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CHAPTER 1

ABOUT THE CLUB

NATURE
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Article 1.- Nature

FUTBOL CLUB BARCELONA is a private and non-profit making sports Catalan Association of natural persons, with its own legal status, constituted on November 29 of the year 1899.

Article 2.- Name and crest

The name of the Association is Futbol Club Barcelona (FC BARCELONA) and its crest is the following:



The description and identification of the colours of the crest are attached as an annex.

Article 3.- Domicile

The club's official head office is located in Barcelona at Av. d'Artístides Maillol, s/n.

Article 4.- Functional area

The aims of the Club are:

1. Principally, the promotion, practice, diffusion and exhibition of football, as well as basketball, handball, roller hockey, field hockey, ice hockey, figure skating, athletics, basketball for the disabled, baseball, futsal, rugby, volleyball and cycling. Other sports disciplines can be added by agreement of the Board of Directors, which should be ratified by the General Assembly.
2. Complementarily, the promotion of and participation in social, cultural, artistic, scientific or recreational activities that are relevant and necessary to maintain the representative nature and public projection that the Club enjoys due to its ongoing tradition of loyalty and service to Club members, to the general public and to Catalonia.
3. To complement to these objectives, the Club:
 - a) Will participate in and organise sports competitions and events.
 - b) Will promote the practice of sport, by means of its sections, especially among young people.
 - c) Will intervene in the social, cultural, artistic and scientific activities as agreed by its Governing bodies, and
 - d) Will foster relations between Club members and third parties, and relations with other institutions; all with the common aim of maintaining and improving the sporting and social significance that the Club enjoys.
 - e) Will promote, through the FC Barcelona Foundation, solidarity, the civic and social dimension of the Club in Catalonia and worldwide.

Article 5.- Territorial area

Maintaining the Club's Catalan identity, FC Barcelona will partake in the sporting and complementary activities outlined in the previous article, in the local, national, state or international arenas as appropriate and demanded by the sports competitions or complementary activities in which it participates.

Article 6.- Language

The language of FC Barcelona is Catalan and, therefore, it will be the normal language of preferred use in all the Club activities.

Article 7.- Applicable regulations

The Club will be governed by these Statutes and, on matters not covered herein, by the dispositions that regulate the functions of Sports Associations and Clubs, and by the regulations applicable to it in the Statutes and Regulations of the Sports Federations or Associations of Clubs in the areas of the Club's different sporting activities.

When federative regulations are of subsidiary application, these will principally be understood to be those of Football Federations, unless regulating the specific sporting or disciplinary aspects of a different sports activity to football, in which case the regulations of the corresponding Federation shall be applied.

Article 8.- Register

FC Barcelona is inscribed in the Register of Sporting Bodies of the Government of Catalonia, and the Register of Sports Associations of the "Consejo Superior de Deportes", as well as the registers of the Catalan, State or International Federations or Associations of Clubs for the sports activities the Club practices.

CHAPTER 2

ON THE CLUB MEMBERS

**TYPES
RIGHTS
OBLIGATIONS
ACQUISITION, SUSPENSION OR LOSS OF CLUB MEMBER STATUS**

Article 9.- On the Club Members

The FC Barcelona Club members, who can only be natural persons, will be named as follows:

- a) Child (Alevins), until 5 years.*
- b) Youth (Infantils) from 6 years to 14 years.*
- c) Adult (Sèniors) from 15 years.*
- d) Veteran (D'Edat) from 65 years, as long as they have been members for at least 40 years.*

The aforementioned names will come into effect the year after complying with the corresponding requisites.

Article 10.- Rights of Club Members

Members, whose condition as such will be personal and non-transferable, will have the following rights:

10.1. To be Delegates, in accordance with the circumstances and conditions established in article 21.

10.2. To be electors and eligible for positions on the Board of Directors, in accordance with what is established in articles 37 and 38, or for positions on any other governing, administrative or advisory body regulated by these Statutes or that is created by the Board of Directors in accordance with applicable regulations.

10.3. To participate in the sports activities, and social, recreational, cultural or scientific activities, that the Club organises for the benefit of its members, in accordance with the norms and regulations provided by the Board of Directors.

10.4. To attend the sports events organised by the Club in accordance with the seating allocations that at any given moment are assigned to members depending on existing availability. For each of the Club's facilities, only one single seat can be allocated to one single member.

The Board of Directors, in accordance with the conditions it establishes, can assign seats allocated to Club members in FC Barcelona facilities to other persons, as long as they have or acquire the condition of being a Club member, are not already assigned to another seat in the facility and can accredit the agreement or will of the seat-holder and the applicant for the new assignation by their coming in person to the Club offices, presenting public written notice or a private document legitimately signed before a notary in which the seat-holder's consent is stated, or the documentation required in the case of death as regulated by article 14.2.

Onerous transfer by members to whom seats are allocated of the right to attend sports events using the seats that are the object of that allocation, except when said transfer is made through or to the benefit of the Club, is expressly prohibited.

10.5. To be informed about any issue that individually affects their condition of being a Club member and their relations with the Club.

10.6. To be respected in terms of rights of honour, dignity and privacy, including, in terms of the latter, for their condition of being a Club member, home address or other personal circumstances contained in files concerning them, not to be passed on publicly or to third parties, apart from the case of disciplinary matters, which will be regulated by the stipulations of Chapter VI.

10.7. To request and receive the assistance of the Members' Trustee under the terms established by these Statutes.

Article 11.- Obligations of Club Members

11.1. To comply with the Club Statutes, the agreements of the General Assembly, internal regulations, and regulations agreed by the Board of Directors when exercising the faculties bestowed upon them.

11.2. To exercise all of the rights bestowed upon them through the condition of being a member with the dignity and respect warranted by the image, good name and public projection of the Organisation and, in

relation to their right to participate in the Club's activities and to freedom of speech and expression, with respect to the honour, dignity and intimacy warranted by other members, delegates, directors, sports people, players, coaching staff, employees and any other person associated to the Club.

11.3. To contribute to sustaining the Club's financial responsibilities, by periodically making all ordinary and extraordinary payments as stipulated by the Statutes or agreed by the General Assembly or Board of Directors as part of their respective competences, in the form of entry, periodical or extraordinary fees; season tickets or other contributions for the use of the Club facilities and services, or the attendance of the sports competitions and events that the Club organises or in which its sports people or teams participate.

11.4. To contribute to compliance with the Club's activities, both sporting and through participation in the governing, advisory or managing bodies when relevant.

11.5. To attend promptly to financial obligations of any kind, other than those mentioned in section 11.3 of this article, which the members have to the Club, and to compensate the Club punctually for damage or losses caused to the club assets as a consequence of the actions or omissions of the member.

11.6. To facilitate an address to which Club communications can be sent, and to provide irrefutable notification of any change of address.

11.7. To provide an account number or bank-book details for a financial institution to which membership fees or contributions can be charged, and to which Club payments can be made.

Article 12.- Acquisition of Club member status

Admittance of Club members will be the faculty of the Board of Directors, who may establish at any time temporary limits on the maximum number of members, or general conditions for admission.

Admission of Club members is made through application by the person concerned, or by a legal representative if this person is a minor or incapacitated.

The application for admission will be made using the forms provided by the Club Administration, which requests the personal details agreed by the Board of Directors, which must necessarily include a commitment to accept the Statutes and the direct debit of fees from a current account or bank-book of a financial institution.

The Board of Directors may delegate to a Secretary the faculty for admitting Club members, when these comply with the general requisites established by the Statutes and the Board.

Agreement to admit a Club member will be communicated in writing to the person concerned, along with a copy of the Statutes, indicating the relevant membership number, which will be assigned correlatively and in order of applications.

Incorporations of new members will be recorded in the Register regulated by article 57.1.

If the admission of Club members has been suspended, the Board of Directors may create a provisional register of applications for admission, where those applications made will be recorded. Those persons recorded in this Register will have a pre-emptive right to join once the admission of new Club members is permitted again.

Article 13.- Suspension of Club member status

13.1. Club member status may only be suspended individually and for reasons covered by these Statutes.

13.2. Suspension of Club member status will be produced by disciplinary decision agreed on the basis of the cases of serious and very serious infringements in relation to membership conduct as detailed in article 66.3. of the Statutes.

The suspension must be agreed by the Disciplinary Commission referred to in article 55., by the procedure outlined in article 69.

13.3. The maximum period for suspension of Club member status will be two years.

13.4. During the period of the suspension, the Club member may not exercise the rights granted under article 10.

Article 14.- Loss of Club member status

14.1 Loss Club member status can only be produced individually and for the following causes:

- a)* By express decision of the member, communicated formally to the Club.
- b)* Through death of the Club member.
- c)* By disciplinary decision resolved in the circumstances of very se-

rious infringements related with associative conduct as envisaged in article 66.3.

d) For lack of payment of the member's ordinary or regular quota or any extraordinary quota or levy.

In the case foreseen in section *c)*, the loss must be resolved by the Disciplinary Committee referred to in article 55, through the procedure of article 69. In the cases of sections *a)* and *b)*, the loss will occur automatically as soon as the Club has knowledge of the member's decision or death. In the case provided in section *d)*, on failure of payment the Club will notify this circumstance to the member, with a warning that if payment is not forthcoming within thirty calendar days, the Club membership will be cancelled. Should the said period run without the situation of lack of payment being put right, the member will be deregistered from the Entity, and will be notified appropriately.

14.2. In the case of death of the Club member, the Board of Directors, under the conditions it establishes, may assign the corresponding seat that the deceased Club member may have been allocated to his or her heir or a person designated by the deceased, as long as that person has or acquires Club membership, is not already assigned to another seat in the same facility and notifies the Club within 12 months from the date of the death that said death has occurred and his or her position as the heir or person designated by the deceased, providing the documentation to accredit this, as well as, in the case of there being several heirs, a document in which the other heirs declare their consent for the seat to be allocated to the applicant. In the event of litigation between the different interested parties, the result of the same will determine the allocation. In whichever case, the seat can only be allocated to one single Club member.

In tribute to the memory of the deceased Club member, the Board of Directors will present that person's spouse or children and, heir when relevant, a diploma accrediting the membership number assigned to the deceased at the time of his or her death.

CHAPTER 3

FANS' CLUBS AND MERITORIOUS AND HONORARY MEMBERS AND PROTECTOR MEMBERS

Article 15.- Fans' clubs

The Club will give special consideration to the members of associations which support the purposes of FC Barcelona, with regard to their importance in the Club's public image, with absolute respect for the independence of these associations. For this reason, once constituted in accordance with current regulations and recognised by the Governing Board as FC Barcelona Fans' Clubs, they will have the rights and obligations inherent to that status, with regard to their integration into the social life of the Club, which will welcome them annually to the Fans' Clubs Congress, composed of their representatives. The rights and obligations of the Fans' Clubs in relation to their link with FC Barcelona will be set out in the Regulation on Fans' Clubs to be approved by the Governing Board.

Article 16.- Meritorious and Honorary Members and Protector Members

The Governing Board may distinguish those individuals and legal persons who merit it with their designation as Meritorious or Honorary members, in recognition of their devotion to the Club or importance, or as Protector Members, in recognition of their financial contributions made and of interest to the Club.

CHAPTER 4

GOVERNING BODIES. ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT AND ADVISORY BODIES

SECTION 1.- THE CLUB'S GOVERNING BODIES

Article 15.- The Club's Governing Bodies

The Club's Governing Bodies are:

- The General Assembly, and
- The Board of Directors.

SECTION 2.- GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 18.- Nature of the General Assembly

The General Assembly is FC Barcelona's supreme governing body, and its agreements are binding for all Club members and the Board of Directors.

Article 19.- Competences of the General Assembly

The competences of the General Assembly are:

19.1. To examine the official record or report of the Club's activities for the previous financial year, which should be presented by the Board of Directors.

19.2. To examine and approve the liquidation of the previous financial

year, involving closure of books and profit and loss accounts, and any audit or audits that need to be undertaken either voluntarily or compulsorily.

19.3. To examine and approve the budget for the following financial year, along with all compulsory reports.

19.4. To determine the amounts for the ordinary or entry fees for Club members, except when the amendment is only intended to restore their value through application of a maximum of the percentage variation in the consumer price index (CPI) since the previous amendment.

19.5. To determine extraordinary fees or levies.

19.6. To authorise the acquisition, lien or sale of the Club's material assets, the issue of transferable debt securities, or the acceptance of money in the form of credits or loans, the values of which exceed 20% of the total amount of the budget for the coming year.

