g) revokes the President, Deputy President or any other member of the Territorial Standing Bureau, if they do not exercise or improperly exercise the attributions stipulated in this Statute and / or do not respect the decisions of the superior political leadership of PAS; in this case, the National Bureau will appoint interim members instead of the revoked ones, until the election of new members takes place, according to the provisions of the present Statute;

h) appoints interim members of the Territorial Standing Bureau until the election of new members under this Statute, if the position of a member becomes vacant during the term of mandate;

i) manages and coordinates the PAS election campaigns for local, parliamentary and presidential elections; appoints coordinators for each of these election campaigns;

j) in cases of a flagrant violation of the present Statute, can decide to exclude from the party any member, from any organisation, local or territorial;

k) monitors the activities of central public authorities;

l) endorses and submits for approval or modification to the National Political Council the candidates / lists of candidates for local elections at administrative units of the second level and ATU Gagauzia (district councillors, local councillors of Chisinau and Balti, members of the Popular Assembly of Gagauzia, mayor of Balti, general mayor of Chisinau, Governor of ATU Gagauzia);

m) endorses candidates for political positions at the district level, the Chisinau and Balti municipalities, and ATU Gagauzia (other than elective);

n) decides the appointment of candidates for political positions at central level; decides on the revocation from those positions;

a) proposes to the National Political Council for approval or, as appropriate, for modification the list of candidates for positions of Members of Parliament;

p) convenes, in specified cases, the Territorial Conventions;

q) initiates and develops the internal and international relations of PAS with other political parties, employers' associations, nongovernmental associations, trade unions etc.;

r) appoints two members of the National Integrity and Discipline Committee;

s) establishes the budget of PAS and the modality of its distribution;

t) establishes the responsibilities of Deputy Presidents;

u) administrates, through General Secretariat, the assets and resources, financial and material, of the central structures;

v) approves the structure and the list of staff of the General Secretariat of the Party.

Article 67. – (1) The meetings of the National Permanent Board are deliberative when a majority of its members are present.

(2) Decisions shall be taken by simple majority and must be signed by the President and countersigned by the General Secretary.

Article 68. – (1) The President of PAS represents the Party and promote the political message of the Party, and shall ensure compliance with the principles and values of the Party, with the Program and Statute of the Party.

(2) The President of PAS conducts the general management of the Party, the works of the National Permanent Board and of the National Political Council, and shall report to the Congress on the political activity of PAS.

(3) In exercising his duties, the President has the following responsibilities:

- a) represents the Party both internally and externally;
- b) convenes and chairs all meetings of the National Permanent Board, of the National Political Council and of any other governing body of the Party in which the President takes part;
- c) coordinates all political negotiations, lead the delegations of the Party, and issue statements in the name of the Party;
- d) signs the official documents of the Party, as well as any other documents with political implications;
- e) may delegate some of the duties to other people, in compliance with the Statute and the acts implementing the Statute;
- f) supervises the carrying out of the decisions of the national governing bodies of the Party and shall issue directives to ensure implementing those decisions;
- g) presents periodically to the National Political Council reports concerning the progress in the achievement of the political objectives set out in the Program of PAS;
- h) signs the list of candidates for member of Parliament to be presented to the Central Electoral Commission, as well as all amendments to the list.;
- i) proposes to the National Political Council the appointment of the Spokesman and the Treasurer of the Party;
- j) shall fulfill other duties provided by the Statute, by the acts implementing the Statute, and by any other documents issued by other governing bodies of PAS.

(4) The President of PAS is elected by the Congress either by motion (vote of confidence for the candidate's team and program), or uninominal secret voting.

(5) The mandate of the President of PAS shall be for a term of 4 years, and limited to two terms.

(6) In the event of the vacancy in the position of the President or impossibility of the President to exercise her/his duties, a Deputy President appointed by the National Permanent Board as interim.

(7) The President of the Party appoints two members of The National Integrity and Discipline Committee, as a rule, from outside the Party.

(8) In exercising his duties, the President issues directives that are mandatory for the governing bodies and members of PAS.

