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**New Constitution of EUREAU (EN)**

# **CONSTITUTION of EUREAU**

## Article 1 - Name and legal basis of the Federation

The name of the Federation is European Federation of National Associations of Water and Waste Water Services, or EUREAU.

The Federation is governed under the Belgian law of the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 1919, revised on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2002, on international non-profit associations.

## Article 2 - Objectives of EUREAU

The objectives of EUREAU – an international non-profit-making organization – within the European Union (EU) are :

- 2.1. to represent the common interests of its Members with the EU institutions as well as with the public and private stakeholders involved with the elaboration of Community Legislation and European Standards relevant to water supply and waste water;
- 2.2. to develop positions to defend the general interests of the water sector in Europe and to take all necessary steps to promote them;
- 2.3. to promote and develop the study of all scientific, technical, economic, administrative and legal issues concerning water supply and waste water services in a way which represents the interests of its Members as well as these of the communities they serve;
- 2.4. to make the appropriate international and national bodies and the general public aware of the relevant issues.

## Article 3 - Headquarters of EUREAU

The headquarters of EUREAU shall be in Brussels or any other place which might be designated as the headquarters of the European Commission.

The headquarters may be transferred on a simple Board of Management decision to be published in the annexes of the Official Journal of the relevant country.

If its headquarters are transferred outside Belgium, EUREAU will be governed under the law of the relevant country.

#### Article 4 - Duration

EUREAU is formed for an unlimited period. It may only be dissolved in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 18 of the present Constitution.

#### Article 5 - Members

- 5.1. Any Association of Water Suppliers and/or Waste Water Services of the countries of the EU incorporated according to laws and customs of its country and representative at national level may apply to become a Full Member of EUREAU, provided that the said association pursues no commercial or profit-making objectives and that it undertakes to comply with the provisions of the present Constitution.
- 5.2. Any Association of Water Suppliers and/or Waste Water Services of the countries of the Economic Free Trade Association (EFTA) incorporated according to laws and customs of its country and representative at national level may also apply to become a Full Member, provided that the said association pursues no commercial or profit-making objectives and that it undertakes to comply with the provisions of the present Constitution, and taking into account the particularities in Articles 10.3., 105.§5, 13.1.a) and 17.2. of the present Constitution.
- 5.3. Any association of Water Suppliers and/or Waste Water Services of an applicant country to the EU or the EFTA incorporated according to laws and customs of its country and representative at national level may apply to become an Observer Member, provided that the said association pursues no commercial or profit-making objectives and that it undertakes to comply with the provisions of the present Constitution.

#### Article 6 - Admission of Full Members

- 6.1. Full membership to EUREAU may be applied for from the effective date of accession to the full membership of the EU or the EFTA of the country to which the Association of Water Suppliers and/or Waste Water concerned belongs.
- 6.2. Applications for full membership must be addressed to the President, in writing at the headquarters of EUREAU.

The General Meeting decides at its entire discretion whether to accept or reject each application.

- 6.3. Each Full Member shall pay an annual fee. In the event that several Full Members represent one same country, the fee in question shall be shared equally between all of them unless otherwise agreed among them and brought to the attention of the Board of Management.

#### Article 7 - Admission of Observer Members

- 7.1. Observer membership to EUREAU may be applied for from the effective date of accession to the status of applicant Member to the EU or to the EFTA of the country to which the Association of Water Suppliers and/or Waste Water concerned belongs.
- 7.2. Applications for observer membership must be addressed to the President, in writing at the headquarters of EUREAU. The General Meeting decides at its entire discretion whether to accept or reject each application.
- 7.3. Each Observer Member shall pay an annual fee. In the event that several Observer Members represent one same country, the fee in question shall be shared equally between all of them unless otherwise agreed among them and brought to the attention of the Board of Management.

