EUROPEAN MASONIC CONFEDERATION
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INTERNATIONAL INTERNAL REGULATIONS

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These Regulations implement the International Statute of the Confederation as a structure for institutional and Masonic coordination among autonomous Obediences. They do not establish an independent legal entity, create a Confederation estate, or confer legal representative powers over the entities of the Obediences upon Confederation officers.

TITLE I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 – Purpose and scope of application

1. These Regulations govern the operating procedures for implementing the International Statute of the Confederation.
2. They bind the Confederation's bodies and representatives in the exercise of their assigned functions and apply to members within the limits of the commitments undertaken upon joining.
3. In the event of a conflict between these Regulations and the Statute, the Statute shall prevail. Decisions of the bodies must comply with both.

Article 2 – Nature of the Confederation and absence of an independent entity

1. The Confederation operates as an international structure for Masonic and institutional coordination and cooperation and does not intend to constitute an independent legal entity.
2. Each member Obedience retains its own identity, autonomy, legal order and relevant legal entity, where one exists.
3. These Regulations do not establish a registered office, independent estate, bank account held in the name of a Confederation entity, Confederation employees, or legal representation powers vested in the Confederation's bodies.
4. Any effects vis-à-vis third parties and obligations undertaken by an individual Obedience or its entity remain governed by the signed instruments and applicable law.

Article 3 – Interpretation and Confederational good faith

The provisions shall be interpreted in accordance with good faith, Confederational loyalty, members' autonomy, impartiality, transparency and respect for the Confederation's purposes. Procedural gaps shall be addressed provisionally by the Council and submitted to the next available Assembly, without amending the Statute.

TITLE II – MEMBERSHIP, CREDENTIALS AND REGISTER

Article 4 – Submission of an application

1. The application for membership shall be addressed to the Confederation Secretariat and signed by the authorised representative of the applicant body.
2. It shall state the name, requested category, country or area of reference, institutional contact details, name and position of the representative, and a declaration of adherence to the Statute and Confederation principles.
3. Where they exist and may lawfully be shared, the application shall include the statutes or equivalent document, evidence of the representative's appointment, and a brief presentation of the applicant body.
4. The Secretariat may request relevant clarifications, avoiding unnecessary requests for confidential information.

Article 5 – Review and decision

1. The Secretariat shall verify formal completeness and forward the file to the Council.
2. The Council may request additional information and shall formulate a reasoned proposal for admission, rejection, or admission in a different category from that requested.
3. The decision rests with the Assembly, except for provisional admission expressly authorised by the Statute. Any provisional admission shall be submitted for ratification at the next available Assembly.
4. The Secretariat shall notify the outcome in writing and update the membership register.

Article 6 – Confederation register

The Secretariat shall maintain the register of members, their category, authorised representatives and institutional contact details, in accordance with the rules on confidentiality and data protection.

TITLE III – ORGANS AND MEETINGS

Article 7 – Confederation bodies

The Confederation's bodies shall be those established by the Statute. Each body shall act within its assigned powers, respecting the autonomy of the member Obediences and the hierarchy of the governing documents.

Article 8 – Convening the Assembly

The Assembly shall be convened by the President or in the cases provided for by the Statute. The notice shall indicate the date, time, format, agenda and relevant documents, and shall be sent with reasonable notice, except in cases of urgency.

Article 9 – Participation and representation

Members shall participate through their authorised representatives. Proxies, where permitted, must be written and submitted in accordance with the Statute and any applicable procedural decisions.

Article 10 – Quorum and voting

The quorum and voting procedures shall be those laid down in the Statute. The minutes shall record the outcome of votes and, where required, the positions expressed.

Article 11 – Minutes

Minutes shall be prepared for each Assembly and meeting of the Confederation bodies, indicating the participants, agenda, principal discussion points, decisions adopted and any dissenting opinions requested to be recorded. Minutes shall be kept in the official archive.

TITLE IV – OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Article 12 – Exercise of offices

Confederation officers shall exercise their functions with loyalty, impartiality, diligence and respect for the Statute, these Regulations and the Code of Ethics. Their offices do not confer legal representation powers over the member Obediences or their legal entities.

Article 13 – President

The President represents the Confederation in institutional and fraternal relations within the powers conferred by the Statute and the decisions of the competent bodies. This role does not imply legal representation of the entities of the member Obediences.

Article 14 – Secretariat

The Secretariat coordinates administrative activities, maintains official records and the membership register, prepares notices and minutes, and carries out the tasks assigned by the Statute, these Regulations and the competent bodies.

Article 15 – Country representatives and ambassadors

Representatives and ambassadors carry out liaison, communication and fraternal cooperation duties within the mandate received. Their appointment does not constitute diplomatic accreditation by a State or confer public authority.