19.7. To authorise the Board of Directors to agree to contracts with third parties, transferring the exploitation of Club rights to its own image, name, symbols, advertising or media broadcasting when the duration of these is in excess of five years.

19.8. To authorise the Board of Directors to agree to contracts involving the inclusion of advertising on the official playing shirts of the football first team.

19.9. To ratify the nominations of the members of the Board of Directors, designated in accordance with the dispositions of article 32.1., of the Members' Trustee, and the members of the Financial Commission.

19.10. To pass the proposals that the Board of Directors agrees to submit to the General Assembly.

19.11. To examine the Members Trustee's annual report.

19.12. To pass any proposals that the members wish to present to the General Assembly, as long as these have the support of 5% of the Club membership or 15% of the Club delegates and have been presented to the Club Offices at least five days before the Assembly is held.

19.13. To amend the Club Statutes.

19.14. To pass any proposals for the merger, absorption or transformation of the Club that may be presented by the Board of Directors.

19.15. To approve the dissolution of the Club.

19.16. To present delegates' opinions through the open exchange of words.

19.17. Any other business that by virtue of a legal disposition or the present Statutes is reserved for the competence of the General Assembly.

Article 20.- Types of General Assembly

The General Assembly can be Ordinary or Extraordinary.

The Ordinary Assembly is that which must compulsorily be held every year, within four calendar months of the end of the financial year, and at which any of the competences of the Assembly listed in the previous article may be submitted, and at least and necessarily, those of sections 19.1., 19.2. , 19.3 and 19.16.

Extraordinary Assemblies will be those held during the financial year that are not compulsory or ordinary, and can deal with any of the issues listed in the previous section.

Article 21.- Composition of the General Assembly

21.1. The General Assembly will be formed by delegates, who must conform to the following circumstances:

- a) Be of adult age.
- b) Have been a member for a minimum of one year, and
- c) Not be on suspended membership.

Member delegates must conform to these circumstances on the first day of July of the first season in which they are elected to be such and at the moment that the General Assembly is held.

21.2. Delegates will be:

- a) Members chosen by draw, of a number resulting from the multiplication of the total number of Club members by 0.015 and adding 850, rounding down.
- b) The longest serving members of the Club, of a number resulting from the multiplication of the total number of Club members by 0.006, rounding down.
- c) Members that form the Club's Board of Directors at the moment that the General Assembly is held.

d) Ex-presidents of the Club.

e) The members of the Disciplinary Commission and the Financial Commission, and a number of members no higher than twenty-five designated by the Board of Directors in recognition of their merits or social significance, who shall be nominated for each General Assembly.

21.3. The condition of being a delegate is personal and not delegable.

Article 22.- Term of office of delegates

Delegates chosen by draw will remain in office for two seasons, which will begin on the day that the financial year begins (July 1) and end on the final day of the financial year (June 30).

Article 23.- Procedure for the designation of delegates. Notification and accreditation

23.1. The procedure for the designation of delegates will be organised by the Board of Directors during the financial year before the expiry of the term of office of those delegates chosen by draw, and early enough for the delegates to have been nominated by June 30.

23.2. The designation of delegates by the draw system will observe the procedure outlined in article 24. and the chosen members will remain unchanged for the full delegacy period. The delegates that are selected for being the longest-serving members will be designated by the Board of Directors before each Assembly is held, of a number corresponding to the method outlined in the following section and on the basis of the most recent updated electoral roll at the moment of the delegation.

23.3. To determine the number of delegates to be designated on the basis of being the longest-serving members and by draw, the total number of members on the final day of the previous financial year (June 30) will be taken into account, and this figure will be invariable for all Assemblies held during the delegacy period of all delegates chosen by draw.

23.4. The nomination of the delegates will be communicated to the interested parties in writing, stating the date that the delegacy period begins and ends.

23.5. The delegates will be issued with an accreditation, which will bear their name, their membership number and the duration of their delegacy period.

Article 24.- Election by draw of delegates

24.1. The Club's Board of Directors will publicly announce the holding

of a draw to designate delegates under the terms of article 21.2.a), by placing an announcement in a widely-read Barcelona newspaper or through direct communication to Club membership.

24.2. Until two days before the draw and during a minimum period of ten working days, all members will be able to view in the club offices, during working hours, the total and complete electoral roll of Club members, in the form of lists or computer databases. The electoral roll will be prepared as detailed in article 43.

24.3. All claims relating to the electoral roll must be processed in accordance with the procedure detailed in article 43.2 and the functions bestowed therein upon the Electoral Board shall be assumed by the Board of Directors, with the intervention of the Members' Trustee.

24.4. The draw will be held at the Club's head office and will be open to all members. The Secretary will be that of the Board of Directors, who will draft the minutes. It will be attended by the Members' Trustee, as well as a notary to bear legal witness to the procedure.

24.5. The draw will be made using a computer system that guarantees that the full electoral roll of Club members is accounted for, the random nature of the draw, and the equal opportunities of all eligible persons.

24.6. At the draw, the number of members resulting from article 21.2, section a) will be selected, plus a discretionary number of substitutes to replace any that might be chosen but do not comply with the conditions for election established in article 21.1.

24.7. The list of the numbers of the elected members will be announced via the Club notice board for fifteen days following the election.

Article 25.- Calling of General Assemblies

25.1. The calling of General Assemblies, both ordinary and extraordinary, will be made by agreement of the Board of Directors, on its own initiative or by request of the members.

25.2. When it is the members that demand an Assembly to be called, this must be done in writing, with the support of a minimum of 10% of the Club members, or a minimum of 30% of the delegates, specifically declaring the object of the Assembly and the text of Agenda being proposed. In order to determine the sufficiency and validity of the support, the procedure outlined in article 44.3 will be applied, and the functions bestowed therein upon the Electoral Committee shall be assumed by the Board of Directors, with the intervention of the Members' Trustee. The Board of Directors will not be obliged to call an Assembly when the subject proposed by the members refers to an issue that has al

ready been dealt with and resolved by the Assembly during the six months before the date of the request.

25.3. General Assemblies will be called through an announcement in a widely-read Barcelona newspaper or by communication to all of the delegates.

Between the publication of the announcement or communication to the delegates and the holding of the Assembly, there must be a minimum of 15 calendar days and a maximum of 60 calendar days.

25.4. When the Assembly had been requested by the members, the Board of Directors must agree to call it within 30 calendar days of receiving the request, and the period for holding it may not be any later than 30 days after the call.

If the Board of Directors does not call the Assembly, the General Secretary for Sport, if the corresponding Federation has no regulations on the issue, at the request of any of the requesting members, may order the Board to do so. If the Board does not call an Assembly within the period indicated to it by the General Secretary, the General Secretary will be empowered to discretionally nominate the missing members of the Presiding Committee. Once the Presiding Committee has been constituted, if the Board does not comply with the order to call the Assembly, the Presiding Committee can directly call members to the Assembly. This is all regardless of any disciplinary responsibilities that could be derived from non-compliance with obligations.

25.5. In announcing that General Assemblies are being called, the date, time, venue and Agenda must be declared. If the General Assembly is called by initiative of the Club members or delegates, the Agenda must necessarily declare their proposals, as well as those agreed by the Board of Directors.

Article 26.- Information prior to General Assemblies

During a period of no less than 10 working days before the Assembly is held, the delegates may examine at the Club Offices the documentation that the Board of Directors has prepared regarding the items contained in the Agenda. This examination must be made during working hours.

In reference to items of a financial nature that are the competence of the General Assembly and are described in article 19, sections 2 and 3, the documentation that must be provided to the delegates for their examination will be, at least, the following:

- Report on the liquidation of the budget for the financial year ended.

- Balance and profit and loss accounts for the financial year ended.
- Budget for the new financial year.
- Any audits that have been made.

The aforementioned documentation will be prepared in accordance with the criteria established in Chapter VI on the Financial System.

All of the information that is provided to the delegates will be confidential; it cannot be published and will remain in the Club offices.

Article 27.- Holding of the General Assembly

27.1. Accreditation of delegates.

To attend the Assembly, all delegates must accredit beforehand and in documentary form their person and their condition of being a delegate, in accordance with the regulations stipulated by the Board of Directors. They must also accredit their person at any time during the General Assembly itself, at the request of the Presiding Committee.

27.2. President and Secretary of the Assembly.

The Assembly will be chaired by a Presiding Committee made up of members of the Board of Directors and the Secretary will be that of the Club.

27.3. Constitution and commencement of the Assembly.

The Assembly will be validly constituted, for the first call, when half of the delegates are present.

For the second call, the Assembly will be validly constituted whatever the number of delegates present.

Between the first and second calls there must be a period of 30 minutes.

The number of delegates, in order to calculate the quorum for the first call, will be the total of those resulting from article 21.2.

27.4. Direction and development of the Assembly.

The Assembly will be chaired by the President, who will be assisted by the Secretary. The President may delegate these functions at any time to any member of the Presiding Committee.

The different items on the Agenda will be dealt with separately, but the

Presiding Committee may change the order.

The President will direct the debates, will award and withdraw the right to speak, and will do everything necessary to ensure that the meeting runs properly.

The Presiding Committee may agree, before or during the Assembly, on the maximum number of speeches and their lengths.

Before speaking, delegates must state their name and membership number.

The President, or Secretary, will warn speakers when: they have run out of time, they have moved away from the topic of debate, they adopt attitudes or make declarations that dishonour or tarnish the good name of persons, or that affect the order or normality of the meeting. If despite the warning the speaking member persists with such behaviour, he or she may be refused the right to speak and, if necessary, it may be agreed for him or her to be expelled from the Assembly.

27.5. Resolutions and votes.

General Assembly resolutions will be passed by simple majority among those present, unless:

- They amend the Statutes, which requires a majority of two thirds of those present, unless this involves the compulsory application of an imperative regulation, a case that will not be considered to be a modification of the Statutes;
- Items that require a qualified majority, under terms of articles 53, 62, 73, 74 and 75.
- Any other issue that, according to the Statutes or the valid regulations of the time, require a qualified majority.

The Presiding Committee will decide at each time the voting method, which may be by the procedure of delegates standing up, raising their hands, displaying different coloured cards, may be a roll-call vote, may call for each delegate to vote in secret, or may be by secret ballot.

In all cases, the voting will offer three simple alternatives: in favour, against or abstention.

27.6. Minutes of the Assembly.

The Secretary will draft succinct minutes of the Assembly, which shall be passed by three member delegates selected by the Assembly itself

from those present, and given the approval of the President.

27.7. Suspension of the Assembly.

If circumstances arise at the Assembly that seriously affect the Agenda or make it impossible for it to be continued, the Presiding Committee may agree to suspend the meeting.

The agreement to suspend the meeting will be announced to all present as well as the date when it is to be resumed, which must be within no more than 15 calendar days.

SECTION 3.- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 28.- Nature and function

The Board of Directors is the collegiate governing body of the Club with the role of promoting and directing social activities, through acts of administration, management, representation, disposition and execution as required to comply with the aims of FC Barcelona, the decisions of the general Assembly, and what is detailed in these Statutes.

Article 29.- Competences

Generally, the competences of the Board of Directors are all decisions and actions related to the governance of the Club that are not conferred by these Statutes upon the General Assembly.

For illustrative purposes, but not limited to these, the following are specific competences of the Board of Directors:

- a) Decisions regarding the acquisition of the condition of member.
- b) Calling of General Assemblies.
- c) Calling of elections to fill the positions of the Board of Directors.
- d) To produce a Report of activities, Liquidation of the financial year and Budget, for annual presentation to the General Assembly.
- e) The creation of bodies that participate and collaborate with the Board of Directors, in the form of Commissions or Sections, for specialised development of different areas of activity and responsibilities, while establishing the composition and internal rules of operation. It can also create a body that groups the members of the different Commissions and Sections.

These bodies cannot substitute the faculties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors in matters of their competence, and must be limited to collaborating in a specific area or providing advice on matters formulated to them.

f) The general administration of the Club, establishing its functional organigram, along with its internal, personnel, management, monitoring and control structures.

g) The nomination and revocation of the employees qualified as pertaining to high management and the establishment of the directives for -labour relations with the employees of the Club in aspects of payments, working conditions and contracts.

h) To establish the policies and objectives of the Club's sporting activities.

i) The transcription to the Statutes of items imposed by imperative regulations, which should be announced to the General Assembly.

j) Actions of a financial and managerial nature, the monitoring and control of the financial, accountancy and capital resource areas of the Club, without this being in detriment to the faculties of the General Assembly.

k) Disciplinary authority in accordance with what is stipulated by Chapter VI.

l) The lodging of appeals, claims or demands by administrative, litigious, federative or arbitral means when this is necessary in order to defend the interests of the Club.

