

The Armenian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum

CHARTER

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 The Eastern Partnership (hereinafter referred to as EaP) Civil Society Forum (hereinafter referred to as EaP CSF or simply the CSF) is a network of non-profit, non-partisan, and non-religious civil society organizations operating in the European Union and Eastern Partnership countries such as Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus.

1.2 EaP CSF's **mission** is to ensure the effective political participation of the civil society structures of the Eastern Partnership and the European Union member states in the process of planning, Eastern monitoring and implementation of the partnership, as well as the democratic development and the European integration of Eastern Partnership states through a constructive dialogue with the decision makers of the European Union and the Eastern Partnership states. EaP CSF's **objective** is to ensure the diversity and pluralism of public discourse and public policy-making in Eastern Partnership countries through the advocacy of governmental accountability, human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as participatory democracy.

1.3 The Armenian National Platform of the CSF (hereinafter referred to as the ANP) is a voluntary association of Armenian civil society structures (hereinafter referred to as CSO) established in accordance with the mission, values, and principles of the CSF, whose members spare no effort in fulfilling the CSF's mission, values, and objectives in Armenia and in the entire EaP territory. ANP's activities pursue to implement the programs of the EaP, to appropriate the resolutions of the country's internal problems to EU standards, to ensure the awareness and participation of all layers of the society and the consistent implementation of democratic reforms in Armenia. ANP's other responsibilities include monitoring the commitments of the Armenian government before the EU and providing effective recommendations regarding the implementation of these obligations.

1.4 The members and decision-making bodies of the ANP are guided by the CSF's Code of Ethics adopted at the Forum's Annual Assembly in 2018, as well as the values and principles specified in the Code of Ethics of the ANP.

1.5 At the time of its creation, the ANP did NOT have the status of a legal entity, and its organizational and legal form shall be considered in the course of the organization's further development.

1.6 The ANP was created at the initiative of all Armenian organizations invited to participate in the CSF's first assembly in 2009.

1.7 The directions of ANP's activities foreseen by its mission are:

- a) Ensuring the active involvement and continuous participation of civil society structures in EaP processes,
- b) Participating in the development of Armenia's national agenda and the implementation of democratic reforms through a constructive dialogue with the EU structures and government bodies within the framework of the EaP,
- c) Facilitating the implementation of the national agenda through relevant programs (participation, development of proposals, the control and monitoring of the reform processes). For this purpose, the ANP conducts relevant research, expert analysis, and other necessary activities.
- d) Running advocacy campaigns for establishing democracy in EaP member states and facilitating the implementation of the mission and objectives and fostering the values of the EaP CSF in EaP countries,
- e) Implementing all activities aimed at the realization of the strategic goals of the EaP CSF and the ANP.

2. ANP MEMBERSHIP

The Charter of the ANP is the main document regulating the activities of the organization.

2.2 All local CS structures specified in Clause 2.3 of the Charter can become an ANP member by submitting a written application to the National Coordinator or to ANP's Secretariat in which they confirm that they have read and accepted ANP's Charter. All structures that have taken an interest in becoming an ANP member before the adoption of this Charter (previously referred to as the "ANP Organizational Principles) are considered members until declared otherwise in writing.

2.3 For the objectives underlined in this Charter, the designation "civil society structure" includes all volunteer movements, civil initiatives, trade unions (chambers of commerce and industry), labor unions (guilds and employers' unions), professional associations, NGOs, institutes of public policy, foundations, and other similar non-profit structures with no partisan, governmental, business, or religious affiliations whatsoever that accept the mission, objectives, and values of the EaP CSF.

2.4 All ANP members (with the exception of CSF Armenia Members and Delegates) can participate in the sessions of the General Assembly of CSF Armenia's Members with the right of deliberative vote, join ANP working groups and subgroups, as well as independently form subgroups in accordance with the procedure established by these Principles.

2.5 Additionally, ANP members can take part in the platform's activities through recommendations, evaluations, research, and other initiatives related to the objectives and agendas of the EaP and the CSF.

2.6 ANP members reserve the right to be informed and to inform other members of the platform about the processes, events, initiatives, and other activities carried out within the framework of the CSF and the ANP.

2.7 ANP members can disseminate their statements and the outcomes of their activities under the name of the ANP exclusively upon the decision of the General Assembly of ANP members. Otherwise, these materials are disseminated under the name of the authoring organization.