#### Article 8 - Resignation

- 8.1. Each Full Member is entitled to resign from EUREAU. Such decision must be notified to the President, in writing to the headquarters of EUREAU, not less than four months before the next ordinary session of the General Meeting. The resignation shall not, however, take effect until expiration of the calendar year following the one in which it is submitted and the resigning Full Member is required to pay the subscription fee until the resignation takes effect.
- 8.2. Each Observer Member is entitled to put an end to its participation in the activities of EUREAU. Such decision must be notified, in writing at the headquarters of EUREAU, to the President not less than four months before the end of the calendar year before the next ordinary session of the General Meeting. The resignation shall take effect at the expiration of the calendar year in which it is submitted and the resigning Observer Member is required to pay the fee until the resignation takes effect.
- 8.3. Resigning Full and Observer Members cannot claim the reimbursement of all or part of the assets of EUREAU.

#### Article 9 - Expulsion

- 9.1. Any Full or Observer Member failing to comply with the obligations imposed upon it by the present Constitution may be expelled from EUREAU. The Board of Management shall submit a report on this subject to the General Meeting. The said Member shall be invited to set out its defense to the General Meeting in which the sole power of decision in the matter is vested. The expulsion is subject to the voting procedure specified in Article 17.2. of the present Constitution.
- 9.2. Any Full Member loses automatically its full membership if the country to which it belongs ceases for any reason or in accordance with any procedure whatsoever to be part of the EU or of the EFTA. The same rule applies for an Observer Member when the country to which it belongs ceases to be applicant Member to the EU or to the EFTA.
- 9.3. The Member expelled may not claim reimbursement neither of the subscription fee due for the calendar year in which it is expelled nor of a part of the assets of EUREAU.

## Article 10 - The General Meeting

### 10.1. Composition

The General Meeting consists of the persons duly appointed by the Full Members (the representatives) and by the Observer Members (the observers) as well as the President, the Vice-President, the Past President, the Secretary-General and the Commission Chairmen.

All Full Members have the right to appoint one representative to the General Meeting. In case there is more than one Full Member per country, the concerned Full Members must act in concert in order to appoint one single representative. The Observer Members can appoint an observer to the General Meeting, also with a maximum of one single observer per country concerned.

The data of the representatives and observers shall be notified to the President by the Full or Observer Members concerned, in writing at the headquarters of EUREAU. The appointment shall be recorded by the first meeting of the General Meeting following the said notification.

The mandate of representative or observer of the General Meeting shall not be remunerated. It is a one year mandate that will be tacitly renewed until a new representative or observer is appointed by the Full or Observer Member concerned.

### 10.2. Functions

The functions of the General Meeting are as follows:

- a) to decide on applications to become Member of EUREAU.
- b) to record the representatives and observers appointed to the General Meeting and to the Board of Management.
- c) to fix the annual fees to be paid by EUREAU Members.
- d) to approve the annual budget and the annual financial accounts of EUREAU.
- e) to appoint two Auditors, pertaining neither to the General Meeting nor to the Board of Management or the Executive Committee.
- f) to elect the President and the Vice-President.
- g) to examine all questions which may be submitted to it by the Board of Management or the Executive Committee.
- h) to decide on the delay eventually asked by a Member called by the rotation system to nominate the Vice-President.
- i) to receive or hear the reports of the Board of Management and the Auditors.
- j) to give discharge to the Board of Management and the Auditors.
- k) to take appropriate measures ensuring the continuity in the leadership of EUREAU in case of necessity.
- l) to record the resignation of a Member.
- m) to expel a Member of EUREAU.
- n) to approve and amend the constitution of EUREAU.
- o) to dissolve EUREAU and take all adequate measures therefore.

### 10.3. Meetings

The ordinary General Meeting shall be held annually not later than July.

The President may also call an extraordinary session of the General Meeting whenever it deems necessary or within a month when at least one third of all the representatives to the General Meeting put an application in this way. This application states the matters to be put on the agenda.

The ordinary and extraordinary sessions of the General Meeting will be chaired by the President who shall fix their dates and places, after consultation. In the absence of the President, the session shall be chaired by the Vice-President or, in the absence of the latter, by the past President. If all three are all absent, the session shall be chaired by the two most senior representatives from EU countries to the General Meeting.

The agenda and the minutes of the sessions of the General Meeting will be established by the Secretary-General in co-operation with the President. A record of the agendas and minutes shall be kept by the Secretary-General.