Article 30.- Composition, positions, nature and functions

The Board of Directors is made up of a minimum of fourteen members and a maximum of twenty-one.

The positions that make up the Board will be, at least and necessarily, those of President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, and optionally, and by decision of the Board itself, up to four other Vice Presidents, a Vice Secretary, and the Presidents of Club's Commissions or Sections, as well as assistants or substitutes for these roles, which the Board should agree to nominate in the interests of governing the Club as well as possible.

All of the positions on the Board of Directors will be honorary and free of charge.

30.1. Functions of the President.

a) To preside over and direct the General Assembly, the Board of Di-

rectors, the Senate and any other Commission or Section whose meetings he or she attends.

b) To settle, through his or her casting vote, any tie in any vote made by the Board of Directors and, in such cases, of any Commissions or Sections he or she may form part of.

c) To fully represent FC Barcelona and the Board of Directors in relations with third parties.

d) The representation of FC Barcelona as patron of the Club Foundation.

e) To appoint, from the members of the Board of Directors, the different positions and their substitutes during the period of presidency.

f) To propose temporary cover for any vacancies on the Board of Directors, in accordance with the stipulations of article 32.1.

g) Should the Delegate Commission regulated by article 34 not be constituted, to provisionally make any decisions that are the competence of the Board of Directors, when for reasons of urgency it is not possible to wait until the next meeting to be called, under the obligation of informing the Board at the immediately following session and obtaining its ratification.

h) All others that are stipulated by these Statutes.

30.2. Functions of the Vice President(s).

a) To exercise, in representation of the President, that person's duties when delegated by the same.

b) To temporarily substitute the President in cases of absence, temporary incapacitation or suspension of his or her presidency.

c) To substitute the President when that person ceases to exercise that position during his or her presidency.

If there is more than one Vice president, the substitute will be the one of highest category, if they have been named in an order, or the longest-serving member if they are all of the same category, except for temporary substitutions as detailed in section *b)* owing to the absence or temporary incapacitation of the President, in which case the President will directly designate the Vice president that will substitute him or her.

d) All others that are stipulated by these Statutes.

30.3. Functions of the Secretary.

- a)* To assume responsibility for the Register of Members stipulated in article 57.1., and to keep the data and notes contained within it up to date.
- b)* To draft minutes of the sessions of General Assemblies, of the Board of Directors and the Senate, and to maintain the respective minute books.
- c)* To present certifications, credentials and accreditations, under approval by the President.
- d)* To deal with the ordinary affairs of the Club Secretariat.
- e)* To collaborate with the President in the organisation of sessions of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and the Senate, publishing the Agenda and participating in the direction of debates.
- f)* All others that are stipulated by these Statutes.

30.4. Functions of the Vice Secretary.

To substitute the Secretary in cases of absence, temporary incapacitation, suspension or cessation of that person's term of office.

30.5. Functions of the Treasurer.

- a)* To be responsible for the financial and economic area of the Club and its acts of transfer, to present the Board of Directors with proposals for agreements to be adopted with regards to these issues and authorise payments by signature.
- b)* To maintain all of the Club's accounts books and documents.
- c)* To monitor the annual Budget, providing monthly reports to the Board of Directors and making the appropriate proposals when deviations occur.
- d)* To prepare reports for the Liquidation of the financial year and the Budget that the Board of Directors must annually submit to the General Assembly, to propose the undertaking of the audits stipulated by the Statutes and to sign, under approval by the President, the definitive documents that are passed by the Board regarding these issues.
- e)* To control the movements of the Club funds and the state of deposits, and to make them tally with what is noted in the accounts books.

f) To provide receipts of the fees and other payments made by Club members.

g) All others that are stipulated by these Statutes.

30.6. Functions of all the members of the Board of Directors.

a) To participate in the governance duties of the Board of Directors, facilitating their opinions, counsel and reports regarding all questions that are the subject of debate and offering their votes whenever decisions are made by such a procedure.

b) To perform duties conferred by the Board or the President, whether by forming part of any Club Section or Commission or by performing a specific role.

Article 31.- Duration of term of office

31.1 The term on the Board will be simultaneous for all the members and will be of a term of six calendar years, starting on 1 July and ending on 30 June.

31.2 When the Board is renewed by reason of early termination of the previous term, as provided in article 32.4, the new Board will start its mandate from the moment of taking office, which will occur within ten calendar days following the date of election. In this circumstance, the duration of the term will be six full calendar years, plus the time comprised between the day of taking office and the next 1 July after taking office.

31.3 The President of the Governing Board may hold office, consecutively, for a maximum of two terms.

The other members of the board can be re-elected indefinitely.

Article 32.- Vacancies, cessation, suspension and substitution. Management Commission.

32.1. Vacancies

The filling of vacant positions on the Board of Directors for each term of office is made by free, direct, equal and secret vote by all Club members with voting rights, in accordance with what is stipulated in Section 4 of this Chapter.

Positions on the Board can also be temporarily filled in the case where the totality of the positions have not been covered by the elections, or to substitute those that leave or are suspended from their positions du-

ring the term of office, in accordance with what is regulated by this article. This filling of vacancies will not be applicable in the cases of simultaneous and general cessations of components of the Board that surpass the parameters established by article 32.4, and will not affect the substitution of the President when he or she leaves the post during the term of office, in accordance with what is established by article 30.2.c). This situation of temporary filling of vacant positions will be subject to the following regulations:

a) The nomination will be agreed by the Board of Directors, on proposal of the President, and must befall all members who fulfil the requisites of article 38.

b) The nomination will be provisional and will be conditioned by ratification by the next General Assembly to be held. If it is not ratified, the person will immediately be removed from the post, without this affecting the full validity of their actions during the provisional period in which that person held office.

c) The duration of the term of office will be the time remaining for the Board of Directors as a whole, unless this person has been nominated to substitute a member of the Board of Directors when the term of office is in suspension, in which case the term in office of the substitute will be limited to the time of the aforementioned suspension and will end as soon as the substituted person returns to the post.

32.2. Cessation.

The cessation of the members of the Board of Directors can be produced for any of the following causes:

a) Through termination of the natural term of office for which they are elected.

b) Through loss of the condition of being a Club member.

c) Through death or permanent incapacitation that prevents the person from exercising his or her position.

d) Through loss of the conditions established by article 38 in order to be elected, or any other condition that is statutorily or legally demandable to exercise the position.

e) Through the passing of a vote of confidence.

f) Through individual renouncement or resignation by the member, accepted by the Board of Directors.

g) Through general renouncement or resignation in the case and conditions regulated by article 32.4.

32.3. Suspension.

The suspension of members of the Board of Directors can be produced for any of the following causes:

a) By request of the interested party, when circumstances concur that justify this and this is accepted by the Board.

b) By disciplinary sanction consisting of the suspension of the condition of being a member, as agreed by the Disciplinary Commission as referred to in article 55, and by the procedure established in article 69.

32.4. General cessation of the members of the Board. Management Commission.

If the resignation, renouncement or cessation of the members of the Board of Directors is produced in a simultaneous and generalised fashion, a Management Commission must be constituted to substitute the Board of Directors.

The cessation will be considered to be of a simultaneous and generalised nature if any of the following situations should arise:

a) When the vacancies amount to more than 50 per cent of the number of Board members, at the moment of cassation, including the President.

b) When the vacancies amount to more than 75 per cent of the number of Board members at the time of cessation, even if this has not affected the President.

c) Whenever the Board is constituted by less than five people.

Concerning the previous regulation, an exception is made in the case of generalised and simultaneous resignation of the Board members when this is done in order to stand for new elections called for the natural end of the term of office, in compliance with the incompatibility regulated by article 38.f). In this case, if the Board still has a minimum of a third of the number of its members at the time of cessation, the Management Commission will not be constituted and the Board, through the remaining members, will maintain its functions for the transitory period of the election process. In the case that a minimum of one third of the members of the Board does not remain, the members that have not resigned, along with the members of the Electoral Board elected for that process, shall constitute a provisional Board for the duration of the voting process.

The Management Commission will be made up of a number of members no lower than 50 per cent of the total members of the Board of Directors at the time of the cessation, with a minimum of seven members.

The natural President of the Management Commission will be that of the Financial Commission, who together with the Members' Trustee, will freely designate the other members from the members of the outgoing Board, the members of the Financial Commission and the Disciplinary Commission. The positions to be occupied by the designated persons will also be named, along with the total number of members, in accordance with the stipulated minimums and maximums. If the Presidency of the Financial Commission is vacant, or that person does not accept his or her nomination, he or she will be substituted by the Vice President of that Commission. In no case can members of the outgoing Board be elected to the Management Commission if they have been the passive subjects of a vote of no confidence.

The Management Commission will exercise the functions of governance, administration and representation as bestowed upon the Board of Directors, but will be limited to necessary and essential actions for the maintenance of the Club's normal activities and the protection of its interests.

The main role of the Management Commission will be to call elections to constitute a new Board of Directors, which it must do within a period of three months of the day its members took office. In that case, the voting may not be performed between 15 and 30 June.

In all of the situations covered by this article, the Members' Trustee will continue to exercise his or her functions.

Article 33.- Functioning system

33.1. Frequency of meetings.

The Board of Directors will meet as many times as necessary but always at least once a month, with the optional exception of the month of August.

33.2. Calling meetings.

The Board will be called to meetings by the Secretary, at the behest of the President.

Meetings can also be called by a third of the Board members, and in this case, they must be held within the next seven days. If the meeting is not called during this period, it can be directly called by the oldest member of the Board out of those signing the request.

The call for a meeting must include an Agenda, and will be provided at least 36 hours in advance, unless the meeting is urgent in which case the meeting can be called at shorter notice.

33.3. Attendance and necessary quorum.

For the Board to be validly constituted half of its members, at least, must be present.

Board of Directors meetings may be attended, with the right to speak but not to vote, by personnel in Top Management or any other Club employee whose presence is considered necessary to provide information on specific matters.

They can also be attended, with the right to speak but not to vote, by the Presidents of Club's Commissions or Sections that are not members of the Board, when they are invited.

33.4. Previous information.

Before any Board meeting is held, all of the members of the Board of Directors may request any information they feel necessary about any of the items included in the Agenda.

33.5. Chairing of meetings and agreements.

The President, assisted by the Secretary, will chair Board meetings and will oversee the debates and interventions of the members of the Board of Directors.

Agreements will be made by majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors present.

The members of the Board of Directors may request that the Minutes detail the meaning or a brief explanation of their vote.

In the case of a tie, the President will have the casting vote.

33.6. Confidentiality of meetings.

All of the members of the Board of Directors and other persons present are obliged to respect the confidential nature of the Board's deliberations, and are not permitted to disclose them.

33.7. Minutes of meetings.

The Secretary will draft the Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, making a summary of the items dealt with and the interven-

tions, and will detail all agreements.

At each meeting of the Board of Directors, the Minutes of the previous meeting will be presented, and subjected for approval. If there are any amendments or observations, these will be included.

The Secretary must draft the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, which must be subjected to the approval of the same Board, and must archive or transcribe them to the corresponding book, and which should be signed and approved by the President or the member substituting that person.

Article 34.- Delegate Commission

Within the Board of Directors, a Delegate Commission may be constituted containing a maximum of two thirds of the members of the Board of Directors, which will be made up of members designated by the President and which must necessarily include the President, a Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

The Delegate Commission will meet at the behest of the President as many times as necessary and will have the following functions:

- a)* To study and prepare the items that are to be subjected to the Board of Directors.
- b)* To provisionally adopt any decision that is the competence of the Board of Directors, when for reasons of urgency it is not possible to wait until the next meeting to be called, under the obligation that the Board will be informed of this at the immediately following session and its ratification will be obtained.
- c)* To make decisions regarding any matters that have been expressly delegated to it by the Board of Directors and to inform about these at the next meeting of the same.

Article 35.- Liability of the members of the Board of Directors

The members of the Board of Directors are liable for their actions before the General Assembly.

They will also be jointly liable before members for any actions they may have adopted regarding the economic and financial area of the Club that contravene the provisions of this Statute and the regulations of Section 2 of Chapter 3 of the Regulations for the internal operation and systems of Clubs as passed by Decree 145/1991 of June 17, of the Executive Council of the Government of Catalonia, excepting members of the Board of Directors that have voted against the agreement from which that liability arises.