2.8 An annual membership fee of 12,000 AMD is applicable for all ANP members that is used for financing the platform's regular activities. This amendment of the ANP Charter entered into force on January 1, 2023.

2.9 An organization's ANP membership may be terminated by the ANP Assembly 1. when major violations of the ANP Charter, its Code of Ethics and other internal regulations have been committed, 2, on the basis of a written application submitted to the EaP CSF Armenian National Platform's Secretariat, or 3. In the event of the failure of a member to pay the membership fees specified in point 2.8.1 for 3 consecutive years.

3. MANAGEMENT AND ACTIVITIES

3.1 THE ANP ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

ANP and its activities are administered and regulated by the following bodies:

- a) The General Assembly (ANP Assembly) of CSF Armenia's Members (hereinafter CSF Members),
- b) The Assembly of CSF Armenia Delegates (hereinafter CSF Delegates),
- c) CSF ANP's Facilitator,
- d) CSF ANP's Executive Body,

- E) Moderators of CSF ANP's working groups
- F) CSF ANP's Secretariat.

3.2 Armenian Members of CSF

3.2.1 Armenia members of CSF are the organizations that are members of ANP and have previously ever been or currently are delegates of the CSF Assembly.

3.2.2 All members of CSF Armenia accept CSF's mission and values, its Charter, Code of Ethics, as well as other internal policies, procedures, and written agreements adopted by the decision-making bodies of the CSF and the ANP.

3.3 The General Assembly of Armenian Members of CSF (the ANP Assembly)

3.3.1 The General Assembly of Armenian Members of CSF (the ANP Assembly) is constituted by the all-time delegates of CSF Armenia (*a CSF delegate is the official representative of a member organization who has received an official invitation to participate in the CSF Assembly*) that have confirmed their membership to the ANP. Armenian Members of CSF can confirm their membership to the ANP Assembly by responding to the official inquiry they receive from the ANP Secretariat no later than two weeks after the upcoming CSF Assembly.

3.3.2 A member's right to re-confirm its membership to the CSF Assembly is revoked when the member does not re-confirm its membership in the 3 consecutive years following its last appointment as CSF Delegate.

3.3.3 All ANP members can become temporary members of the ANP Assembly by submitting an application and receiving the votes of the majority of the ANP Assembly. When reviewing a member's application for temporary membership, the ANP Assembly takes into account the candidate's active and effective participation in CSF's and ANP's activities in accordance with the "Activity standards of the ANP members" approved by ANP Executive Body, as well as the criterion of the member observing the ANP's Code of Ethics. The powers of a temporary member come into effect immediately after the vote on their candidacy at the next assembly meeting and shall remain in effect until the ANP Assembly which will either terminate or extend the membership by the votes of the absolute majority of the new convocation of the ANP Assembly, except in cases specified in Clause 3.3.5.

3.3.4 The powers of an ANP Assembly member (including temporary members) are automatically annulled in the event the member misses 3 sessions of the Assembly and fails to pay the membership fees specified in Clauses 3.5.1 and 3.5.2 for 3 consecutive years. The revocation of the powers of an ANP Assembly member remains in effect until the next CSF Assembly wherein the membership may be restored in accordance with the procedure laid out in Causes 3.3.1 and 3.3.3, except for the cases specified in point 3.3.5.

3.3.5 The powers of an ANP Assembly member can also be revoked in the event of such violations of the procedures specified in this Charter that cause a disruption to the activities of the ANP and its bodies or substantially damage its reputation. The decision to revoke a member's powers is made by the ANP Assembly on the basis of the opinion provided by the ANP Board of Ethics. The opinion of the Board of Ethics is then forwarded to the ANP Members no later than 72 hours before the General Assembly.

3.3.6 A member may file an appeal to the ANP's Compliance Committee against the decision of the ANP Assembly .

3.3.7 The first session of the ANP Annual Assembly is convened no later than one month and no sooner than two weeks after the CSF Annual Conference. Regular sessions are convened at least six times per year (*this includes the first annual session of the General Assembly*).