#### 10.4. Procedure

The agenda of the General Meeting must be notified not less than seven days before the date of the session.

The General Meeting is not validly constituted unless two-thirds of all the representatives from EU countries are present. If for any reason this quorum should not be reached at a session of the General Meeting, the President adjourns the session until a new date within the two months later or, if urgency should so require, calls the Executive Committee on a date as early as possible.

The Executive Committee so convened shall take the necessary decisions and inform thereof immediately the General Meeting. The decision so made shall be deemed to be approved unless any representative on the General Meeting has submitted an objection within ten days of the notification.

#### 10.5. Voting

The General Meeting shall try to take all its decisions by consensus. Only if a consensus fails to be found shall the General Meeting proceed to vote.

Only the representatives to the General Meeting are entitled to vote, with one single vote per representative.

Decisions will be made by a two-thirds majority of the votes casted.

In the event that the debate concerns a question relative to the relations of EUREAU with the EU, if a common position cannot be reached, the opinions expressed by the majority shall be brought to the notice of the relevant bodies of the EU concerned, while minority opinions will only be conveyed if specifically requested by those having expressed them.

Representatives of Members from EFTA countries cannot take part to the votes concerning matters of Community legislation that is not legally applicable in their countries.

### Article 11 - The Board of Management

#### 11.1. Composition

The Board of management consists of the President, the Vice-President, the Past-President, the representatives appointed by the Full Members, the observers appointed by the Observer Members, the Secretary-General and the Commission Chairmen.

All Full Members have the right to appoint one representative to the Board of Management. In case there is more than one Full Member per country, the Full Members concerned must act in concert in order to appoint one single representative. The Observer Members can send an observer to the Board of management, also with a maximum of one single observer per country represented. Since the President, the Past-President, the Secretary-General and the Commission Chairmen do not represent a Member, they will be surplus to the rule of one single representative per Full Member.

A Full or Observer Member can choose to designate the same person as representative or observer to the General Meeting and to the Board of Management.

The mandate of representative or observer to the Board of Management shall not be remunerated and is renewable from year to year. A representative or observer will proceed with exercising his/her mandate as long as the Full or Observer Member that has appointed him/her will not have appointed another representative or observer to replace him/her.

In the event of death, resignation or replacement of a representative or observer to the Board of Management, the Full or Observer Member(s) concerned shall appoint a new person and notify his/her data to the President, in writing at the headquarters of EUREAU. The appointment shall be recorded by the first meeting of the Board of Management following the said notification.

If a representative or observer to the Board of Management is unable to attend a meeting, (s)he can be replaced by the substitute the Full or Observer Member(s) concerned will have appointed to this respect, after having duly informed the President, by writing to the headquarters of EUREAU.

In order to help the Board of Management in its strategic analyzes and deliberations, its meetings can be extended to the Chair(wo)men of the Task Forces, the leaders of the Commissions' (Joint) Work Groups, the EUREAU's representatives in external experts groups and/or other experts. These persons do however not come into consideration for any of the procedure or voting provisions applicable to the Board of Management.

## 11.2. Functions

The functions of the Board of Management are as follows:

- a) to decide EUREAU's overall strategy and policy.
- b) to approve the EUREAU's strategic plans.
- c) to approve the President's annual business plan.
- d) to establish Commissions of experts, entitled to create (Joint) Work Groups, as well as thematic Task Forces, aimed at formulating EUREAU's

positions; to appoint their Chair(wo)men and leaders and to draw up their working rules.

- e) to approve EUREAU's official positions.
- f) to appoint the representatives to the Executive Committee.
- g) to hire, evaluate and dismiss the Secretary-General.
- h) to receive or hear the reports of the activities of the President, the Executive Committee, the Commissions, the Task Forces and the Secretary-General.
- i) to approve and amend the EUREAU working rules and make any amendment, addition or deletion to or from all or part of such rules whenever this be necessary, and always provided that the said rules concern only questions which are not expressly governed by the provisions of the present constitution.
- j) to submit an annual budget and the annual financial accounts to the General Meeting and to propose to it amounts for membership fees.
- k) to report on its activities to the ordinary General Meeting.