TITLE V – COMMUNICATIONS, RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Article 16 – Official communications

Official communications shall be issued by the President, the Secretariat or persons expressly authorised to do so. Communications concerning an individual Obedience must be authorised by that Obedience.

Article 17 – Official documents and archive

The Secretariat shall preserve the Statute, these Regulations, minutes, appointments, treaties, protocols and official communications. Paper originals shall remain with the person or body appointed as custodian; digital copies may be kept in the institutional archive.

Article 18 – Confidentiality and data protection

Members and officers shall protect confidential information and personal data obtained through Confederation activities, using them only for legitimate institutional purposes and in accordance with applicable law.

TITLE VI – ETHICS AND DISPUTE MANAGEMENT

Article 19 – Ethical conduct

All members and officers shall act with integrity, respect, fairness, discretion and fraternal spirit, avoiding conduct that may harm the Confederation or its members.

Article 20 – Conflicts of interest

Anyone involved in a decision who has a direct or indirect personal interest shall disclose it and refrain from participating where impartiality could reasonably be affected, in accordance with the applicable procedures.

Article 21 – Reports and preliminary review

Reports of possible breaches shall be submitted to the competent Confederation body. The person concerned shall be informed of the allegations and given a reasonable opportunity to respond, while confidentiality and impartiality are safeguarded.

Article 22 – Measures and recommendations

Any measure or recommendation shall be proportionate, reasoned and adopted by the body competent under the Statute and Code of Ethics. Measures shall respect the autonomy and internal order of each Obedience.

Article 23 – Settlement of disputes

Disputes shall first be addressed through fraternal dialogue and mediation. If no settlement is reached, the matter shall be referred to the competent Confederation body under the Statute, without prejudice to any rights under applicable law.

TITLE VII – FINANCIAL AND ORGANISATIONAL COORDINATION

Article 24 – No Confederation estate

These Regulations do not establish a Confederation estate or an autonomous financial entity. Each Obedience remains responsible for its own assets, commitments and obligations.

Article 25 – Common initiatives and expenses

Common initiatives shall be based on prior written agreement among the participating Obediences, specifying the purpose, budget, allocation of expenses, responsible parties and reporting arrangements.

Article 26 – Voluntary contributions

1. The Assembly may propose contributions for specific initiatives. A proposal shall not become binding on a member until expressly accepted.
2. Acceptance shall specify the amount or calculation method, purpose, deadline, recipient and reporting arrangements.
3. A contribution shall not create a Confederation fund or transfer ownership of resources to an independent entity; management shall follow the written agreement and applicable law.

Article 27 – Administrative costs

Any administrative costs shall be agreed in advance by the parties concerned and documented transparently. No member shall be bound by expenses it has not accepted, except where otherwise provided by a separate written agreement.

Article 28 – Archive and official documents

1. The Secretariat shall preserve the Statute, Regulations, minutes, appointments, treaties, protocols and official communications.
2. Paper originals shall remain with the person or body appointed as custodian under a handover record; digital copies may be retained in the institutional archive.
3. Custody of the archive does not confer legal personality or ownership of a Confederation estate upon the Secretariat.
4. Access shall be limited to authorised persons and only to the extent necessary to protect confidential information.

Article 29 – Official communications and distinctive signs

1. Official communications shall be issued by the President, Secretariat or expressly authorised persons.
2. The Confederation's name, logo, seal and other distinctive signs shall be used solely for purposes consistent with the bodies' decisions.
3. Internal appointments must not be presented as State diplomatic accreditations, nor may the Confederation be described as an independent legal entity.
4. Communications concerning an individual Obedience must be authorised by that Obedience.

TITLE VIII – FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 30 – Amendments to the Regulations

1. Proposals to amend these Regulations may be submitted by the Council or by at least one third of the effective members entitled to vote.
2. Amendments shall be adopted by the Assembly in accordance with the general voting rules of the Statute, unless the proposal entails a statutory amendment, in which case the majorities required for the Statute shall apply.
3. The updated text shall be circulated to members and kept by the Secretariat with an indication of the approval date.

Article 31 – Coordination with the Confederation Charter

These Regulations shall be applied consistently with the International Statute and the Confederation Charter approved on 12 October 2025. In the event of conflict with the Statute, the Statute shall prevail; the Charter retains its institutional function according to its content and the resolution by which it was approved.

Article 32 – Entry into force and review

1. These Regulations bear the approval date of 12 October 2025, the same date as the Confederation Charter. Their internal effectiveness shall take effect in accordance with the relevant Confederation resolution and acts.
2. Within twelve months of their entry into force, the Council shall submit to the Assembly a report on the application of these Regulations and propose any necessary amendments.
3. These Regulations shall not be interpreted as establishing an independent legal entity or conferring legal representation powers over the entities of the Obediences.