3.3.8 ANP Assembly sessions can be convened by the

- a) CSF ANP's Executive Body,
- c) CSF ANP's Facilitator,
- c) CSF ANP's Board of Ethics,

- d) CSF ANP's working groups,
- e) 1/3 of the CSF Armenia's members

The body initiating the session must send the tentative agenda and the materials planned for discussion to the ANP members through the Secretariat no later than 72 hours before the planned time of the session.

3.3.9 The ANP Assembly

- a) generates recommendations based on the indications of CSF that contribute to the effective cooperation between the EU and Armenia within the framework of the Eastern Partnership,
- b) approves the strategies, concepts, action plans of ANP's activities,
- c) hears and approves the reports on the implementation of the annual programs of the ANP activities,
- d) approves the financial reports of the ANP Secretariat,
- e) approves the ANP Charter and the amendments applied to it,
- f) approves the ANP Code of Ethics and the amendments applied to it,
- g) approves the ANP Terms of Reference and the amendments applied to it,
- h) hears and makes decisions regarding the opinions provided by the ANP Board of Ethics,
- i) approves the Terms of Reference of the ANP Executive Body and the amendments applied to it,
- j) makes decisions regarding the revocation of ANP memberships,
- k) For the reforms implemented within the framework of the Eastern Partnership and for other purposes, establishes cooperation with the RA government and local municipalities, EU structures, as well as international civil society organizations and political powers,
- l) cooperates with the CSF national platforms of other EaP countries, as well as other organizations from EU states with a vested interest,
- m) based on the proposals provided by ANP members, develops recommendations on behalf of the ANP for the agenda of the next CSF Assembly,
- n) organizes the elections of the CSF Armenia Delegates in accordance with the procedure established by this Charter and the Charter of the SCF,

- o) performs tasks that are outside the jurisdiction of other ANP administrative bodies,
- p) ensures the publicity of EaP processes through mass media.

3.3.10 For the proceedings of the ANP Assembly to be rendered legitimate, a quorum of more than half of the members is required. The decisions are made by the absolute majority of the members present at the Assembly, with the exception of the cases specified in Clauses 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.3.5, 6.1, and 6.2.

3.3.11 The ANP Assembly can also make decisions through electronic voting, whereby the provisions of Clause 3.3.10 apply, except for

Cases specified in Clause **3.3.12**. 3.3.12 Special rules apply when the voting on ANP statements is carried out electronically via E-mail. The statement draft may be put to vote only at the initiative of the CSF ANP Facilitator, the absolute majority of the members of the ANP Executive Body, or no less than 5 member organizations. The latter also define the date of the vote, which must not be sooner than 72 hours before the voting. In case the proposed amendments to the text of the statement are accepted by the initiators (*provided the proposed corrections are not of an editorial or technical nature*), the voting period is extended by 24 hours.

The statement can be voted "for", "against" or with an "abstention" vote. The statement is considered approved when positive votes exceed the threshold of 50 percent of the delegates. Otherwise, if the number of positive votes is less than half of the number of delegates, the statement is considered approved if the number of positive votes outruns the number of negative votes.

The voting of draft statements is organized by the ANP Secretariat. The Secretariat ensures that all delegates are duly informed.

3.4 The Rights of the Members of CSF Armenia

3.4.1 Upon the availability of a sufficient number of seats, all members of CSF Armenia have the right to participate, at their own expense, in CSF's annual assembly and other events, including the meetings of working groups. Unlike CSF Armenia's Delegates, CSF Members do not reserve the right to vote.

3.4.2 When chosen to represent the CSF on EaP platforms and panels, CSF Armenia Members have the same rights as CSF Delegates.

The members of CSF Armenia have the right to elect and be elected to all CSF Administrative Bodies except for the CSF Facilitator. The latter is elected solely by CSF Armenia's Delegates from among themselves.

3.4.3 The members of CSF Armenia have the right to participate in the decision-making of the ANP Assembly with the right to vote.

3.4.4 The members of CSF ANP may participate in CSF's sub-grant programs and other CSF activities.

3.5 The Responsibilities of the Members of CSF Armenia

3.5.1 All EaP CSF ANP members whose annual turnover exceeds 50,000 Euros (*or the equivalent amount in AMD*), must pay an annual membership fee of 50 Euros (*in addition to the membership fee specified in Clause 2.8*) which is added to the budget of the ANP Secretariat. This amendment to the ANP Charter entered into force on January 1, 2023.