The Board of Management may also delegate any of its competences from a) to e) to the Executive Committee, as far as it is for a limited period of times and for specific issues. The Executive Committee must report to the Board of Management on these delegations.

When a decision being normally of the competence of the Board of management cannot wait until its next meeting, it can be taken by the Executive Committee and presented afterwards to the Board of Management for registration.

If the decision in question cannot wait until the next meeting of the Executive Committee, it can be taken by submitting it, with a minimum reflection time of 72 hours, to the electronic approval of the Executive Committee. Absence of answer shall mean agreement.

In case of extreme urgency, the decision in question can be taken by the President and the Secretary-General acting together, be immediately communicated for information to the Executive Committee and presented afterwards to the Board of Management for registration.

### 11.3. Meetings

The Board of Management must meet not less than twice a year. The President shall call a meeting of the Board of Management whenever it deems necessary or within a month when at least one third of all the representatives to the Board of Management put an application in this way. This application states the matters to be put on the agenda.

The meetings of the Board of Management will be chaired by the President who shall fix their date and place, after consultation. In the absence of the President,

the meeting shall be chaired by the Vice-President or, in the absence of the latter, by the past President. If all three are all absent, the meeting shall be chaired by the Secretary-General.

The agenda and the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Management will be established by the Secretary-General in co-ordination with the President and after contact with the Commission Chairmen. A record of the agendas and minutes shall be kept by the Secretary-General.

Whenever it deems necessary, the President may enlarge the meetings of the Board of Management to the Chair(women) of the Task Forces, the leaders of the Commissions' (Joint) Work Groups, the EUREAU's representatives in external experts groups and/or other experts. He must moreover do so whenever so required by at least one Commission Chairman.

#### 11.4. Procedure

The agenda of the Board of Management must be notified not less than seven days before the date of the meeting.

The Board of Management is not validly constituted unless one half of the representatives from Members of EU countries are present. If for any reason this quorum should not be reached at a meeting of the Board of Management, the President adjourns the meeting until a new date being not less than two months later or, if urgency should so require, call a meeting of the Executive Committee on a date as early as possible.

The Executive Committee so convened shall take the necessary decisions and inform thereof the representatives to the Board of Management without delay. The decision so made shall be deemed to be approved unless any representative to the Board of Management has submitted an objection within ten days of the notification.

#### 11.5. Voting

The Board of Management shall try to take all decisions by consensus. Only if a consensus fails to be found shall the Board of Management proceed to vote.

The President, the Vice-President, the Past-President, the representatives to the Board of Management, the Secretary-General and the Commission Chairmen are entitled to vote, with one vote per person. In case of absence of a representative, his/her voting rights may be exercised by a substitute.

All decisions of the Board of Management will be made by a two-thirds majority of the votes casted.

In the event that the debate concerns a question regarding the relations of

EUREAU with the EU, if a common position cannot be reached, the opinion expressed by the majority shall be brought to the notice of the relevant bodies of the EU concerned, while minority opinions will only be conveyed if specifically requested by those having expressed them.

Representatives of EFTA countries cannot take part to the votes concerning matters of Community legislation that are not legally applicable in their countries.

## Article 12 - The Executive Committee

### 12.1. Composition

The Executive Committee consists of the President, the Vice-President, the Past-President, the Secretary-General, the Commission Chair(wo)men and a maximum of 7 representatives to the Board of Management appointed by the latter upon President's proposal. This proposal shall take into account both geographical and management differences existing within EUREAU.

A new Executive Committee is appointed each year by the Board of Management that follows immediately the General Meeting session having appointed the President and the Vice-President.

The mandate of representative to the Executive Committee shall be one year and shall not be remunerated. It can be renewed as many times as the Board of Management wishes it.

In the event of the death or resignation of a representative to the Executive Committee, the Board of Management shall appoint a new representative to carry on the mandate of his/her predecessor.

No one unable to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee can be replaced by a substitute.

In order to help the Executive Committee in its strategic analyzes and deliberations, its meetings can be extended to the Chair(wo)men of the Task Forces, to the leaders of the Commissions' (Joint) Work Groups, to the EUREAU's representatives in external experts groups and/or other experts. These persons do however not come into consideration for any of the procedure or voting provisions applicable to the Executive Committee.

