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**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE, 28TH *Co*NGO GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2025)**

(*Co*NGO GA28 Memo #2)

As *Co*NGO President, I hereby announce the composition of the Nominations Committee for the upcoming 28th General Assembly of *Co*NGO scheduled for October 27 to 29, 2025. By the *Co*NGO Rules, the President transmits to the Board the composition of the Nominations Committee. Here are the four confirmed members of the Nominations Committee, short of three for a complete composition of seven. They are:

Humphrey Tonkin, Chair (Universal Esperanto Association) tonkin@hartford.edu

Anders Olauson (Agrenska Foundation)

Hiro Sakurai (Soka Gakkai International)

Gill Adynski (International Council of Nurses)

Please note that all communications related to the nominations process, as defined in the CoNGO Rules, shall be directed to the Nominations Committee chair.

This announcement also requests that CoNGO members volunteer to serve on the Nominations Committee. The pertinent provisions of the *Co*NGO Rules dealing with elections for the post of President and members of the *Co*NGO Board are Rules 66-72, hereby quoted in full. Please note that, pursuant to Rule 66, a member of the Nominating Committee must be from a *Co*NGO member organization that does not intend to run for election. Please email me at president@ngocongo.org if you are interested in performing this important role.

With this announcement, the Nominations Committee's work commences, particularly the receipt of nominations. Until such time as the full committee’s composition is met, no action shall be taken on such nominations.

**THE *Co*NGO RULES ON ELECTIONS**

66. Not less than twelve (12) months before an ordinary session of the General Assembly, the Board shall appoint seven persons to serve as a Nominations Committee, of whom not more than three (3) shall be representatives of members of the Board. No member of the Nominations Committee shall be a candidate in the elections.

67. The Nominations Committee shall invite nominations, within a fixed deadline, for election to the Board from the Members of the Conference. Nominations must be proposed by a Member organization and seconded by at least two (2) other Member organizations. The written consent of the nominated organization must be received by the Nominations Committee not later than the deadline for nominations. No member organization may propose or second a total of more than twenty (20) organizations. If an organization does propose or second a total of more than twenty (20) organizations, all its proposed nominations or secondings shall be invalid. The Nominations Committee shall prepare a list in alphabetical order of the organizations which have been validly nominated.

68. The list of nominations, showing for each nominee the names of proposing and seconding Members, shall be circulated to all Members at least five (5) months prior to the General Assembly, and the Nominations Committee shall at the same time draw attention to the interests which appear to them to be under-represented or not represented at all among nominations received by the due date. The Nominations Committee may accept further nominations made to rectify such imbalance up to the day prior to the penultimate day of the General Assembly. If nominations for the office of President have been received, the Nominations Committee shall also circulate them to the Members.

69. Nominations for the post of President may be submitted by a Member to the Nominations Committee until noon on the second day of the General Assembly. Each nomination must be supported by at least two (2) other Members.

70. Only Members which have paid their annual membership fees until the end of the previous financial year may be nominated or may nominate or support candidatures.

71. At the General Assembly, upon expiry of the deadlines provided for in paragraphs 67 and 68, the Nominations Committee shall prepare two (2) separate lists: one list shall contain the names of candidates to the office of President and shall state, for each candidate, his or her names, the Member organization to which he or she belongs and the names of the Members which nominate or support him or her; the other list dealing with candidates to the Board shall state, for each candidate organization, its name and those of the Members which nominate or support it. These two lists shall be drawn up in alphabetical order, starting with a name drawn by lot.

72. The elections shall be held by secret ballot. For the Board, the twenty (20) Members which have received the highest number of votes shall be declared to have been elected.

**COMPOSITION**

The Call for Nominations will be sent by the Chair, and all subsequent processes will be the responsibility of the Committee. The Board meeting of November 20 reiterated past practice that the Nominations Committee plays no role in proposing candidates but solely conducts and supervises the nominations process.

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Please direct all inquiries about the 28th *Co*NGO General Assembly to President Liberato Bautista at president@ngocongo.org.