The powers of a CSF Armenia member may be ceased when the member has submitted a written resignation request to the ANP or the EaP CSF Secretariat.

3.5.2 When a decision has been made by the CSF Compliance Committee, the Steering Committee, the CSF General Assembly, or the ANP Assembly regarding the revocation of the powers of a CSF Armenia member in the CSF or the ANP.

3.5.3 In the event of the dissolution of EaP CSF,

3.5.4 In the event of the dissolution of the member organization,

3.6 Grounds for Revoking the Powers of a CFS Armenia member

3.6.1 The powers of a CSF Armenia member may be terminated when gross violations of the Charter, Code of Ethics, or other internal regulations of the CSF and ANP have been committed.

3.6.2 When substantial damage has been or may be caused to the CSF, ANP, or their reputation,

3.6.3 Organizations that fail to pay the membership fee specified in Clause 3.5.1 for three consecutive years are bereft of their EaP CSF membership. This amendment of the ANP Charter entered into force on January 1, 2023.

3.6.4 The right to terminate the powers of a CSF Armenia member is reserved by the EaP CSF Compliance Committee, the Steering Committee, the EaP FSA Assembly, and the ANP Assembly. Proposals to terminate the powers of a CSF Member can be made by any of the CSF Members, a CSF working group, the EaP CSF Secretariat, the ANP Executive Body, and the ANP Board of Ethics.

The CSF Steering Committee can initiate the process of terminating the powers of CSF Armenia member at its own initiative. In case of a conflict between the decisions of these bodies, the final decision is made by the EaP CSF Assembly.

3.6.5 In such matters, the CSF Member in question must be notified of the matter no later than 10 days before the consideration of the proposal. The CSF Armenia Member has the right to an effective remedy, including providing evidence and explanations, as well as demanding justification regarding the proposal of the termination of their powers. The body that has made the decision to terminate a member's powers shall notify the expelled member, the ANP Facilitator, the ANP Board of Ethics, as well as the EaP CSF Secretariat about their decision in writing.

3.7 The Terms of Office of the CSF Armenia Delegates and ANP Administrative Bodies

3.7.1 The term of office of CSF Armenia Delegates and ANP Administrative Bodies is two years. It begins at the moment of the official publication of the election results and corresponds to the two-year period of the Forum's activity.

3.7.2 The election of CSF Delegates begins at the end of the second year of the current term and ends on the last day of March of the following year.

3.8 The CSF Armenia Delegates and the CSF Delegates' Assembly

3.8.1 The Delegates of CSF Armenia are the representatives of the Armenian civil society organizations that were elected in accordance with the procedure established by this Charter and the CSF Charter in line with the geographical, thematic, and gender quotas established by the CSF.

3.8.2 CSF Armenia Delegates (*with a total of 20 members*) are elected by the Armenian National Platform based on the recommendations provided by the Coordinators of FSC working groups, the EU Delegation to Armenia, and the Armenian National Platform in the following manner:

3.8.3 Once the list of candidates to be elected as delegates for the given term is complete, the CSF Secretariat forwards it to the EU Delegation in Armenia, which may provide recommendations for only 10% of the registered organizations. In the meantime, the CSF Secretariat provides the same list to the Coordinators of CSF working groups who elect from the 20% of the registered organizations maintaining, if and when possible, the quotas set for working groups: (*1st working group- 7 members; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th working groups- 4 members each; 5th working group- 1 member*).

The organization(s) that has been recommended by both the EU Delegation and the Forum's working groups automatically becomes a Delegate. The total number of such organizations does not exceed 10.

The remaining organizations are recommended for during the elections held at the ANP Assembly. Before the voting, candidates are given the opportunity to defend their applications and answer the members' questions. The final list of Delegates is made by the ANP Executive Body which, if and when possible, ensures the geographical, thematic, and gender balance between the elected candidates and ensures that 3 ANP members that have never previously been Delegates and 3 organizations that have never been an ANP member are included in the list. Upon finalizing the list of Delegates, the ANP Executive Body also takes account the recommendations provided by the EU Delegation and the CSF working groups. The final list of Delegates is approved by the European Commission. Once approved, the final list of Delegates is published and the Delegates elected for the given two-year term begin their activities at the beginning of the calendar year no later than the end of March.