Article 69. – (1) The Deputy Presidents of PAS are members with responsibilities to represent the Party within the limit of the mandate given by the National Permanent Board and within statutory provisions.

(2) The Deputy Presidents can chair, by mandate of the President of the Party, the meetings of the governing national structures.

(3) The Deputy Presidents coordinate various areas of activity of the Party in accordance with acts for implementing the Statute.

(4) The Deputy Presidents fulfill any other duties delegated by the President of the Party.

Article 70. – (1) The General Secretary of PAS shall be responsible for the organizational activities and development of the Party.

(2) The General Secretary has the following attributions:

a) plans, coordinates and supervises the activity of Territorial Organizations;

b) ensures the administration and keep a record of the National Register of Party Members, and of other registers;

c) develops the training plan at the national level and provide the training of members of the Territorial Organizations, and of members of PAS elected in executive positions of PAS;

d) develops and submits for approval the campaign planning throughout the year, the electoral campaign strategy and the door-to-door activities, the visits to the districts, the meetings with citizens, supporters and members of PAS;

e) proposes templates of political advertising materials and ensure the communication and transfer for the Territorial Organizations;

f) assists the presidents of the Territorial Organizations in party development by organizing communication campaigns with the voters and by employing all Party instruments;

g) submits to the National Permanent Board the central budget of the Party;

h) ensures collection of membership fees from the Territorial Organizations or of other legal funds, in coordination with the Treasurer of the Party;

i) develops and proposes the set of political instruments for the proper operation of advertising and political activities of PAS;

- j) ensures the proper organization and operation of meetings of the governing bodies of the Party;
- k) leads the General Secretariat of PAS;
- l) develops and submits for approval to the National Standing Bureau the organizational structure and staff of the General Secretariat of PAS;
- m) develops, supervises and submits for approval to the National Standing Bureau the creation and strengthening party policy of territorial structures;
- n) presents to the National Standing Bureau reports on the activity of Party structures;
- o) collects and preserves the archives of all documents of PAS;
- p) fulfills any other duties delegated by the President of the Party or at the behest of the National Standing Bureau.

CHAPTER VII. COMMITTEES AND ASSOCIATIVE STRUCTURES OF PAS

Article 71.– Committees of PAS are be the following:

- a) The National Integrity and Disciplinary Committee
- b) The National Audit Committee;
- c) The Sector Committees for Public Policies.

Article 72. – (1) The National Integrity and Disciplinary Committee is an independent structure that assess complying with the standards of integrity in the process of recruitment, selection and promotion for the executive positions in the Party and public office holders, elected or appointed, undertakes investigations of alleged infringements and determines the relevant sanctions, as well as resolves disputes between the members of PAS, or between Party members and governing bodies of the Party, or between the various governing bodies of the Party.

(2) The National Integrity and Disciplinary Committee consists of 7 members: 3 appointed by the National Political Council, 2 appointed by the National Standing Bureau and 2 by the President of the Party. The mandate of the members of The National Integrity and Disciplinary Committee is for a term of 4 years.

(3) The members of The National Integrity and Disciplinary Committee must be persons of impeccable reputation. From the total number of 7, at least two members must have a degree in legal studies.

(4) The members of The National Integrity and Disciplinary Committee are not required to be members of PAS.

(5) The President of The National Integrity and Disciplinary Committee is elected by the members of the Committee.

(6) The National Integrity and Disciplinary Committee has the following attributions:

a) investigates and resolves any dispute between members, or between members and Party organizations, or between Party organizations;

b) provides opinion on all candidates for executive positions within the political governing bodies of PAS;

c) determines the sanctions imposed on members by the relevant bodies of the Party;

d) decides upon cases of conflict of interest or incompatibility within the Party.

(7) The Committee shall take action by means of complaint, at request or by its own motion (ex-officio) and shall decide upon the ethical, moral and professional compatibility of all the proposed candidates for representative positions in the Parliament, for other public office positions, elected or appointed.

(8) The National Integrity and Disciplinary Committee provides its opinion on all appointments for public positions, based on the analysis of the integrity and compatibility standards in accordance with the Statute.