Regarding the joint liability imposed on the Board of Directors by paragraph 4 of the Seventh Additional Disposition of State Law 10/1990, on Sport, concerning negative financial results that could be produced during the term of office, this will be governed by what is stipulated by the aforementioned Law and the dispositions concerning it.

The legal requirement of constituting bank guarantees to respond for the financial liability that could affect the Board of Directors is complemented by those affected in the form and by the conditions that are established from time to time by current legal provisions.

All the members shall be equally liable for the total amount of the bank guarantee that may be required of the Board, unless individual or internal agreements are made between the members of the Board of Directors for a different distribution of liabilities. The agreements made on this matter must be recorded in the Minutes of the Board of Directors, the certification of which must be provided to the custodian institution holding the bank guarantee.

The partial cessation of members of the Board before the end of the term of office will not free them from any liabilities that the Board might have contracted until the moment of cessation, or from any commitments acquired with respect to the bank guarantee that may have arisen, unless the remaining members of the Board of Directors, or those that substitute them, internally agree to substitute the responsibilities of the members that have left and replace them in the bank guarantee. This circumstance will also be noted in the Minutes of the Board, which will be communicated, by certified correspondence, to the custodian institution holding the guarantee.

SECTION 4.- ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ELECTORAL PROCEDURE.

Article 36.- Stages and calendar of the electoral process

The procedure for the election of the members of the FC Barcelona Board of Directors will be made in accordance with the following stages and calendar:

STAGES

CALENDAR Periods

I) *Publication of the call of elections and draw for the election of the members of the Electoral Board and Table*

II) *Draw for the designation of the members of the Electoral Board and Table*

5 calendar days

III)	<i>Act of constitution of the Electoral Board and Table</i>	<i>2 calendar days</i>
IV)	<i>Display of the Electoral Roll and claims against the Electoral Roll</i>	<i>5 calendar days</i>
V)	<i>Resolution of claims by the Electoral Board and passing of the definitive Roll</i>	<i>3 calendar days</i>
VI)	<i>Presentation of candidacies</i>	<i>7 working days</i>
VII)	<i>Proclamation of candidacies</i>	<i>3 working days</i>
VIII)	<i>Election campaign</i>	<i>7 working days</i>
IX)	<i>Day of reflection</i>	<i>1 calendar day</i>
X)	<i>Election day, count and proclamation of winners</i>	<i>1 calendar day</i>

Article 37.- Conditions for being an elector

Electors will be all members that satisfy all of the following conditions:

- a) To be an adult and not legally incapacitated.
- b) To have been a Club member for a minimum of one year.
- c) Not to be on suspended membership.
- d) To be included in the current Electoral Roll in accordance with article 43.

Article 38.- Conditions for being eligible

- a) To be an adult and not legally incapacitated.
- b) To have been a Club member for a minimum of one year at the moment that the elections are called.
- c) Not to be on suspended membership at the moment that the elections are called.
- d) Not to have been associated to FC Barcelona as a player, trainer, member of the coaching staff or employee during the two years prior to the calling of elections.
- e) Not to have been punished disciplinarily by the Club for a very serious infringement during the five years prior to the calling of elections.

f) To have presented one's resignation and left the position before beginning Stage VI of the electoral procedure (presentation of candidacies) in the case of the aspiring candidate being a member of the Board of Directors or Management Commission that has called the elections and seeks to present oneself for re-election.

g) To be included in the current Electoral Roll.

h) With respect to the candidate for the Presidency, being of Catalan civil residence status.

Article 39.- Calling of elections

Elections will be called by the Club's Board of Directors or by the Management Commission as stipulated in article 32.4., in accordance with the following:

39.1. Terms.

When the summoning is because of the expiry of the ordinary term of the mandate, which may not be anticipated except for the circumstance provided in article 32.4 on the appointment of the Management Committee, it must take place during the last six months of the mandate, with the necessary notice so that elections can take place before the final expiry of the mandate.

When the elections are called as the consequence of the early termination of the Board of Directors' term of office, with the nomination of a Management Commission, in accordance with what is foreseen by article 32.4, the call must be made by that Commission within three months of taking office.

The elections to the presidency of the Club must be held between 15 March and 15 June immediately before the end of the term of office, unless this is not possible due to the situation foreseen by article 32.4 and the nomination of a Management Commission. In whichever case, all attempts will be made to ensure that the elections are held on a day when the football first team plays a match in an official competition at the Camp Nou.

39.2. Publication.

The call will be published on the existing notice board at the Club's head offices and will be made public by means of an announcement in at least one widely-read Barcelona newspaper or by direct communication to the members. It will also be reported to the Catalan Football Federation.

39.3. Information about the call.

The call for elections must provide, at least, information about the following circumstances:

- a)* Number of candidates to be presented, which can be decided by each candidacy, between a minimum of fourteen and a maximum of twenty-one as established by article 30.
- b)* Date of expiry of the mandate.
- c)* Conditions to be an elector or eligible as established by articles 37. and 38.
- d)* Day and place of the public draw for the designation of members of the Electoral Board and the Electoral Table, which will be held within the five calendar days following the publication of the call.
- e)* Terms for the display of the Electoral Roll, and the form and procedure for claims related to the Roll.
- f)* Period and conditions for the presentation of candidacies, determining the minimum number of members' support slips that each candidacy must present.
- g)* Day, place and timetable of elections, which cannot be less than 12 hours.
- h)* Distribution of ballot-boxes among the Electorate.
- i)* Form of accrediting electors in accordance with what is established by article 49.1.

Article 40.- Electoral Board

The Club's Board of Directors, or the Management Commission, if relevant, at the same time as agreeing to call elections, will arrange the composition of the Electoral Board, in accordance with the following regulations:

40.1. Composition.

It will be formed by five Club members, elected by draw from all of the members satisfying the conditions stipulated in article 37.

40.2. Designation.

The designation of the members of the Electoral Board will be made by draw at the Club's head office, in an event that will be open for all

members to attend. The Secretary will be that of the Board of Directors, who will draft the Minutes. A Notary will be in attendance to bear legal witness.

The draw will be made using the computer procedure detailed in article 24.5. and five members will be elected along with five substitutes.

40.3. Nature of the position and substitution.

The position of member of the Electoral Board is obligatory, honorary and free-of-charge, and will be incompatible with the condition of being a candidate for election or being a relative of a candidate, through marriage or blood relationship, up to three times removed. If this incompatibility arises or if the designated person renounces or is unable to exercise the position for any justifiable circumstance, he or she will be replaced by substitutes in the same order in which they were chosen in the draw.

If the persons selected as members or substitute members of the Electoral Board do not come forward to take up their positions or refuse to do so, they will be substituted by Club members designated by the Board of Directors that satisfy the conditions established in article 37.

40.4. Functions of the Electoral Board.

a) To learn of and resolve claims presented by members with respect to the electoral roll or lists.

b) To admit or reject candidacies and their proclamation.

c) At the behest of any member, candidate or at their own initiative, to reach a decision regarding any incident that arises during the electoral process that could constitute an infringement or deviation from the electoral code, or affect the principles of publicity, equal opportunities and non-discrimination, and the freedom and secrecy of voting, that are involved in the election process.

d) To learn of and resolve claims presented by members or candidacies at any stage of the election process.

e) Along with the Electoral Table, to publish the result of the elections and produce and present the documentation referred to in article 49.4.

40.5. Constitution of the Electoral Board.

Within two calendar days after its designation, and at the Club head offices, the Electoral Board will be constituted and the designated per-

sons will take up their positions.

At the act of constitution, and from the designated persons, the President of the Board will be elected. In the absence of the President, he or she will be substituted by the longest-serving Club members from among the designated persons.

40.6. Functioning of the Electoral Board.

The Electoral Board will meet as many times as necessary in order to fulfil its duties.

Acting as Secretary of the Electoral Board, with the right to speak but not to vote, will be the Secretary of the Board of Directors, who will draft minutes of all the meetings and will reflect all of the resolutions reached therein. The Minutes will be signed by the Secretary, under approval by the President.

Meetings of the Electoral Board will be called by the Secretary. Meetings of the Electoral Board will be considered validly constituted if they are attended by, at least, three of the five members. The resolutions passed will be by simple majority among those present and, in the case of a tie, the President will have the casting vote.

The Members' Trustee will assist the Electoral Board in exercising its duties and will have the right to attend its meetings, with the right to speak but not to vote.

Article 41.- Electoral Table

The Club's Board of Directors, or the Management Commission, if relevant, at the same time as agreeing to call elections, will arrange for the constitution of the Electoral Table, in accordance with the following regulations:

41.1. Composition.

It will be formed by five Club members, elected by draw from all of the members satisfying the conditions stipulated in article 37.

41.2. Designation.

The designation of the members of the Electoral Table will be made by draw at the Club's head office, in an event that will be open for all members to attend. The Secretary will be that of the Board of Directors, who will draft the Minutes. A Notary will be in attendance to bear legal witness.

The draw will be made using the computer procedure detailed in article 24.5. and five members will be elected along with five substitutes.

41.3. Nature of the position and substitution.

The position of member of the Electoral Table is obligatory, honorary and free-of-charge, and will be incompatible with the condition of being a candidate for election or being a relative of a candidate, through marriage or blood relationship, up to three times removed. If this incompatibility arises or if the designated person renounces or is unable to exercise the position for any justifiable circumstance, he or she will be replaced by substitutes in the same order in which they were chosen in the draw.

If the persons selected as members or substitute members of the Electoral Table do not come forward to take up their positions or refuse to do so, they will be substituted by Club members designated by the Board of Directors that satisfy the conditions established in article 37.

41.4. Functions of the Electoral Table.

- a)* To preside over and control the voting process with the objective of facilitating the exercising of the right to vote and ensuring the maximum purity of the process.
- b)* To designate Club employees or third parties to, by delegation of the Table, oversee the voting process throughout the whole election day and the subsequent count of the different ballot-boxes, and to provide substitutes, cover to allow time for breaks and reinforcements of personnel at times of the highest affluence of voters.
- c)* To authorise the Supervisors that, from among Club members, have been nominated by the candidates.
- d)* To provide the identifications and accreditations that the Club establishes to all of the persons involved in the election process.
- e)* To control the identification of voting Club members, their condition as electors, the emission of their votes and the correct placing of their voting slips in the corresponding ballot-boxes, though their personal activity throughout the election process, and by communicating the appropriate regulations and instructions to those persons overseeing the different ballot-boxes.
- f)* To arrange the start of the counting process and the count of the votes in each ballot-box, and to undertake the counting process and the overall count of all of the ballot-boxes.

g) To promptly resolve all incidents, questions or claims that arise on the election day.

h) To produce the Minutes of the voting, specifying:

- Total Club members with the right to vote.
- Total Club members that have voted.
- Total valid votes obtained by each candidacy.
- Total blank votes.
- Total spoiled votes.
- Description of any important incidents that have occurred during the election day.
- Transcription of any claims produced and the resolutions adopted by the Table.
- Transcription of any manifestations that either the Candidates or their Supervisors wish to make.

i) Along with the Electoral Board, to publish the result of the elections, and produce and publish the documentation referred to in 49.4.

41.5. Constitution of the Electoral Table.

Within two calendar days after its designation, and at the Club head offices, the Electoral Table will be constituted and the designated persons will take up their positions.

At the act of constitution, and from among the designated persons, the President and Secretary of the Electoral Board will be elected. In the absence of the President, he or she will be substituted by the longest-serving Club member from among the designated persons. The Secretary of the Electoral Board will be assisted in his or her functions by the Secretary of the Board of Directors, who participates in the Table's meetings with the right to speak but not to vote.

The Members' Trustee will assist the Electoral Table in exercising its duties and will have the right to attend its meetings, with the right to speak but not to vote.

41.6. Functioning of the Electoral Table.

The Electoral Table will meet as many times as necessary in order to fulfil its duties and, fundamentally, must be present during the full election day, from two hours before the ballot-boxes open until after the event announcing the results has concluded.

Meetings of the Electoral Table will be called by the Secretary, at the proposal of the President. Meetings of the Electoral Table will be considered validly constituted if they are attended by, at least, three of the five members. The agreements adopted will be by simple majority among those present and, in the case of a tie, the President will have the casting vote.

Article 42.- Claims concerning election issues

All claims in relation to election issues, apart from those which occur on voting day, must be made to the Electoral Board, within three working days after the event, incident or decision that is the object of the appeal.

The Electoral Board will declare its resolution within three working days of the presentation of the claim. If, following this period, it has not been expressly resolved, an appeals procedure will be opened.

If the claim is produced on the day of the election, due to events, incidents or decisions related to the voting process, the claim will be presented to the Electoral Table, which will resolve the issue during the election day.