### 12.2. Functions

The functions of the Executive Committee are as follows:

- a) to take all initiative resulting from the decisions and guidelines issued by the Board of Management and to implement the strategy and the policy decided by the latter.
- b) to coordinate the activities of the Commissions and, in co-operation with the Commission Chairmen, the President and the Secretary-General, to lay down their policy work plans that must fit into the EUREAU strategic plan.
- c) to establish thematic Task Forces and to receive or hear the reports on their activities.
- d) to designate the persons who will represent EUREAU on external expert groups or who will speak on its behalf at conferences or workshops.
- e) to prepare the decisions of the Board of Management.
- f) to manage any issue for which it will be delegated by the Board of Management.
- g) to report on its activities to the Board of Management.

In all its decisions, the Executive Committee shall ensure that the interests of all Members – i.e. not only those represented in the Committee – are taken into consideration.

When a decision being normally of the competence of the Executive Committee cannot wait until its next meeting, it can be taken by submitting it, with a minimum reflection time of 72 hours, to the electronic approval of the Executive Committee. Absence of answer shall mean agreement.

In case of extreme urgency, the decision in question can be taken by the President and the Secretary-General acting together, be immediately communicated for information to the Executive Committee and presented afterwards to it for registration.

### 12.3. Meetings

The Executive Committee meets when required by the President or by any other person who makes it up, and not less than four times a year.

The meetings of the Executive Committee will be chaired by the President who shall fix their date and place, after consultation. In the absence of the President, the meeting shall be chaired by the Vice-President or, in the absence of the latter, by the past President. If all three are all absent, the meeting shall be chaired by the Secretary-General.

The agenda and the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee will be established by the Secretary-General in co-ordination with the President and after contact with the Commission Chairmen. A record of the agendas and minutes shall be kept by the Secretary-General.

Whenever it deems necessary, the President may enlarge the Executive

Committee to the Chair(wo)men of the Task Forces, the leaders of the Commissions' (Joint) Work Groups, the EUREAU's representatives in external experts groups and/or other experts. He must moreover do it whenever so required by at least one Commission Chairman.

#### 12.4. Procedure

The agenda of the Executive Committee must be notified not less than seven days before the date of the meeting.

The Executive Committee is not validly constituted unless one half of the persons who make it up are present. If for any reason this quorum should not be reached, the President adjourns the meeting until a new date as early as possible.

#### 12.5. Voting

The Executive Committee shall take all decisions by consensus.

### Article 13 - The President, the Vice-President and the Past-President

#### 13.1. Appointment

- a) The President is elected for a mandate of two years by the General Meeting. **Until the coming into force of the rules that will govern this election, the appointment and the term of office of the President and the Vice-President will remain governed by the article 11, 2, a), b) and d) of the EUREAU Constitution as approved in 2004.**
- b) On the expiration of the mandate of the President, the latter shall automatically become Past-President for a mandate of one year.
- c) In order to defend the interests of EUREAU and not the ones of their national Associations, the President, the Vice-President and the Past-President no longer represent them. Therefore, during the mandates of President, Vice-President and Past-President of their nationals, the Full Members concerned may each appoint another representative to the General Meeting as well as to the Board of Management.
- d) The mandates of the President, the Vice-President and the Past-President will not be remunerated.
- e) If an unforeseen situation prevents the Vice-President to **carry on** the mandate of **the President in case the later is unable to assume his mandate until the end**, the General Meeting shall take appropriate measures in order to assure the continuity in the leadership of EUREAU.

- f) In the best interest of EUREAU, the General Meeting can waive the rules of the procedures laid down in the present, provided that the decision is unanimously agreed by the representatives present.