(9) The National Integrity and Disciplinary Committee sets out the procedures of delivering opinions and enforcing discipline, and the integrity standards, which shall be included in the Rules on the organization and functioning of The National Integrity and Disciplinary Committee, which shall be submit for approval to the National Political Council.

(10) The decisions of The National Integrity and Disciplinary Committee are to be considered as definitive and mandatory for immediate execution by the relevant bodies.

Article 73. – (1) The National Audit Committee is an independent structure and consists of 3 members elected by the Congress.

(2) The President of the National Audit Committee is the members who obtain the greatest number of votes.

(3) The National Audit Committee shall fulfill the following attributions:

a) draws up the Rules of procedure and audit criteria of governing bodies at the central, territorial and local level, and submits it for approval to the National Political Council;

b) audits all governing organizations at the central, territorial and local level, in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out in Rules of audit;

c) presents activity and performance reports of the governing bodies in the plenary sessions of the Congress.

Article 74. – (1) The Sector Committees for Public Policies develop policies, programmes for government, and other political programmes, provide expertise concerning legislative initiatives, take position regarding various events, assess the quality of other programs.

(2) The Sector Committees for Public Policies develop sector and trans-sector public policies of the Party.

(3) The areas of competence, and the organization and procedural rules of the Sector Committees for Public Policies are set out by the National Standing Bureau, following a proposal by the President of PAS. The nominal composition is established by the President of PAS.

Article 75. – (1) Within PAS, there can be created associative structures by age, interest, professional domains, and other categories.

(2) Organization and procedural rules of the associative structures shall be established in documents issued by the National Standing Bureau.

CHAPTER VIII. GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 76. – (1) The daily management of governing bodies of PAS is ensured by the General Secretariat. The General Secretariat is headed by the General Secretary and operates under the authority of the President of PAS.

(2) Within the General Secretariat, departments are to be created.

(3) The departments are headed by directors, appointed by the President of PAS.

Article 77. – The structure and staffing of the General Secretariat, and its Rules of organization and procedure are approved by the National Standing Bureau, following a proposal presented by the General Secretary of PAS.

CHAPTER IX. DECISION MAKING

Article 78. (1) Within the governing bodies of the Party, the open or the secret ballot system is used, in accordance to the provisions of the Statute and of the Law on Political Parties. The open ballot may be by a roll call vote or by a show of hands.

(2) Within governing bodies, in the event of a tied vote, the President of the respective governing body shall have the casting vote.

(3) For electing the members of all political governing bodies of PAS, the secret ballot shall be used, except where this Statute provides otherwise. For electing the members of other bodies of PAS or the delegates, the open ballot shall be used, except where this Statute provides otherwise or if the appropriate bodies decide to vote by secret ballot.

Article 79. – (1) The members of the governing bodies of PAS, at all levels, shall be elected for the term stipulated in this Statute.

(2) Where the stipulated term of exercise of the mandate expires, or has expired, and the successor in competence has not started to perform his/her duties, the member of the governing body of PAS continues to exercise his/her mandate until the successor in competence will take office.

Article 80. – (1) The Territorial Standing Bureaus validate the results of the elections for governing bodies at the local level, and the National Permanent Board shall validate the results of the election for governing bodies at the territorial level.

(2) In the event of the annulment of elections, new elections shall be held.

Article 81. – (1) For vacant positions within governing, interims shall be appointed, under the conditions laid down in this Statute.

(2) In a reasonable period, the election of holders is to be held under the provisions of this Statute.

Article 82. – The action of revocation, from whatever may be the executive position, shall be initiated by at least one third of the total number of members of the respective forum who are contributing the membership fee, and shall be enacted in an extraordinary session by a simple majority, or in other conditions stipulated by this Statute.

Article 83. – (1) All candidates for entering executive positions in political governing bodies of PAS, for elective positions or public office positions (by appointment) at the local, territorial or national level must be included in the PAS

Register of Candidates and must have received a positive opinion from The National Integrity and Discipline Committee.

(2) All candidates for positions in the political governing bodies of PAS, in the associative structures, or in the General Secretariat of PAS must have a positive opinion from the National Integrity and Discipline Committee.