The resolutions of the Electoral Board and Electoral Table will immediately be executable.

Against the expressed or presumed resolutions of the Electoral Board or Table, in deciding upon claims, it is possible to make recourse to the Appeals Committee of the Catalan Football Federation within a period of three working days following the notification of the resolution that is the objective of the appeal or of the day on which the claim was understood to have been rejected through no notification of any resolution being expressed within the established period. Against the expressed or presumed resolutions of this Committee, it is possible to make recourse to the Catalan Sports Tribunal within a period of ten working days following the notification of the resolution that is the objective of the recourse or of the day on which the claim was understood to have been rejected through no notification of any resolution being expressed within the established period. This resolution will be considered the final stage of the process of administrative appeal.

All claims on election-related issues must be made in writing and must be signed by the claimant or claimants, indicating their national identity

number and their Club membership number.

Claims will be presented to the Club's head office, on the days and at the times when the offices are operational, and the claimants may demand that they be presented with receipt of its presentation.

Notifications of the resolutions of the Electoral Board and Electoral Table will be made directly to the claimants themselves, if they are present, or have previously been invited to the act of notification, or by any means that guarantees they will receive it.

Article 43.- Electorate and Electoral roll

43.1. Creation.

The Members' Trustee, along with the human and material resources in his or her office, is the Club body in charge of forming the electoral roll by creating a file of all of the Club members with the right to vote.

The electoral roll is in permanent creation and is updated on a monthly basis by the Members' Trustee by producing a list, which can be controlled and revised, of incoming and outgoing members and other data that is provided by the Club to this body on the same monthly basis.

The electoral roll must list all of the Club members in numerical order and must feature their membership numbers, full name, national ID number or passport number, date of joining the Club and date of birth.

The electoral roll must be made permanently available to the Club members that wish to consult their own personal data at the Members' Trustee's office within this office's regular working hours and, if relevant, to make appropriate claims, which will be resolved by the same Members' Trustee.

43.2. Display, consultations and claims regarding the Electoral roll during election periods.

For each election, the electoral roll to be used will be that valid on the day that the elections are called, valid being understood to be that at the end of the day that the elections are called.

From the day after the constitution of the Electoral Roll, and for a period of five calendar days, the lists of Club members with the right to vote and that make up the electoral roll will be displayed for viewing by Club members at the office of the Members' Trustee.

Before being shown to the public, the electoral roll must have been presented to the Electoral Board, who will identify it and confirm it by

signature. Minutes will be drafted of this act of presentation and confirmation, which will include the number of pages that make up the list and the total number of Club members included in it. The Electoral Board may demand a duplicate of the list of members, which will remain in its custody.

During the period of public display of the electoral roll, any Club member may consult it and demand any relevant clarifications.

Consultations must be made within the normal working hours of the Members' Trustee's office.

During the period that the lists are displayed, Club members may make claims regarding omissions or incorrect inclusions in the roll, or request any rectifications of errors they have observed. All requests or claims must be made in writing to the Electoral Board. The periods for resolution by the Electoral Board and for appeals against it will be those indicated in article 42.

43.3. Passing of the definitive electoral roll.

Once Stage IV of the election process (display of the electoral roll) is over, within the following three calendar days, having dealt with any claims or observations made by the Club members, the Electoral Board will approve the definitive electoral roll of FC Barcelona Club members that will be granted elector status.

Minutes will be drafted of this act of approval, and the Electoral Board will proceed by signing it to authenticate and confirm the definitive list of Club members forming the electorate. The minutes will record the definitive number of pages that make up the roll and the total number of Club members forming the electorate.

This list, which will remain in the custody of the Electoral Board in the Members Trustee's Office will be the definitive electoral roll and may not undergo any amendment for the remainder of the election process

Article 44.- Candidacies

44.1. Periods for presentation.

From the days after the definitive approval of the roll by the Electoral Board, and for a period of seven working days, candidacies for the FC Barcelona Board of Directors can be presented. The time limit for presenting candidacies will be at 21 hours on the seventh working day.

44.2. Nature, form and composition of candidacies and requirements for presentation.

Candidacies will be closed and subject to block voting.

Candidacies must be made up of a number of candidates no lower than fourteen and no higher than twenty-one, headed by a candidate for President.

No candidacy may include any outgoing President that has just completed a second consecutive term of office as established in article 31.2.

Candidacies must be presented to the Electoral Board, in writing and in duplicate form, and must contain the following details:

- Lists of the names and surnames of the candidates and, along with each name, the candidate's signature to accredit their conformity. All of the candidates must satisfy the conditions established in 38.
- Photocopies of both sides of the candidates' membership cards and of their identification documents.
- Photocopy of documentation accrediting the Catalan civil residency status of the candidate for the Presidency.

In the candidacy, no reference or list will be included of the different Board positions, apart from that of President, which will correspond to the candidate at the top of the list. If the members of the candidacy consider it convenient, they can attach a list of the biographical details and merits of the aspiring candidates.

Along with the candidacy, presentation must also be made of the support slips signed by Club members and the testimony of their commitment to provide the guarantee referred to in sections 44.3 and 44.4.

44.3. Support of Club members for candidacies.

To be proclaimed by the Electoral Board, candidacies must have been proposed by a number of Club members no lower than fifty per cent (50%) of the delegates that make up the Assembly.

To accredit this support, each candidacy must, on presenting itself as such, provide the accrediting support slips in accordance with the following regulations:

- a)* Club members may only support one single candidacy. All of the slips signed by the same Club member who has supported more than one candidacy will be considered void.
- b)* All Club members signing a support slip must be included in the definitive electoral roll approved by the Electoral Board.

c) The slips must be filled in using the official form that will be published by the Club for each election process and which will contain, at least, the following characteristics:

— It will bear the name and crest of FC Barcelona and a reference to the year in which the elections are held.

— In a clear position and in legible writing, it will feature the name of the Club member proposing the candidacy, along with the declaration of being an adult and not being incapacitated, and having been a member for at least one year at the moment that the elections are called, and not to have their membership suspended.

— Also printed in a clear position on the official slip published by the Club will be the name of the candidate for the Presidency leading the candidacy.

— In a space on the slip will be attached a photographic or photostatic copy of the national identity document or equivalent in the case of foreigners, driving licence or passport of the Club member giving their support.

— Another clear space will display the membership number, the identity document number and, finally, the date on which the proposal is made and a signature.

— In a space on in the top right hand corner of the slip, a space will be left for correlatively numbering the proposals presented by candidacies.

d) From the beginning of stage IV of the election process, aspiring candidates to the Presidency of the Club may request that the Electoral Board present them with official support slips with their name printed on. This application will be made in writing, indicating the number of slips ordered. The Electoral Board will provide the slips ordered within a period of 36 hours, which, up to twice the number required to be proclaimed as a candidate, will be free. Any that are ordered above this limit will be paid for by the applicant.

e) The support slips provided by each candidacy must be numbered and ordered by membership numbers, from lowest to highest.

f) The Electoral Board will acknowledge receipt of the candidacies that have been presented to it within the established period, and will sign a copy of this acknowledgement. The Secretary, under approval by the President, and following the necessary verifications, will provide official accreditation of the number of support slips provided by the candidacy, specifying the day and time when they were presented.

A copy of this official accreditation will be provided to the aspiring Presidential candidates.

44.4. Commitment to providing a bank guarantee if so required by the law.

In order to be proclaimed by the Electoral Board, each candidacy must provide a document signed by all of its components in which the same declare their commitment to act as guarantors in the case of being electors, in accordance with the disposition of article 35 of these Statutes and the seventh Additional Disposition of State Law 10/1990 and dispositions that develop it, if jurisdictional regulations demand this requisite.

44.5. Proclamation of the candidacies.

Within the three working days following the end of the period for presenting candidacies, the Electoral Board must ensure that the candidacies presented and the Club members proposing them satisfy the conditions demanded by these Statutes, that they have complied with the procedures and time limits of this stage of the election process, that the candidacies have received the support of a minimum number of Club members as demanded in section 44.3 of this article, and they have provided the commitment to acting as guarantors referred to in section 44.4 of this article. Especially, the Electoral Board will proceed by verifying the validity of the support slips provided by the candidates, and has the faculty to request the candidates and Club members themselves to provide the necessary details to verify their authenticity.

When a candidacy includes one or more Club members who do not satisfy the conditions for being eligible, the candidacy will remain valid with respect to the other candidates as long as the invalidated person is not the candidate for the Presidency and the total number of remaining candidates is the same or more than the minimum requirement of fourteen. If the aspiring President is declared invalidated, or the number of candidates is lower than fourteen, the entire candidacy will be declared invalidated.

Once this verification process is complete, the Electoral Board will proceed by proclaiming the candidates that have the right to participate in the elections through having satisfied all of the requirements demanded by the Statutes, and will reject those candidacies that have failed to satisfy said requirements.

The proclamation or rejection of candidates, or individual members of the same, as well as the number of valid support slips collected from members will be reflected in the Minutes that will be drafted by the Electoral Board. Reasons for refusing candidates will be offered. Each

Presidential candidate will be notified of the certification of the Minutes.

The claims and appeals detailed in article 42 may be lodged against the resolution by the Electoral Board to refuse the proclamation of a candidacy or any of the members of a candidacy.

Within two working days of the proclamation of the candidacies, the Electoral Board will provide a certification of the Minutes of the proclamation to the President of the Catalan Football Federation and the Club's Board of Directors or the Management Commission.

Article 45.- Proclamation of a single candidacy

If there is only one candidacy, or only one candidacy remains valid, the Electoral Board will proceed to directly declare that candidacy the winner, thus concluding the election process, the members will be proclaimed elected.

Article 46.- Inexistence of candidacies or invalidity of all those presented

If there is no candidacy or none of those presented are valid, the Electoral Board will communicate this to the Club's Board of Directors or Management Commission, who must call new elections within a maximum period of three months.

Article 47.- Election campaign

From the day after the candidacies are proclaimed, and for seven working days, the candidates may host informative, promotional or propaganda events.

The Electoral Board has the competence to resolve all applications or claims made by the candidates in relation to the election campaign and will ensure that, in their manifestations and actions, all of the candidates demonstrate the respect that their opponents deserve.

The Club's Board of Directors will facilitate the candidates' undertaking of their election campaigns and put the Club's facilities at their disposal, as long as this is compatible with its sporting activities and acquired commitments.

The Members' Trustee will process all of the information and publicity that the candidates wish to address to the Club members, via the services of the Members' Trustee's Office. Requests for such procedures will be made in writing to the Office, which will inform the candidates of the cost of the service and the possibility of facilitating it. Any expenses generated by these services will be charged to the candidates requesting them.

The Electoral Board will fairly resolve any conflicts that could arise when the candidates coincide in requesting the same Club services or facilities on incompatible dates, and will ensure that the principles of equal opportunities are maintained with respect to Club services or facilities.

Article 48.- Day of reflection

El dia natural que resti entre la fase VIII (finalització de la campanya elecThe calendar day remaining between stage VIII (end of the election campaign) and stage X (holding the vote) will be reserved for reflection and evaluation of the proposals that have been made by the different candidacies.

From zero hours of that day, the candidacies are forbidden from partaking in all public activities and may not, either directly or indirectly, perform acts considered part of the election campaign, such as placing posters, publishing or emitting propaganda via the media, making declarations or giving interviews.

Article 49.- Votes. Count. Proclamation of winning candidacy. Notification and publication of the electoral documentation

49.1. Votes.

Votes will be issued on the day and at the time and place established in the call for elections.

The voting slips will be printed by the Club using the same format, paper and colour for all of the candidacies.

Voting slips, other than the option of including the club crest and a reference to the specific election process, may only feature the name of the Presidential candidate of each candidacy.

The voting slip will be placed by each elector in an envelope printed by the Club and which will bear a reference to that specific election process.

The electors must accredit themselves by presenting their national identity document or equivalent in the case of foreigners, passport or driving licence.

The electors will hand those people running the election tables, which will be arranged in the alphabetical order of the names of the Club members, with the envelope containing the voting slip and the latter will place it in the ballot-box.

Only Club members whose names are recorded in the definitive electoral roll approved by the Electoral Board may exercise the right to vote.

The Electoral Table will preside over and control the voting day, and will resolve all incidents or claims that might arise, in accordance with what is stipulated by article 41.

The Members' Trustee, on election day, will assist the Electoral Table in exercising its duties in accordance with what is stipulated by article 41.5 and will, especially, helped by personnel from his or her Office, assist the different tables with all matters relating to the electoral roll.