### 13.2. Functions

The functions of the President are as follows:

- a) to preside EUREAU, to look after its development and to ensure its representation.
- b) to defend the interests of EUREAU towards the European Authorities.
- c) to ensure that a strategy and policies are approved by the Board of Management and to control that they are implemented.
- d) to convene and to chair the ordinary & extraordinary sessions of the General Meeting as well as the meetings of the Board of Management and the Executive Committee, and to establish their agenda and minutes, in co-operation with the Secretary-General.
- e) To nominate up to 7 of the representatives to the Board of Management to be appointed by the latter representatives to the Executive Committee.
- f) to establish an annual business plan focusing on issues of particular interest within the EUREAU strategic plan.
- g) to take any actions at law for EUREAU, whether as defendant or plaintiff, to sign all acts binding EUREAU and all letters on behalf of EUREAU, alone or with the Secretary-General and in co-ordination with the latter.
- h) to execute the financial operations together with the Secretary-General as from a certain amount.
- i) to report on his/her activities to the General Meeting or to the Board of Management, according to their respective competences.
- j) in case of extreme urgency and acting together with the Secretary-General, to take decisions that will afterwards be registered by the Board of Management or by the Executive Committee, according to their respective competences.

The President may delegate the Vice-President or the Past-President to assume representation missions or parts of his/her other functions from a) to g).

The Vice-President is Vice-President of the General Meeting, of the Board of Management and of the Executive Committee. S(he) chairs the Board of Management and the Executive Committee in the absence of the President.

The Past-President shall attend the sessions of the General Meeting as well as the meetings of the Board of Management and the Executive Committee. S(he) chairs the Board of Management and the Executive Committee in the absence of the

President and the Vice-President.

The Board of Management can entrust the President, the Vice-President and/or the Past-President to assume other specific functions.

## Article 14 - The Secretary-General

### 14.1. Appointment

The Secretary-General shall be appointed by the Board of Management. (S)he shall be remunerated for a mandate not limited in the time.

If the post of Secretary-General should fall vacant, the Board of Management shall designate a person to fulfill the functions of Secretary-general until a new Secretary-general shall be appointed.

The Secretary-General must be a national of an EU country represented in EUREAU by one or more Full Member(s). (S)he may not however be appointed as its (their) representative neither to the General Assembly nor to the Board of Management.

### 14.2. Functions

The functions of the Secretary-General are as follows:

- a) to assist the President.
- b) to be responsible that a strategy and policies are approved by the Board of Management, notably through the EUREAU strategic plan (s)he must establish on regular basis, and that they are implemented.
- c) to look after the development of EUREAU, to coordinate its activities and to ensure its representation and its communication.
- d) to defend the interests of EUREAU towards the European Authorities.
- e) to attend the ordinary and extraordinary sessions of the General Meeting and the meetings of the Board of Management and the Executive Committee, to establish their respective agendas & minutes in co-operation with the President and after contact with the Commission Chairmen, and to keep them recorded, and to chair the Board of Management and the Executive Committee in the absence of the President, the Vice-President and the Past-President.
- f) to attend the meetings of the Commissions and the Task Forces.
- g) to hire, manage, evaluate and dismiss the staff of the General Secretariat and to be responsible for the daily administrative management of EUREAU.
- h) to take any actions at law, whether as defendant or plaintiff, and to sign all acts binding EUREAU and all letters on behalf of EUREAU, alone or with the President and in co-ordination with the latter.

- i) to establish annual budgets and annual financial accounts to be approved by the General Meeting.
- j) to execute the financial operations, eventually together with the President as from a certain amount.
- k) report on his/her activities to the General Meeting or to the Board of Management, according to their respective competences.
- l) in of extreme urgency case and acting together with the President, to take decisions that will afterwards be ratified by the Board of Management or by the Executive Committee, according to their respective competences.

The Board of Management can entrust the Secretary-General with other functions.

The Secretary-General may be assisted by a Deputy Secretary-General whose (s)he fixes the duties. (S)he can also delegate him/her to assume parts of the Secretary-General's functions from a) to g).

## Article 15 – The Commission Chairmen

### 15.1. Appointment

For each Commission it decides to establish, the Board of Management shall appoint a Chair(wo)man among the representatives to the Board of Management or among the experts of the Commission concerned, who have sat there at for at least one year. Each Chair(wo)man must come from a different EU country.

The mandate of a Commission Chair(wo)man shall be two years, renewable once, and shall not be remunerated.