Article 84. – The calling of meetings, internal election campaigns, and the organizational and voting procedures at the Congress, Territorial Convention, and General Assembly of Local Organization are stipulated, and respectively described at length, in the acts adopted based on and for the application of the present Statute.

CHAPTER X. FINANCING AND MANAGEMENT OF ASSETS OF PAS

Article 85. – PAS sources of funding are the following:

- a) membership fees;
- b) donations;
- c) subsidies from the public budget;
- d) other legal income.

Article 86. – (1) The amount of yearly membership fee paid by a member of PAS constitutes 120 MDL.

(2) Payment of membership fee can be done monthly (10 MDL), quarterly (30 MDL), or yearly (120 MDL), as the member of PAS decides.

(3) The operating of collection of membership fees shall be conducted as follows:

- a) by bank transfer on accounts open in licensed banks in the Republic of Moldova, in national currency;
- b) in cash payments at the quarters of Local, Territorial or National Organization, in national currency.

(4) At the level of each PAS organization (local, territorial or national), the respective Standing Bureau designates a person responsible for collecting the membership fees, and keeping the Register of membership fees.

(5) At the receipt of the membership fees the member of PAS is to be identified by verification of his/her surname, forename and personal identity code (IDNP).

(6) When payments of membership fees are done by cash, the person in charge of collecting membership fees must issue a receipt and immediately register the operation in the Register of membership fees, in accordance with the template provided by the existing legislation.

(7) Membership fees collected in cash payment shall be transferred by the person in charge of collecting membership fees in the bank account of the Party within 5 working days from the date on which the payment is received.

(8) The amount of membership fees collected in the bank account are to be confirmed by original documents issued by the financial institutions that received and executed the transfer.

(9) Information on membership fees, registered in the corresponding records, shall be aggregated half-yearly by the person in charge, based on the copies of documents provided by local and territorial organizations, and certified by the signature of the person in charge and stamp.

(10) When the Central Electoral Commission will request for nominative lists of members of the Party, the Party must present the lists within 5 working days from the date of request.

(11) Anonymous contributions are forbidden.

Article 87. – (1) Donations made for PAS by a physical person during a budgetary year cannot exceed the amount of 20 monthly average salaries established for the corresponding year, including the amount of the membership fee; the membership fees and the donations are to be registered as different entries in the accounting records of PAS and in the reports on financial management of PAS.

(2) Donations made for PAS by a legal person in a budgetary year cannot exceed the amount of 40 monthly average salaries established for the corresponding year.

Article 88. – (1) The procedure for collecting of donations is established, under the conditions of current legislations and of this Statute, by the decision of the National Political Council.

(2) The Donations can be collected also within cultural, sports, recreational events or other public events organized by the Party, provided that these in-takes are registered as established.

(3) The donations made by legal persons are paid through banking operations (bank card, direct transfer) with the indication of the donor details in the bank

document. PAS will include the data on these donations in the Register of donations from legal persons.

(4) The donations from individuals executed through banking operations (bank card, direct transfer) will be confirmed in bank documents, containing identification data of the donor. PAS will include the data on donations received in the Register of donations from individuals.

(5) The donations in cash from individuals must be accompanied by a Declaration of cash donation and the Declaration of acceptance of financial contributions. The donations received in this manner will be transferred in the bank account of PAS within 5 working days from the date on which the donation was received.

(6) The in-kind donations provided through free property ownership, goods, services free of charge or under better conditions in comparison to their commercial value will be indicated in PAS accounting books at their market value.

(7) PAS will appoint, by the decision of the National Political Council, the person in charge of donations received and of the Donation Register, as appropriate; a person in charge will be designated for each Territorial Organization.

(8) Anonymous donations are forbidden.

Article 89. – Subsidies from the public budget are to be established and managed under present legislation.

Article 90. – The person in charge for legal use of PAS funds, and for PAS accounts is the Party Treasurer, designated under the conditions of this Statute.

Article 91. – The income of the Party cannot be distributed among its members.

Article 92. – Party members holding a management function can receive remuneration for their activity, in accordance with the decision of the National Political Council.

Article 93. – Party members are not accountable for Party debts, just as the Party cannot be held accountable for the debts of its members.