49.2. Count.

Once the voting period has ended, the Electoral Table will arrange the start of the count of each ballot-box and the overall total for all the ballot-boxes, which should reflect the following data:

- Total Club members with the right to vote.
- Total Club members that have voted.
- Total valid votes obtained by each candidacy.
- Total blank votes.
- Total spoiled votes.

All voting slips not printed by the Club or that contain additions or comments will be considered spoiled. Also, all voting slips not presented inside envelopes printed by the Club will be considered spoiled.

If an envelope contains more than one voting slip voting for the same candidacy, this will only count as one vote. If an envelope contains more than one voting slip voting for different candidacies or that are blank votes, these will all be considered spoiled.

A blank vote is considered to be either an envelope containing no voting slip or one or more voting slips voting for no candidate.

This data, and that mentioned in article 41.4.*b*), will be reflected in the Minutes that will be drafted by the Electoral Table concerning the voting day, and which will be signed by all of its members.

49.3. Proclamation of the winning candidacy.

Once the voting has concluded and the Minutes have been drafted and signed by the Electoral Table, the proclamation of the winning candidacy will commence.

The winner will be the candidacy that has obtained the most valid votes.

If there is a tie between two or more candidacies that have obtained the most votes, no candidacy will be proclaimed the winner and a new round of voting must be held involving the tied candidacies, on a new date to be set by the Club's Board of Directors or the Management Commission, within the following seven calendar days. The date of the new vote will be announced in the form determined by article 39.2.

Until the new vote is held, the Electoral Board and Electoral Table will maintain their duties and stage VIII (Election Campaign) will not be restarted. If there should once again be a tie after the second vote, a third vote will be called, and as many successive polls as are necessary until one candidacy obtains a majority.

The proclamation will be made jointly by the Electoral Board and the Electoral Table at the end of the voting day by publicly reading the Minutes of the count and officially declaring the elections closed.

49.4. Notification of the results and provision of the electoral documentation.

Within three days after the end of the elections, the Electoral Table will provide the Club's Board of Directors or Management Commission and the registers referred to in article 8, with certification of the Minutes of the vote count and the proclamation of the winners.

The Electoral Board and the Electoral Table will be the depositaries, at the Club head offices, of the minutes and documents relating to the election process, as long as any claims or appeals persist in relation to the election that have yet to be resolved by federations or administrations. If there are no such circumstances or from the moment that the appeals have been resolved administratively, they will have thirty days to provide the Board of Directors with an ordered dossier of all of the minutes and documents relating to the election process, accompanied by a list of the documents contained within. Minutes will be drafted of the presentation of these documents and signed by the Electoral Board, the Electoral Table and the Board of Directors. This act will officially conclude the duties of the Electoral Board and Electoral Table, which will henceforth be dissolved

Article 50.- Taking office and communications

If the election process has been the consequence of the natural termination of the term in office of the previous Board of Directors, the newly elected Board must take office on the date of July 1 after the elections and the members remaining from the previous Board will immediately vacate their positions.

If the electoral process was initiated by the Management Committee because of early termination of the mandate of the previous Board, in accordance with the terms of article 32.4, the new Board elected shall take possession within ten calendar days following the date of the election.

In both circumstances, for computation of the duration of the mandate article 31 will apply.

If the law requires a bank guarantee to be provided, prior to taking office, the newly elected Board must have formalised the bank guarantee in the manner required by current regulations. If this is not the case, the Board will not take office and this governing body will be considered vacant, and a Management Commission will automatically be constituted to call a new election process.

The new Board will take office at an extraordinary session of the Board of Directors, which will be attended by the outgoing Board or Management Commission and the newly elected Board, and which may also be attended in the capacity of witnesses, by representatives of Governments, Administrations, Federations or Associations.

Once constituted, the new Board will notify its composition to the registers referred to in article 8.

The President of the outgoing Board of Directors or Management Commission, or any member of the same delegated by him or her, may intervene at the first ordinary General Assembly that is held to explain the liquidation of the previous financial year and propose it for approval.

SECTION 5.- VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE.

Article 51.- Vote of no confidence.

51.1. Subjects of a vote of no confidence.

All of the members of the Board of Directors are passive subjects of a vote of no confidence. A vote of no confidence may be requested against all of the Board or some of its members.

The Club members that satisfy the conditions to be an elector under terms of article 37 are the active members of a vote of no confidence.

51.2. Petitioners of a vote of no confidence.

The calling of a vote of no confidence can be requested by: the majority of the members of the actual Board, 5 per cent of the Club members that satisfy the conditions to be an elector as established by article 37,

or 50 per cent of the delegates currently in office. To calculate 5% of the Club membership, the total number of Club members will be considered to be that existing on the day that the vote of no confidence is announced under the terms established in article 51.3.a).

51.3. Form and procedure for requesting of vote of no confidence.

a) Before formally presenting the request for a vote of no confidence, those leading the motion must write to the Board announcing their proposal, with a list of the members of the Board that they wish to subject to the vote of no confidence. The same written notice will request the Board to provide the official form for slips justifying the necessary support of Club members or delegates.

b) The Board of Directors, within a period of no more than 5 working days, will supply the petitioners with the support slips, which will be of the following characteristics:

— They will bear the name and crest of FC Barcelona and the following title: “Support slip to request the calling of a vote of no confidence against...”, and will describe the names of the members of the Board of Directors affected, or in such a case, the totality of the Board.

— In a space, and in legible lettering, will appear the name of the Club member supporting the request, with a declaration that he or she is adult, not incapacitated, has been a Club member for a minimum of one year and does not have a suspended membership.

— In another space on the slip will appear that person’s membership number and identity document number, his or her full signature and the date.

— In another space will be attached a photographic or photostatic copy of both sides of the Club member’s identity document.

The number of slips provided by the Club will be double that required to support the vote. If this limit is surpassed, the promoters of the vote of no confidence may order more slips, and they will be supplied, but at the promoters’ own cost.

c) The promoters of the vote of no confidence will have a limit of 14 days, counted from the day after the one on which the slips were received, to present their formal request to the Board of Directors, which will declare the motive, the members of the Board that are to be subjected to the vote of no confidence and whether this is being demanded by a percentage of Club members or of delegates, attaching the support slips to this.

51.4. Constitution of the Table for the Vote of No Confidence.

Within ten working days of the formal presentation of the request, the Table of the Vote of No Confidence will be constituted, which will be the body in charge of promoting and controlling the full process and which will be made up of the following people:

- The first two Club members or delegates to have signed the petition.
- Two members of the Board of Directors, designated by the Board itself.
- A delegate from the Catalan Football Federation, designated by the Federation itself, who will act as President.

For the functions and duties of this Table, the regulations included in these Statutes for the Electoral Table and Electoral Board will be analogically applied, including the references therein to resources or appeals against its decisions.

Once the Table of the Vote of No Confidence has been constituted, it shall proceed, within a maximum of 10 working days, by verifying that the request complies with the requisites to which it is subjected and, especially, that there is adequate motive and sufficient support among the membership or delegates. The Table may invalidate support that is insufficiently accredited and may make any necessary investigations to ascertain authenticity.

Once the verification is over, the Table must make a statement regarding the admissibility of the vote of no confidence. In no case will the procedure for a vote of no confidence be admitted if motivated by events prior to the election of the censured member or members of the Board of Directors or for causes unrelated to the management of the Club.

If all of the requisites are complied with, the request will be declared admitted and Club's Board of Directors will be ordered to call a vote, which must be held within a period of no less than 10 working days or no more than 20, counted from that on which the Table provided notice of the requirement.

If the requisites have not all been complied with, the request will be rejected, on well-motivated grounds, and the two first signatories will be informed of this.

51.5. The voting procedure.

The call for voting will be publicly announced by the Board of Directors

by means of the method indicated in article 39.2 of these Statutes at a minimum notice of 5 working days.

The voting procedure, count and publication of the results will be regulated, analogically, by the regulations indicated in article 49, and the duties bestowed upon the Electoral Board and Electoral Table will be assumed by the Table of the Vote of No Confidence.

The only Club members who enjoy the condition of being an elector in the process of a vote of no confidence are those that satisfy the conditions given in article 37.

Once the voting has concluded, the table will count the votes in accordance with what is stipulated by article 49.2, and will announce the result.

The vote of no confidence will only be accepted if two thirds or more of the votes are in its favour, as long as the number of these is a minimum of 10 per cent of the members of the Club.

The members of the Board of Directors that lose a vote of no confidence will automatically be removed from their positions, with the stipulations of articles 32.1 or 32.4 being applicable.

If the vote of no confidence does not obtain that majority, it cannot be called again for the same motives until one year has passed counted from the date on which the vote was held

SECTION 6.- COLLABORATING GOVERNING, ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT AND ADVISORY BODIES

Article 52.- The FC Barcelona Senate.

The FC Barcelona Senate is a collegiate and honorary body of an advisory nature made up of the first thousand Club members.

The Senate's duty is to advise and counsel on all issues subjected to it by the President and the Board of Directors.

The Senate will meet at the behest of the President whenever necessary.

The Senate will be called by agreement of the Board of Directors, who will establish an Agenda. Senate sessions will be chaired by the Board of Directors, and the Secretary will be that of the Club, who will draft the Minutes.

Senate decisions will be made by simple majority from among those present. The vote is personal and non delegable.

The nomination of an FC Barcelona Senator will be reflected in a diploma that will be presented to the Senator.

Article 53.- The Members' Trustee.

The Members' Trustee is a single-person body that is independent of the Board of Directors, and whose duty is to assist, advise and defend the rights of Club members in terms of their relationship with the Club, and also to prepare and update the Club's electoral roll.

In exercising his or her duties, the Members' Trustee may demand of the club's governing body any collaboration or assistance required, and they are obliged to provide this.

53.1. Duties.

The duties of the Members' Trustee are as follows:

- a)* To defend and protect the rights of Club members, and to learn of and resolve any claims addressed to him or her. He or she may also attend all meetings of the Disciplinary Commission with the right to speak but not to vote.
- b)* To act as an intermediary, resolving by consensus any conflicts arising between Club members and the Board of Directors, from which he or she may gather whatever information he or she feels convenient.
- c)* To present the Board of Directors with any suggestions he or she feels to be appropriate.
- d)* To provide the Board of Directors within five days of the end of the financial year and present the ordinary General Assembly with an annual report of his or her actions in reference to each financial year.
- e)* To autonomously manage, in order to efficiently comply with his or her duties, the organisation and functioning of his or her office, which will be coordinated and managed using the material and human resources required which, at his own behest, must be supplied by the Board of Directors.
- f)* To permanently and continuously produce, through his or her office, the list of Club members with the right to vote or electoral roll, and update this monthly.
- g)* To provide Club members with the dispatches supplied to him or her by different candidates during the election period, including in the stages of presenting candidacies, and likewise what is supplied by the petitioners of a vote of no confidence.

h) During election periods, to assist the Electoral Board and Electoral Table in exercising their duties in accordance with articles 40.4 and 41.4., especially in matters of claims, rights and duties of Club members and candidates, and the electoral roll, always seeking to ensure exact compliance with data contained within the same.

i) To attend both Ordinary and Extraordinary General Club Assemblies, with the right to speak but not to vote.

53.2. Designation.

The position of Members' Trustee must be granted to a Club member of recognised prestige, and who satisfies the same circumstances that are demanded by article 38 to be elected a member of the Board of Directors and their designation will be made by proposal of the Board of Directors and must be ratified by the General Assembly by a majority of three fifths of those in attendance.

The designated person may not be a member of the Board of Directors or an employee of the Club and cannot be a direct or collateral relative up to four times removed of any member of the Board of Directors.

53.3. Term of office.

The duration of the Members' Trustee's term of office is five years, and this person may be re-elected to the position for an identical period following the necessary ratification by the General Assembly under the same terms as the original designation.

If the end of a Members' Trustee's term of office coincides with an election period at the Club, the Trustee will continue to exercise his or her duties until a successor has been nominated by appointment of the new Board of Directors.

53.4. Cessation.

The Members' Trustee will be removed from his or her position for any of the following causes:

a) Conclusion of the term for which he or she was nominated.

b) Resignation.

c) Death or incapacity.

d) Loss of the condition of being a Club member.

e) By agreement of the General Assembly, in the case of notorious

negligence.

In the latter of these cases, the cessation must be accepted by a majority of three fifths of those present and the Members' Trustee has the right to speak before the vote.

In all cases, the Board of Directors will proceed by designating a new Members' Trustee within a period of one month, who must be ratified later and nominally by the General Assembly by the method established in article 53.2.