In the event of the death or resignation of a Commission Chair(wo)man, the Board of Management shall appoint a new Chair(wo)man who shall start a new mandate.

### 15.2. Functions

The functions of the a Commission Chair(wo)man are as follows:

- a) to convene and to chair the meetings of his/her Commission, to establish their agendas and minutes after contact with the Secretary-General, and to keep them recorded.
- b) to establish a Policy work plan of his/her Commission – in co-ordination with the President, the Secretary-General and the other Commission Chair(wo)men – to be approved by the Executive Committee.

- c) to organize the works of his/her Commission and to seek consensus among the experts of his/her Commission.
- d) to organize the structure of his/her Commission in (Joint) Work Groups, to propose their leaders to be appointed by the plenary Commission and to supervise their work.
- e) to cooperate with the President and the Secretary-General in representing EUREAU on issues concerning his/her Commission.
- f) to cooperate with the President and the secretary-General in defending the interests of EUREAU towards the European Authorities on issues concerning his/her Commission.
- g) to attend the ordinary and extraordinary sessions of the General Meeting and the meetings of the Board of Management and the Executive Committee.
- h) To request a meeting of the Board of Management or of the Executive Committee to be extended to the Chair(wo)men of the Task Forces, the leaders of the (Joint) Work Groups, the EUREAU's representatives in external experts groups and/or other experts.
- i) to report on his/her activities as well as on those of his/her Commission and its (Joint) Work Groups to the Board of Management or to the Executive Committee, according to their respective competences.

#### Article 16 - Finances

Each year, the Secretary-General shall establish a proposal of budget for the following calendar year. It shall be submitted by the Executive Committee for approval to the ordinary General Meeting, together with a proposal of amount of fee to be paid by the Members.

A Member can apply for reduction of its fee in case of financial difficulties.

The Secretary-General shall execute the financial operations, eventually together with the President as from a certain amount to be defined in the working rules.

The annual financial accounts of EUREAU will be examined each year by the Auditors whose reports will be submitted for approval to the General Meeting.

The financial year starts the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and ends on 31<sup>rd</sup> of December of the same year.

#### Article 17 - Revision of the Constitution

17.1. Any Full Member of EUREAU may propose to the General Meeting amendments to the present constitution. The proposals must be submitted to the President, in writing at the headquarters of EUREAU, by at least three Full Members and not

less than two months before the session of the General Meeting that shall adopt, amend or reject them.

- 17.2. The General Meeting may not decide on these amendments unless two-thirds of the representatives from EU countries are present. To be approved, the proposed amendments must receive two-thirds of the votes expressed.
- 17.3. Amendments to the present constitution shall be published in the annexes of the Belgian Official Journal.

#### Article 18 - Dissolution

- 18.1. Any proposal for the dissolution of EUREAU shall be submitted, examined and voted on in accordance with the procedure specified in Article 17 of the present Constitution.
- 18.2. In the event of the dissolution of EUREAU, the General Meeting shall decide by a motion passed by simple majority of the votes entitled to be cast how any funds and property which EUREAU may own will be disposed of. Any deficit shall be met by each Full Member pro-rata to the fee payable by it during the calendar year preceding that of the dissolution.

#### Article 19 - Languages

The working languages of EUREAU are English and French. The Constitution, the Working rules, the Agenda and the Minutes of the sessions of the General Meeting and of the meetings of the Board of Management and the Executive Committee are written in these two languages.

The EUREAU position papers are written in English and as much as possible also in French.

The ordinary and extraordinary sessions of the General Meeting and the meetings of the Board of Management are organized with a simultaneous translation in English and French.

#### Article 20 - Final provision

Any dispute regarding the interpretation of one or another provision of the present Constitution or regarding a provision not foreseen in the present Constitution shall be considered in the light of the law of the 25<sup>rd</sup> of October 1919, revised on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2002, and of that of the intentions of the parties.

## Article 21 - Coming into force

The present constitution comes into force the first day of the month following its approval by the General Meeting.

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### **Attachment 1**

#### **List of Full and Observer Members of EUREAU on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2008:**

##### **FULL MEMBERS**

OVGW	Austria
OWAV	Austria
BELGAQUA	Belgium
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