3.8.4 The Assembly of CSF Armenia Delegates is made up of those CSF Armenia Delegates (*organizations officially invited to participate in the CSF Assembly that have actually participated*) that are also members of CSF. However, the prerequisite of being or not being a member of the CSF Armenia's General Assembly does not in any way affect an organization's right to participate in the elections of the CSF Facilitator during the regular ANP Assembly as specified in Clause 3.9.1.

3.8.5 The CSF Armenia Delegates Assembly elects one of its Members as the CSF National Facilitator (a member of the CSF Steering Committee) by the simple majority of votes and accepts his/her resignation.

3.8.6 The sessions of CSF Armenia's Delegates Assembly are convened by the ANP Facilitator or at the initiative of one third of the Assembly's members.

3.8.7 The members of CSF Armenia's Delegates Assembly and the CSF Armenia's General Assembly are to be informed about the sessions, venue, date, time, and the agenda of the assembly no later than 96 hours before the event via e-mail or telephone call.

3.8.8 Those CSF Armenia Delegates that have confirmed their membership at the ANP Delegates General Assembly retain their powers until the next CSF Assembly.

3.8.9 Delegates are considered members of CSF Armenia. The right to be elected to CSF decision-making bodies and to vote during the meetings specified in the Forum's Charter is reserved only by the Delegates.

3.8.10 CSF Armenia Delegates have the right to

3.8.10.1 participate in Forum's activities, including all sessions provided for in the Forum's Charter, which are as follows: two meetings of the working group and two annual meetings in each two-year term, sub-grants, the platform and panel meetings of the ANP, as well as other events held by the CSF,

3.8.10.2 be elected to the Forum's decision-making bodies,

3.8.10.3 vote in person or electronically, in accordance with the voting procedures established by this Charter and the Charter of CSF.

3.9 Grounds for Revoking the Powers of a CFS Armenia Delegate

3.9.1 The powers of a CSF Armenia Delegate may be suspended or terminated on a voluntary basis when the Delegate has submitted a written application to the CSF or the CSF ANP Secretariat stating whether the Delegate is applying for the termination or the suspension of their powers and if so, for what period.

3.9.2 If the activities of the EaP FSC or the ANP have been temporarily suspended or terminated, the powers of an CSF Armenia Delegate are subject to termination in accordance with the decision of the Compliance Committee, Steering Committee, the General Assembly or the ANP in the manner established by this Charter or the Charter of CSF.

3.10 Grounds for Revoking the Powers of a CFS Armenia Delegate

3.10.1 The powers of a CSF Armenia Delegate may be terminated

a/ when a substantial violation of the CSF Charter, the ANP Charter, the Code of Ethics, or other internal CSF regulations has been committed,

b/ when substantial damage has been or may be caused to the CSF, ANP, or their reputation,

c/ when the Delegate has failed to pay the membership fees specified in Clauses 2.8.2 and/or 2.8.3 for three consecutive years.

3.11 The Facilitator of the CSF Armenian National Platform

3.11.1 The National Facilitator of CSF Armenia

- a) represents the Armenian National Platform at the Civil Society Forum,
- b) coordinates the activities of the ANP,
- c) presides over CSF Armenia Members Assembly and Delegates Assembly
- d) fulfills other duties provided for by the CSF Charter and the ANP Charter.
- e) reports to the CSF Armenia Delegates Assembly,
- f) provides information regarding the announcements, events, and recent developments in the Armenian National Platform to the CSF Steering Committee and respectively informs the ANP about the developments in the Steering Committee,
- g) Identifies the country's priorities and opportunities requiring advocacy,
- h) Supervises the elections of the CSF Armenia Delegates,
- i) Maintains regular communication with ANP Members,
- j) Submits a report to the ANP Assembly at least once a year,
- k) Reports on the activities of the ANP during the Forum's Annual Assembly,
- l) takes part in at least three two-day meetings of the Forum's Steering Committee.

3.11.2 The CSF Armenian National Facilitator is elected from among the CSF Armenia Delegates by the absolute majority of the votes of the Delegates during the ANP Assembly by closed secret ballot. With a written agreement provided by the CSF Steering Committee, the CSF ANP Facilitator may be elected by the ANP members. The CSF ANP Facilitator is elected only after the election of the Delegates. The same CSF ANP Facilitator may be elected for office only twice. The CSF Facilitator is an ex-officio member of the CSF Steering Committee and his powers come into effect from the moment of his election. The ANP Facilitator's term of office is two years.