Article 54.- Financial Commission.

The Financial Commission is a collegiate body of an advisory nature made up of six Club members of renowned prestige and experience in the management of finances and capital resources, one of which should be delegated by the Board of Directors from among its members.

The positions of the Financial Commission are honorary and the members must satisfy the same circumstances as demanded by article 38 for being a member of the Board of Directors.

The designation of the five remaining Club members on the Financial Commission will be as proposed by the Board of Directors, and must be ratified by the General Assembly. Of these five members, the Board of Directors will nominate a President, a Vice President and a Secretary.

The term of office of the members of the Financial Commission will coincide with mandate of the Governing Board established in article 31. The cessation and suspension of this Commission or, if relevant, temporary cover of vacancies that may arise during the term of office, will be governed by the regulations stipulated in article 32 of these Statutes, in reference to the Board of Directors.

The duties of the Financial Commission are:

- a)* To provide reports on matters of its competence as requested by the Board of Directors.
- b)* To provide preliminary reports concerning the proposals that the Board of Directors presents to the General Assembly regarding matters referred to in article 19, sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 14 and 15.

The functioning of the Financial Commission will be governed by what is established by article 33 for the Board of Directors, wherever applicable.

Article 55.- Disciplinary Commission.

The Disciplinary Commission is a collegiate body with the duty of exercising and applying, by delegation of the Board of Directors, the disciplinary authority bestowed upon it in accordance with the stipulations of Chapter VII of these Statutes.

The Disciplinary Commission is made up of five members, one of which should be delegated by the Board of Directors from among its members, and who will act as President. The other four will be designated by the Board of Directors from among Club members with law degrees of renowned experience and prestige, which satisfy the circumstances demanded by article 38 for being a member of the Board of Directors.

The President of the Disciplinary Commission will nominate a Vice President and a Secretary. All of the positions are honorary.

The term of office of the members of the Disciplinary Commission will coincide with mandate of the Governing Board established in article 31. Cessation, suspension or covering of vacancies on the Disciplinary Commission will be freely made by the Board of Directors.

The functioning of the Disciplinary Commission will be governed by what is established by article 33 for the Board of Directors, wherever applicable

Article 56.- Top Management personnel.

The Top Management personnel will act by delegation of the Board of Directors in duties of administering and managing the Club and for executing the agreements of the Board of Directors and other collegiate bodies with duties delegated by the Board of Directors.

The designation and cessation of Top Management personnel, as well as the faculties bestowed upon them at all times, and the awarding of appropriate notary authorities, are the responsibility of the Board of Directors. All of the faculties and authorities granted to Top Management personnel must be reflected in the minutes of the agreements of the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER 5

DOCUMENTARY SYSTEM

Article 57.- Club Books

FC Barcelona will maintain the following Books and Registers:

57.1. Register of Members.

This will consist of a computerised register detailing, in order of admission, the Club members.

The Register of Members will include the following details:

- Name and surnames of each Member.
- National identity document number or passport.
- Date of birth.
- Home address.
- Date of joining.
- Date of cessation.
- Seats in the Camp Nou or other Club facilities allocated to the person.
- Remarks.

The remarks section will include the following details:

- a)* Position that the Club member has held on the Board of Directors or collaborating bodies referred to in Section 6 of Chapter IV, as well as the duration of the term in office.

- b)* Condition or nomination as delegate and duration of term in office.
- c)* Firm disciplinary sanctions that have been imposed on the Member.
- d)* Suspension of Member status and duration of the same.

The Register of Members will be numbered from the longest-serving to the newest.

Each financial year the numerical order of Members will be updated in consideration of any cessations that have occurred.

57.2. Minutes Book of the General Assembly.

This book contains, chronologically, the Minutes of the meetings of the Club General Assemblies.

The minutes will detail:

- Place and date of the meeting.
- Number in attendance.
- Summary of the issues dealt with.
- Agreements made, with reference to the procedure employed to reach those decisions.

The Minutes will be drafted by the Club Secretary, under approval by the President, and must be passed by three delegate members designated by the Assembly.

57.3. Minutes Book of the Board of Directors.

This Book contains, chronologically, the Minutes of the meetings of the Club's Board of Directors.

The minutes will detail:

- Place and date of the meeting.
- Number in attendance.
- Summary of the issues dealt with.
- Agreements made, with reference to the procedure employed to reach those decisions.

The Minutes will be drafted by the Club Secretary, under approval by the President, and must be passed by the following Board meeting.

57.4. Minutes Books of the Bodies Collaborating with the General Assembly and Board of Directors.

The Bodies Collaborating with the General Assembly and the Board of Directors will maintain their respective Minutes Books. The Minutes, which will detail the circumstances reflected in the previous section, will be drafted by the Secretary of each Body, under approval by the President.

57.5. Accounts Books.

The Club's accounts will be recorded in the relevant books, which will state the capital resources, specific rights and obligations, the state of income and expenses, and details of their origin, investment or destination.

Concerning income from donations, it must be specified, if relevant, the purpose for which they are destined, with reference to the donation document and the minutes of the acceptance of the donation by the Club body with competence in that area.

57.6. Auxiliary Books.

The Club will maintain all those auxiliary books that are considered appropriate for the best compliance with its objectives.

Article 58.- Authentication

All of the Minutes Books of the Governing Bodies and the Accounts Books must be processed in such a way as to guarantee their authenticity in the manner stipulated by current legislation.

Article 59.- Privacy of personal data in Club Books and files

In accordance with the orders of article 18 of the Spanish Constitution and Organic Law 15/1999, of December 13, on the protection of data of a personal nature, the Club guarantees the privacy of the personal data of the Club members included in the Club Books or files or its transcription to computerised supports, protecting it from interconnection with other computer networks and not being able to disclose or communicate it to anybody, unless with prior consent by the data subject.

This guarantee is applied without prejudice to the individual right of each Club member to access, correct and cancel their personal data and the Club's obligation to facilitate its communication to those Club members who declare their intention to stand for elections or who wish to call a vote of no confidence, by means of the procedure detailed in article 47.

CHAPTER 6

FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Article 60.- Annual Accounts

The annual accounts, which the Board of Directors will present to the Assembly, will contain:

- The balance and profits and loss accounts, in such a way that they clearly indicate the situation of the Club's finances and capital resources.
- A Financial report for the financial year, which explains the most significant variations or incidents in relation to the budget.

Article 61.- Auditing

The annual accounts detailed in the previous article will be revised by Accounts Auditors habilitated for this duty and designated by the Board of Directors.

An audit will also be made of the total or part of the annual accounts, at the request of those who legally have the right to request this and at their own cost.

All audits that are made by request of the Board of Directors will be presented to the General Assembly.

Article 62.- Right of Disposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has the full faculties to manage the Club's finances, under the limitations established by applicable legal dispositions and the following dispositions of these Statutes:

- a)* The Board of Directors may not spend more than 20% of the overall amount budgeted, regardless of the availability of this amount through income unforeseen by the budget, or that exceed expectations.

To spend over this limit, the Board of Directors will need the approval of the General Assembly, an approval that will be granted by simple majority of those present.

b) The Board of Directors may acquire, guarantee or transfer money in the form of credit or loans; or may issue transferable debt securities, up to an amount no higher than 20% of the annual income Budget.

Any other agreement that exceeds this limit will need the approval of the General Assembly, which will be granted by a majority of two thirds of those present.

In order to issue transferable debt securities or to gain income from loans of an amount exceeding 50% of the annual income Budget, as well as the approval of the General Assembly by a qualified majority of two thirds of those present, a report in favour of the action will be required from the Secretary General for Sport of the Government of Catalonia.

CHAPTER 7

DISCIPLINARY AND JURISDICTIONAL SYSTEM

Article 63.- Disciplinary system

The Club has the authority to correct infringements of sporting or associative discipline that are produced on occasion of or as a consequence of the undertaking of its activities. The exercising of this authority, the disciplinary procedure, the classification and characterisation of the infringements, and the applicable sanctions, are the object of this Chapter.

Article 64.- Scope of sanctionable infringements

The disciplinary infringements subjected to the Club's disciplinary authority are classified into three areas:

64.1. Infringements related to the rules of play.

These are actions or omissions contravening the rules of play made by players, coaching staff or sportspeople that participate in sports competitions, games or events organised internally or socially by the Club.

Expressly excluded from this group and the sanctioning authority of the Club are infringements of the rules of play made by players, coaching staff or sportspeople that participate in sports competitions, games or events organised by Federations, Associations of Clubs or other local, regional, state or international Bodies, in the regulations of which provisions are already made for regulations and disciplinary authority concerning infringements of the rules of play. In these cases, the disciplinary authority will be that of the Organising Body, in accordance with the rules regulating it, without affecting the condition that, should the infringement be one of sporting conduct, the infringement may also be subjected to the sanctioning authority of the Club.

64.2. Infringements related to sporting conduct.

These are actions or omissions that contravene the general regulations for sporting discipline and coexistence involving Club members, players, members of coaching staff and sportspeople.

64.3. Infringements related to membership conduct.

These are the actions or omissions made by Club members that contravene legal associative regime, the Statutes and agreements of the General Assembly or the Board of Directors.

For these purposes, it will be understood that the members of the organ of government of a Fans' Club are subject to the responsibilities bestowed upon them by applicable regulations and also those derived from the Fan's Club Regulations approved by the Club at any given time.

In the circumstance of assignment of the season ticket it is understood that the assigning member, as a necessary collaborator in having transferred their season ticket, is responsible for possible infringements committed by the assignee regardless of the personal responsibilities for the same. This provision will be excluded in the event that the assignment is made in favour of or through the Club

Article 65.- Disciplinary authority

In the three areas to which the Club's disciplinary correction is subjected, the exercising of disciplinary authority corresponds to the following people and bodies:

a) Infringements related to the rules of play:

To the umpires and referees during sporting events or competitions of an internal membership nature, subject to the rules established by the governing bodies of each sporting discipline or those specifically passed for the competition in question.

b) Infringements related to sporting conduct:

To the Disciplinary Commission.

c) Infringements related to membership conduct:

To the Disciplinary Commission.

To the Disciplinary Committee, except in the case that the presumed infringer is a member of that Committee, in which case the exercise of the disciplinary power will correspond to the Governing Board.

Article 66.- Classification and characterisation of infringements

66.1. Infringements related to the rules of play.

To be applied will be, as a reference, the classification and list of different infringements of the rules of plays detailed in the Statutes or Rules of the Federations governing the sports modalities corresponding to the games or competitions organised internally by the Club, and these will be qualified as minor, serious or very serious.

66.2. Infringements related to sporting conduct.

To be applied will be, as a reference, the classification and list of different minor, serious or very serious infringements described by article 96 of Legislative Decree 1/2000, of July 31, which approves the general sports regulations.

66.3. Infringements related to membership conduct.

Infringements of associative conduct by actions or omissions related with the activities of the Club are classified as minor, serious or very serious.

Minor infringements are:

- actions or omissions of members against the law, the Statutes, the resolutions of the General Assembly or Governing Board, or the general rules of associative social coexistence, which are not classified as serious or very serious.
- the lack of correct behaviour with other members, players, technicians, line judges, referees and other sports authorities who are acting in the exercise of their functions, or with the public in general.
- unjustified failure to comply with orders and instructions given by the sports authorities and/or Boards of Directors member acting in the exercise of their functions, when these do not constitute a serious or very serious infringement.
- the incorrect use of the financial or material resources of the Club, when not classified as a very serious infringement.

Serious infringements are:

- actions or omissions of members against the law, the Statutes, the resolutions of the General Assembly or Governing Board, which are of public importance or cause material damage to the image of the Club, the other members, the members of the Governing Board, the

players, technicians or employees.

— the isolated assignment for value of the ticket allowing access to a sports event organised by the Club, or in which the Club participates, except when the assignment is made through or in favour of the Club itself.

— a negligent attitude to compliance with the obligations of preventing violence during a match, event or competition, and lack of collaboration in the investigation and discovery of the identity of those responsible for violent acts.

— failure in compliance with the rules governing the holding of sports events, thus impeding their normal development or causing loss or prejudice to the participants or the public attending, when not constituting a very serious infringement.

Very serious infringements are:

— failure in compliance with the obligation to pay, reimburse or compensate the Club for any financial item owed by the member, with the exception of those corresponding to the membership quota or the price of the season ticket.

