



Resolution of the General Assembly of the Association of European Election Officials (ACEEEO) on the dissolution of the ACEEEO

The ACEEEO was established to further the historic mission of democracy through the promotion of open and transparent elections, as described under the title 'Mission' and Article 1.1./a. of the Charter. Elections are the foremost routes to settle disputes peacefully, and indeed, the ACEEEO's motto reflects this approach with striking accuracy: "*Non armis, sed vi suffragiorum*", that is, "*By the authority of the ballot, not the force of the bullet.*"

An armed attack is contrary to the core values and objectives of the ACEEEO. Taking into account the armed attack of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, supported by the Republic of Belarus, we consider that the core values of the ACEEEO, as enshrined in the Charter, were violated.

The Executive Board noted the magnitude of the violation and called for the most severe measures to be taken by the ACEEEO General Assembly. Nevertheless, the quorum was not met for the last two General Assembly resolutions related to the exclusion and suspension of the Russian and Belarussian EMBs. Moreover, six General Assembly members have already withdrawn from the ACEEEO this week, including two EMBs which were Executive Board members as well. Furthermore, other members have expressed their intention to take this step as well in the near future.

Therefore, considering this unprecedented situation, **the General Assembly of the ACEEEO hereby dissolves the Association by this resolution that is adopted pursuant to Article 6.1./a. of the Charter.**

Under Article 6.1./a. of the Charter the Association "*may be dissolved by a resolution of the General Assembly. Such resolution of dissolution must be adopted by at least two thirds of the voting members voting in person or by prior written instruction to the President of the Executive Board at a meeting of the General Assembly.*"

The Executive Board decided to launch a silent procedure from the 9th of March 2022 until 14.00 CET on the 11th March 2022. **The results, as announced by the Secretariat are the following: none of the General Assembly members broke the silence procedure** on the proposal on the dissolution of the ACEEEO.

As a consequence, **the necessary quorum was met, and the Association is dissolved. As it is set by the proposal, the decision of the General Assembly shall take effect immediately.**

Under Article 6.1./b. of the Charter "*[u]pon dissolution the General Assembly shall further decide concerning the disposal of the assets and the payment of liabilities of the Association. Assets shall be transferred to such non-profit and non-government organization which is dedicated to democratic processes and promoting professionalism in the conduct of elections.*"

Related to this, the General Assembly duly notes the information provided by the Secretariat, namely, that the ACEEEO as an international network of its members does not dispose over any assets and does not have any liabilities. Consequently, there are no assets to be transferred. The General Assembly further notes that the name of the Organization as well as its logo belongs to the legal entity "Európai Választási Szakértők Egyesülete" as registered by the Municipal Court of Budapest (Fővárosi Törvényszék) under Hungarian law with registration no. 01-02-0007348.

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