3.11.3 The powers of the CSF ANP National Facilitator are terminated as per his/her request, by the decision of the simple majority of the members of CSF Armenia Delegates Assembly and in cases of the Facilitator's failure to fulfill their duties (*due to health issues, the very nature of the activity, or change of the place of residence*).

3.11.4 If the powers of the CSF ANP Facilitator have been terminated, a new Facilitator is elected from the members of the CSF Armenia Delegates Assembly.

3.11.5 In the event of a failure to confirm their membership to the ANP Assembly in accordance with this Charter, the ANP Facilitator performs his duties without the right to vote.

3.12 The ANP Executive Body

3.12.1 The CSF Executive Body is made up of the CSF Armenian National Platform's Facilitator, the coordinators of the CSF working groups, and the ANP member(s) elected as the current coordinator of any of the working groups of the EaP CSF (if any).

3.12.2 The ANP Executive Body

- a) coordinates the implementation of the decisions of ANP Assembly,
- b) forms working sub-groups and approves the rules of procedure for their activities,
- c) makes decisions regarding other issues in ANP's activities outside the exclusive jurisdiction of the ANP Assembly and regular meetings.

3.13 ANP Working Groups and Sub-Groups

3.13.1 In order to achieve its goals, the ANP forms its working groups and sub-groups in accordance with the thematic platforms of the EaP and CSF working groups.

3.13.2 The ANP Working Groups

- 1) organize and coordinate the process of establishing the scope of issues related to their own areas of activity included in the RA national agenda within the framework of Eastern Partnership through public debates, collecting proposals, distributing announcements, developing and implementing the action plan of the working group, and publishing the report,
- 2) facilitate the development, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and accountability of the RA national agenda within the framework of the Eastern Partnership,
- 3) generate and present proposals related to their fields of activity,

- 4) cooperate with relevant groups of the CSF and other national platforms,
- 5) carry out other activities facilitating reforms in their fields of activity,

3.13.3 The activities of working groups are open. All Civil Society structures of the Republic of Armenia can join them, as well as participate in their debates.

3.13.4 The same ANP member organization may be represented in different working groups, but may vote (have the right to vote) within only one working group.

3.13.5 The civil society structures that are ANP members may form ANP subgroups by the decision of the ANP Executive Body and independently determine the directions and priorities of their activities. The coordinators of ANP subgroups can participate in the activities of the ANP Executive Body with the right of deliberative vote.

3.14 The Coordinators of ANP Working Groups

3.14.1 The coordinators of ANP Working Groups are elected for a set term of two years immediately after the election of the CSF Armenia Delegates from among the CSOs included in the given ANP Working Group by the simple majority of the votes of the members participating in that session of the working group. Each CSF Armenia member organization may vote (have the right to vote) within only one working group. The coordinators of the CSF working groups coordinate the regular activities of their CSF working groups and ensure the constant communication between the relevant working groups of the CSF and ANP.

3.14.2 The powers of a coordinator of a CSF working group are terminated at their own request, by the decision of the simple majority of the votes of the ANP members present at the given session of the working group that have the right to vote within that working group, or in the event of the coordinator's failure to perform their duties as a coordinator.

3.14.3 When the powers of a ANP working group coordinator have been terminated, a new coordinator is elected in accordance with the procedure established by this Charter.

3.14.4 The coordinator of a ANP working group is accountable to the members of the given working group, the ANP Executive Body and the the ANP Assembly.

3.14. 5 The same ANP working group coordinator may be elected for office only twice.

3.15 The ANP Board of Ethics

3.15.1 The ANP Board of Ethics is formed by the ANP Assembly for a term of 2 (two) years.

3.15.2 The ANP Board of Ethics is made up of 3 ANP members, two of whom may be former ANP facilitators, and at least one of whom must be another ANP member. The latter may be a member of the Board of Ethics only once.

3.15.3 The ANP Board of Ethics elects a Chairman of the Board of Ethics from its members by the simple majority of votes. The Chairman is also ANP's adviser on ethics.