— the repeated selling on of the ticket giving access to sports events organised by the Club, or in which the Club takes part, and the isolated selling on of the ticket giving access to more than one sports event organised by the Club, or in which the Club takes part, with the exception in both cases that the assignment is made through or in favour of the Club itself.

— conduct which leads to the imposition on the Club of an enforced sanction, whether financial or of any other type.

— any action or omission of the member against the law, the Statutes, the resolutions of the General Assembly or Governing Board when there is fraud or bad faith.

— any action or omission of the member against the law, the Statutes, the resolutions of the General Assembly or Governing Board, that has major public affect, this understood to mean when the action has media repercussions, exceeds the strictly associative environment and reaches general knowledge.

— any action or omission of the member against the law, the Statutes, the resolutions of the General Assembly or Governing Board, which causes material or moral damage of consideration to the Club, other members, players, technicians or employees of the Club.

- the disclosure of secrets in matters which are known by reason of the post.
- any act directed to impeding, disturbing, predetermining or altering the normal progress of sessions of the Club's collegiate organs, the elections, a vote of censure, or the respective results.
- insults or offensive behaviour to other members, or to the public attending a sports event.
- conduct which seriously affects the normal progress of a match, event or competition, or which obliges its temporary or definitive suspension.
- acts, demonstrations or behaviour which, directly or indirectly, induces or incites to violence, or to the infringement of legal rules or regulations preventing violence in sport.
- the infringement, in the Club's premises or precincts, or in those precincts where a Club team is playing in a match, event or competition, of the legal, regulation and statutory rules established with regard to the system for ticket sales, the separation of rival fans in different parts of the precinct, and the control of access for compliance with the existing prohibitions.
- the introduction or exhibition, in the Club's premises or precincts, or those precincts where a Club team is playing a match, event or competition, of posters, symbols or emblems when, for their content or the circumstances in which they are exhibited or used, this could be considered as an act which incites, promotes or aids violent xenophobic or racist behaviour, or the manifest disparagement of any person.
- the introduction or possession, activation or launch, in the Club's premises or precincts, or in those where a Club team is playing a match, event or competition, of any type of weapons or objects which could produce the same effects, as well as flares, firecrackers, explosives or, in general, inflammable, smoke producing or corrosive products.
- the introduction, sale, consumption or possession, in the Club's premises or precincts, or in those where a Club team is playing a match, event or competition, of any type of alcoholic beverages and narcotic, psychotropic or stimulant substances or analogous products.
- participation in altercations, fights or public disorder in the Club's premises or precincts, or in those where a Club team is playing a match, event or competition or in the immediate vicinity of the one or the other, causing serious damage or risk to persons or goods.

— intentionally cause damage to the furniture or in the Club's premises or precincts, or to the furniture or in those precincts where a Club team is playing a match.

— violent participation in group acts of celebration, meeting or analogous, related with the activities of the Club, independently of whether or not those acts are organised by the Club

Article 67.-Sanctions

The sanctions which may be imposed for minor, serious or very serious infringements related with the rules of the game or sports conduct will be those provided in the general sports regulations

The sanctions that can be imposed for minor, serious or very serious infringements related to membership conduct will be:

For minor infringements:

— Private warning.

For serious infringements:

— Public warning.

— Prohibition from entering the Camp Nou or other Club facilities for a maximum period of one year.

— Suspension of membership for from 1 to 4 months

For very serious infringements:

— Prohibition from entering the Camp Nou or other Club facilities for a maximum period of one year and one day to two years.

— Suspension of membership for from 4 months and a day to 2 years.

— Loss of membership.

All the sanctions which involve the suspension or loss of membership can carry, as an accessory sanction, a prohibition on accessing Camp Nou or other Club premises.

The Disciplinary Commission, when evaluating the infringement and the sanction to be applied, will consider the concurrence of circumstances that exempt, extenuate and aggravate responsibility in analogical fashion to the Penal Code, as well as the nature of the events, the personality of the person responsible and the consequences of the infringement.

The imposition of any disciplinary sanction will not exempt the infringer from the obligation of repaying or compensating the Club for any damages he or she has caused

Article 68.- Statute of limitations for infringements and sanctions

The limit for filing a case for infringements and sanctions related to the rules of play and sporting conduct, as well as their calculation and interruption, will be governed by the general sports laws.

The limit for filing cases related to infringements and sanctions related to membership conduct will be governed by the following regulations:

a) The period for minor infringements expires after one month, for serious infringements one year and very serious infringements three years.

b) The limit for sanctions will expire after one month, one year or three years depending on whether the infringements are minor, serious or very serious respectively.

c) The period for the expiry of infringements will be counted from the day that the infringement is committed. The period will be interrupted by any action by the body with disciplinary authority, of which the interested party is informed, aimed at instigating the corresponding disciplinary procedure.

d) The period for the expiry of sanctions will be counted from the day on which the resolution to impose the sanction is declared correctly notified to the infringing subject. The period will be interrupted by any action aimed at executing the sanction of which the sanctioned party is made aware.

Article 69.- Disciplinary procedure

The imposition of sanctions for the cause of infringements related to the rules of play or sporting conduct will be in accordance with the procedures and regulations stipulated by the general sports laws.

The imposition of sanctions for the cause of infringements related to membership conduct will be made after the assessment of disciplinary proceedings under the following regulations:

a) The Disciplinary Commission, as soon as it is made aware of an infringement, will agree to open disciplinary proceedings, and from among its members will nominate an investigating officer. This resolution will irrefutably be notified to the member concerned.

The Disciplinary Commission, before agreeing to open disciplinary proceedings, has the power to obtain whatever preliminary information it feels necessary.

b) Once the proceedings have been opened, the investigating officer will be supplied with details of all of the legal actions and evidence that he or she feels necessary, such as the party concerned's statement, witnesses' statements, the provision of documents and any enquiries.

c) Once this period has expired, the investigating officer for the proceedings will present a report-proposal to the Disciplinary Commission, which decides whether to dismiss the case and end the proceedings, or to press charges against the party concerned. The decision will be accepted by simple majority, and will be irrefutably notified in writing to the party concerned.

d) The charge sheet will include a list of the infringements attributed to the member, who will have a period of no less than five calendar days to present a defence in writing and to propose forms of making enquiries that are considered relevant to that defence. This document will be supplied to the investigating officer of the proceedings.

e) Once the period for presenting the defence has expired and, if necessary, any of the proposed enquiries have been made, the Commission will declare its verdict after a maximum period of 20 working days.

f) The Disciplinary Commission's verdict may acquit the party charged, thus dismissing the case and considering the proceedings closed, or may condemn the party, thereby determining the sanction to be imposed.

In both cases, the resolution will be made on fair grounds, will be irrefutably notified to the party concerned, who will be informed of the procedure for appeal, if any, and the maximum period for lodging it.

g) At the beginning of proceedings, or at any moment during the procedure, and if the circumstances make such a measure advisable, the Disciplinary Commission may agree, for reasons of caution, to withdrawal of the member's or season ticket holder's card, or a cautionary prohibition on access to Camp Nou or other Club premises.

h) When justified by identity or analogy of the facts the proceedings concern, or should several proceedings be brought against the same member, a joint hearing of the various disciplinary proceedings may be resolved.

i) There may be no more than three months between the agreement to open proceedings and the notification to the interested party of the Disciplinary Commission's verdict as referred to in section *f)*. If this period,

which cannot be extended five months, should expire, the case and proceedings will be considered dismissed.

j) The Members' Trustee may appear at any moment during the disciplinary proceedings in defence of the member concerned. In such a case, he or she will also partake in the legal actions, as an interested party, and he or she will be supplied with any agreement or procedure, either from before or after his or her appearance.

For all purposes of the disciplinary procedure, the valid address of the member will be understood to be that shown in the Register of Members of FC Barcelona.

Article 70.- Appeals against sanctions

a) Appeals may not be lodged against the sanctions agreed by the judges or referees related to the rules of play, of social or internal games or competitions organised by the Club.

b) Against disciplinary agreements made by the Disciplinary Commission in relation to infringements related to sporting conduct, an appeal can be lodged within a maximum period of ten working days of the notification of the official announcement of the verdict to the Federation Appeals Committee.

c) Against disciplinary agreements made by the Disciplinary Commission in relation to infringements related to membership conduct, and also against any other Club related decision passed by the Board of Directors, an appeal can be lodged to the judicial authorities within a period of forty days following notification of the official announcement of the verdict.

The lodging of appeals indicated in this article will not suspend the applicability of the agreements that are the object of the appeal, unless they involve circumstances that recommend this to be done, at the judgment of the federative or judicial body revising the case, following prior and reasonable request made by the party concerned

Article 71.- Records of sanctions

All of the sanctions imposed will be reflected in the Club books established by articles 57.1 and 57.4 of the Statutes.

The corresponding records of sanctions imposed on Club members will be cancelled one year, two years and five years after having been served, depending on whether they were imposed as a result of minor, serious or very serious infringements.

CHAPTER 8

EXTINCTION AND DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB. MERGER. ABSORPTION. SEGREGATION. LIQUIDATION.

Article 72.- Extinction of the Club

The Club will become extinct:

- Through voluntary dissolution agreed by the Club members.
- Through merger with or absorption by other Clubs.
- For other causes stipulated by current legal provisions.

Article 73.- Dissolution of the Club by will of the Club members

The Dissolution of the Club by will of the Club members must be agreed by the General Assembly, with three quarters of the delegate members present voting in favour of the motion, representing, at least, the majority of the total number of delegate members.

Article 74.- Merger and absorption

The merger or absorption of FC Barcelona with or by other Clubs must be resolved by the General Assembly, with three quarters of the delegate members

present voting in favour of the motion, representing, at least, the majority of the total number of delegate members.

The absorption of FC Barcelona by other Clubs, or by sections or segregated parts of other Clubs, must be resolved by the General Assembly, with the majority of the delegate members present voting in favour of the motion.

Article 75.- Transformation

The transformation of the Club into a public limited company or any other sporting or business form other than the present, or of any of its sections that participate in competitions of a professional nature, after segregation of the same in the latter case, must be agreed by the General Assembly with three quarters of the delegate members present voting in favour of the motion, representing, at least, the majority of the total number of delegate members.

Article 76.- Liquidation of the Club and its capital resources

Should the Club be dissolved, the Board of Directors or, if relevant, the Management Commission, will proceed to liquidate the Club's capital resources and assets, in accordance with the following criteria:

a) The necessary and essential assets will be sold to pay off the Club's debts, with preference given to moveable or perishable assets, over fixed assets.

b) The remaining sports facilities will be donated to the Local Councils in which they are located, on condition that they are used for the development of sports, and in specific reference to the Camp Nou, on condition that the Club Museum stays open to the public.

c) The remaining fixed assets that are not sports facilities will be donated to the Government of Catalonia so that they can be used for the development of sport.

Once the liquidation is complete a final General Assembly will be called to verify that the liquidation has been undertaken.

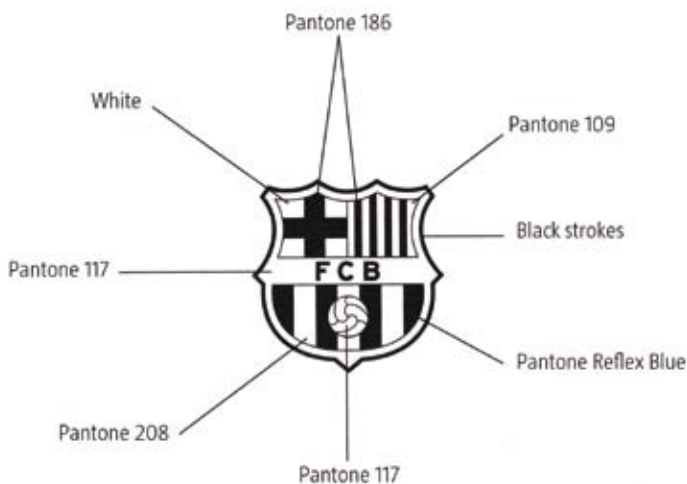
The Club Books and documents will be handed over to the custody of the Barcelona Municipal Archive.

TEMPORARY PROVISION

To the end and purpose of being able to apply the regulations of these Statutes in the form envisaged in article 31 and concordant, and in view of the fact that the duration of the mandate of the present Governing Board will expire on 30 June 2010, the term of the Governing Board elect in the elections to be held for the purpose will begin on 1 July 2010 and have a term that will expire on 30 June 2016.

In the event of early termination of the present Governing Board, the term of the Governing Board elect at the elections to be held as a consequence of that termination will begin on the day on which it takes possession and will have the term arising from application of article 31.2 of these Statutes.

ANNEX







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