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Taking into account the debate within EL Member parties about submitted and proposed changes towards the EL Statutes, adopted at the EL founding Congress (Rome, 2004) and amended by the decision of 2nd EL Congress (Prague, 2007), the Congress adopts the following changes, which express the consensus reached:

### ***To change the Article 3 to the following***

The European Left consists of

- Member parties and political organizations with full rights
- Observer parties or political organizations

*(omission of the second bloc as a historical one)*

### ***To add to the Article 4 the following***

**xx name of EL in Byelorussian language xx**

**xx name of EL in Vlamish language xx**

**xx name of EL in Bulgarian language xx**

**xx name of EL in Danish language xx**

**xx name of EL in Finnish language xx**

***xx name of EL in Swedish language xx***

### ***In Article 10***

***to change the first sentence of the second bloc to***

- ***elect the EL chairperson and Vice-chairperson/s on the basis of a proposal by the Council of Chairpersons following a rotation principle***

***to omit in the second sentence of the second bloc (a probable typo, in Art 16 only "the treasurer")***

- **elects the treasurer ~~chairperson~~ on the basis of a proposal by the Executive Board**



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*to omit the sentence (without any meaning, a probable typo)*

- ~~elects as further members of the Executive Board~~

### ***In Article 11***

*to change the first sentence to*

The Congress shall hold at least one session in every **three** calendar years.

*and the third sentence (after "... extraordinary congress") to*

Before election to the European Parliament, a Congress or Electoral Conference **must be convened at least six months before the European elections.**

### ***In Article 12***

*to change the last sentence in the first paragraph to*

The delegates are elected by their parties **with respect to the gender equality, i.e. with at least 50 % of women.**

### ***In Article 14***

*to change the first part to*

The Council of Chairpersons is meeting at least **once** a year.

Members are:

- the Chairperson of all member parties
- the EL Chairperson and Vice-chairperson/s

### ***In Article 16***

to change the first buttion to

- the Chairperson and Vice-chaiperson/s



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### *In Article 18 to add (as a second button-bloc)*

- The Executive Board is responsible for organizing the daily work of the EL. It is responsible for the creation, composition and functioning of the Secretariat. The Executive Board has to adopt the rules of its own work as well as the rules of the work of the Secretariat.

### *In Article 19 to change the last sentence*

On a proposal of the Council of Chairpersons the Congress elects one or more Vice-chairpersons on a gender quota basis.

### *In Article 21 to change the last sentence to*

The Vice-chairpersons/s support/s the Chairperson in fulfilling his/her duties.

### *To change the Article 22 to the following*

The Secretariat carries out the decisions of the EL organs. It is an auxiliary committee lead by the Chairperson. Its composition and functioning are the responsibility of the Executive Board, including financing and staff. In particular it is responsible for:

- supporting the Chairperson,
- preparing and organizing meetings,
- maintaining contacts to the member parties and political organizations,
- supporting the EL working groups,
- maintaining relations to the media,
- running the archives,
- securing transparency of all political work,
- guiding the work of the EL office,
- reporting on its work to each Executive Board meeting



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*In Article 23*

*to change the last sentence in the second paragraph to*

**The Executive Board approves the budget, as proposed by the Treasurer after its adoption in the meeting of treasurers of the member parties. The budget has to be prepared and approved in accordance with the regulations and rules regarding the funding of the political parties on European level.**