Article 94. – (1) PAS can own, in property, buildings, equipment, publishing houses, printing houses, means of transportation, and other goods which are not prohibited by legislation.

(2) The goods owned by PAS cannot be used other than for exercising of the statutory tasks.

(3) The property rights of PAS are subject to the provisions of civil law, with the exceptions under specific legislation on political parties.

Article 95. – PAS can carry out editorial activities, including editing, printing and distributing its own publications, advertising materials or any political informative materials, as well as other activities directly associated with its property management, and activities providing revenues for Party needs, if these activities are not prohibited by law and are stipulated by this Statute.

Article 96. – (1) PAS cannot have in their possession, at their disposal or in use weapons, explosives and other materials dangerous for life and health of the population, nor can it accept them for storage or holding.

(2) PAS patrimonial assets cannot be distributed among its members.

CHAPTER XI. PAS REORGANIZATION AND TERMINATION OF ACTIVITY

Article 97. – (1) PAS shall terminate its activity through reorganization or dissolution, by decision of Congress adopted under the conditions of the current legislation and Statute.

(2) The Party may be reorganized in compliance with the law by merging (fusion and absorption), by breaking up (division and separation), and by transformation, with prior notice of its creditors.

CHAPTER XII. FINAL AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Article 98. – (1) The present Statute comes into force on the date of PAS registration by the Ministry of Justice.

(2) It is established that the procedures for creating Territorial Organizations of PAS until the registration of PAS by the Ministry of Justice are to be those approved by the Initiative Group for setting up PAS, by the general assemblies for constituting of the Territorial Organizations of PAS, and by the Congress for founding of PAS.

(3) PAS membership at the stage of setting up the Territorial Organizations is acquired following the decision to constitute the Territorial Organization.

Article 99. – Until the designation of the National Integrity and Discipline Committee under the provisions of this Statute, the competencies of the commission

will be fulfilled by the Temporary Commission of Ethics and Integrity set up by the Initiative Group for founding of PAS.

Article 100. – (1) The mandates of members of Territorial Standing Bureaus elected at the meetings for constituting Territorial Organizations is a 6 month term and starts from the moment this Statute comes into force.

(2) By the deadline specified in point (1) the Territorial Standing Bureaus will ensure the creation of Local Organizations in all villages within the area of the corresponding Territorial Organization. The National Standing Bureau shall be informed monthly on the process of creation of Local Organizations.

(3) When unsatisfactory activity of the Territorial Organization regarding the creation of Local Organizations is determined, the National Standing Bureau can decide upon revoking of the President and the members of the Territorial Standing Bureau, and appoint interim persons.

Article 101. – The mandate of the National Permanent Bureau elected at the Congress constituting PAS shall be for a term of 10 months and starts when this Statute comes into force.

Article 102. – Until the organization of the Territorial Conventions or of the Congress under the provisions of this Statute, the composition of the Territorial Permanent Bureaus and of the National Permanent Bureau is that established at the meetings of constituting the Territorial Organizations of PAS, respectively at the Congress constituting PAS, except when this Statute stipulates the inclusion of members as of right or delegation from the corresponding permanent bureaus of other members. In this event, the composition of permanent bureaus is extended by the inclusion of members by right or delegates, under the provision of this Statute.

Article 103. – (1) The provisions of art.10 par. (1) letter d), of art.13 par. (1) letter b), and of art.20 par. (2) - (4) will be implemented when in the Republic of Moldova justice and public institutions will become independent, which should be assessed through mechanisms at the EU institutional level similar to the mechanism established by the Decision of the European Commission 2006/928/EC from December 13, 2006, published in the Official Journal of the European Union L 354 at December 14, 2006.

(2) Until the realization of provisions under par. (1), the competent bodies of PAS will decide with discernment and promptitude upon measures to be taken in respect to the member of PAS that are in the respective situations.

Article 104. Within 4 months, the National Permanent Bureau and the National Political Council will ensure the development and approval of the acts necessary to implement this Statute.

Article 105. The present Statute is completed as of right with the provision of current legislation on political parties and of its subsequent acts.

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