3.15.4 The term of office of the Chairman of the ANP Board of Ethics is 2 (two) years.

3.15.5 The same Chairman of the ANP Board of Ethics may be elected for office only twice.

3.15.6 The ANP Board of Ethics operates in accordance with the regulations and rules of ethics approved by the ANP Assembly.

3.15.7 The ANP Board of Ethics hears and examines the cases of violations of the rules of ethics by ANP members, as well as all disputes and complaints related to the activities of the ANP.

3.15.8 After hearing the case, the ANP Board of Ethics develops a draft decision and/or an opinion clearly stating their position to that matter, and presents it to the General Assembly of the members of CSF Armenia for discussion. The General Assembly makes a decision on the issue by voting.

3.16 The ANP Secretariat

3.16.1 The ANP Secretariat is a non-governmental organization established in accordance with RA legislation that has the status of a legal entity. The member organizations of the ANP Assembly can become members of the ANP Secretariat. Other ANP members that have not previously been CSF Armenia Delegates can also become members of the ANP Secretariat provided they have been voted for by the majority of the Secretariat's current members.

3.16.2 In accordance with its Charter, the ANP Secretariat provides organizational and technical support to the ANP in the implementation of EaP programs and ensuring the compliance of the resolutions of the country's internal problems with EU standards. It aims to facilitate the awareness, participation, and consolidation of all layers of the society in the implementation of the EaP programs that pursue consistent democratic reforms in the country.

3.16.3 In accordance with its charter, the ANP Secretariat submits its annual activity and financial reports to the ANP Executive Body and the ANP Assembly.

3.16.4 The ANP Secretariat is in charge of maintaining the register of all ANP members, including the CSF Armenia Members and Delegates. The registry is updated once a year and is published on the ANP website.

3.16.5 The ANP Secretariat is also responsible for the proper preparation and publication of the protocols of ANP Assemblies, Assemblies of CSF Delegates, and and the meetings of the ANP Executive Body.

4. Prohibition of Conflicts of Interest

4.1 The same person cannot hold different positions in different administrative bodies of the ANP.

4.2 The same person cannot participate in the discussion or decision-making regarding any issue related to the CSF or the ANP while having any interest(s), possessional or otherwise, in that matter.

4.3 All members of the ANP administrative bodies publicize their possessional and non-possessional interests, which may lead to or be otherwise perceived as a conflict of interest.

4.4 Evading the prohibition of conflict of interest is a valid ground for the termination of powers.

5 THE CORRELATION BETWEEN THE ANP CHARTER AND THE CHARTER OF EaP CSF

5.1 The ANP Charter may not contradict the Charter of the CSF.

5.2 If this Charter does not regulate an issue that is otherwise regulated by the Charter of the SCF, the regulation of the latter applies.

5.3 In case of a conflict between the Charters, values, missions, and goals of the ANP and the CSF, the Charter, values, mission, and goals of the CSF shall have precedence.

6 THE PROCEDURE OF AMENDMENTS AND ADDENDA IN ANP REGULATIONS, THE DISSOLUTION OF THE ANP

6.1 Additions and amendments to the ANP Charter are made by the decision of the General Assembly of the members of CSF Armenia at the initiative of the ANP Facilitator, an ANP working group, or the ANP Executive Body.

The decision to apply changes or additions to the Charter is adopted by the votes of the majority of members of the CSF Assembly.

6.2 The ANP may be dissolved through 2/3 of the votes of the ANP Assembly.

The organizational principles of the ANP which have formed the basis of this Charter were adopted by the Delegates of four EaP CSF Assemblies (2009, 2010, 2011, 2016): at the Assembly in Yerevan on December 13, 2011; were approved in Poznan by the CSF Steering Committee on November 28, 2011 and amended at the General Assembly of the CSF Armenia Delegates in Yerevan on March 28, 2013; were approved at the General Assembly of the CSF Armenia Delegates in Yerevan on May 27, 2013; at the General Assembly of the CSF Armenia Delegates in Yerevan on December 29, 2017; at the General Assembly of the CSF Armenia Delegates in Yerevan on June 7, 2019. At the General Assembly of the CSF Armenia Delegates held in Yerevan on January 29, 2020, the “Organizational Principles of the ANP” were renamed to “ANP Charter”. The new title was approved through these amendments. At the ANP Assemblies on January 28, 2022, and June 23, 2023, amendments have been made to the Charter.