



# **Constitution of the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties**

## **Preamble**

We, the member parties of the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (IALP), united by the principles of individual liberty, voluntary cooperation, non-aggression, and decentralization, establish this Constitution as the framework for our international coordination.

This Constitution affirms our alliance as a free association of sovereign parties working in solidarity toward a more libertarian world, while retaining full independence.

## **Article I: Name and Purpose**

1. The organization shall be known as the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (IALP).
2. The IALP shall exist to:
  - a. Promote the principles expressed in the IALP Declaration;
  - b. Strengthen and support libertarian parties globally;
  - c. Facilitate cooperation, resource-sharing, and strategic dialogue among members;
  - d. Represent the libertarian worldview in international forums and discussions;
  - e. Provide a common voice for liberty across borders.

## **Article II: Membership**

1. Any political party that upholds the IALP Declaration of Principles and operates in accordance with democratic values may apply for membership.
2. Membership shall be organized in different categories, as follows:
  - a. Full Members shall be political parties that have publicly demonstrated support for the IALP Declaration of Principles, have existed for at least one (1) year or have contested at least one national election or election to a national legislative body, and have been approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly. Full members shall hold one vote, unless they have elected representation in a

- national legislative body or currently hold executive power in a national government, in which case it shall hold two votes.
- b. Associate Members shall be political parties aligned with IALP principles but not yet eligible for Full Membership. They may participate in meetings, projects, and working groups but do not hold voting rights.
  - c. Observers shall be individuals or organizations that support IALP principles but are not political parties and may be invited to observe meetings and participate in discussions but shall not vote.
3. Membership applications must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee with documentation demonstrating eligibility. The Executive Committee shall review and recommend applicants for General Assembly approval.
  4. Associate Members may apply for Full Membership if they have existed at least one (1) year, have contested at least one national election (or election to a national legislative body), and have been approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly upon Executive Committee recommendation.
  5. Members may be suspended or expelled by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly for violations of the IALP's core principles or conduct damaging to the alliance's integrity.
  6. Political parties that are Full Members or Associated Members of the IALP and lose their legal status within their jurisdiction due to state persecution shall retain their membership based on a review by the Executive Committee

### **Article III: Governance Structure**

1. The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the IALP. It shall be composed of delegates from all Full Member parties and shall meet at least once every year, physically or virtually. The General Assembly shall be responsible for electing leadership, approving new members, making strategic decisions, declaring the Alliance's values and manifestos, and amending the Constitution.
2. The Executive Committee implements the General Assembly's decisions and oversees the IALP's functioning. It includes:
  - a. Chairperson, who shall lead the alliance and serve as its principal representative and be elected by the General Assembly every two years in even-numbered years;
  - b. Secretary General, who shall manage the IALP's administration and shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a term of two (2) years;
  - c. Treasurer, who shall oversee financial matters and prepare annual reports and shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a term of two (2) years;
  - d. Eight (8) Regional Vice Chairpersons who shall coordinate regional efforts and communication and shall be elected by the Full Members once every two (2) years in odd-numbered years;
  - e. Three (3) At-Large Directors, elected by the General Assembly in a plurality at-large single election once every two (2) years in even-numbered years.
3. All candidates for Officer or Executive Committee positions must be nominated by a Full Member party. Each party may nominate one candidate per position. Nominations must

- be submitted at least 30 days before the General Assembly and must include a party endorsement and brief biography. Nominees for Officer or Executive Committee positions need not be citizens or members of the nominating party's country, provided they meet eligibility criteria and are endorsed by a Full Member Party.
4. Vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination by Full Member Parties.

## **Article IV: Committees and Working Groups**

The Executive Committee may establish Standing Committees and *ad hoc* Working Groups for temporary projects. All members may participate in committees regardless of voting status.

## **Article V: Meetings and Voting**

1. Quorum at General Assemblies shall be set at one-third of Full Members. Quorum within the Executive Committee shall be set at a simple majority.
2. General decisions shall require simple majority votes, except for constitutional amendments and member expulsions, which shall require two-thirds majority.
3. A Special General Assembly must be convened within 60 days if one-third of Full Members submit a signed petition to the Secretariat, either written or via an online format.

## **Article VII: Finances**

1. The IALP is funded through voluntary contributions from members, donations from aligned individuals or organizations, and revenues from events or initiatives.
2. No mandatory dues shall be imposed.
3. The Treasurer shall submit an annual financial report to the Executive Committee and General Assembly.

## **Article VIII: Legal Status**

The IALP shall be registered as a 501(c)(4) nonprofit advocacy organization in the United States, to support its international legal and administrative operations.

This legal form does not limit the international character or ideological independence of the alliance.

## **Article IX: Autonomy of Members**

All members retain full sovereignty over internal policies and activities, the right to opt out of any IALP initiative, and protection from any binding resolution without explicit consent.

## **Article X: Amendments**

The Executive Committee and all Full Members of the Alliance may propose amendments to this Constitution during a Congress of the General Assembly. Amendments shall be adopted with a simple majority of the General Assembly present during a Congress.

## **Article XI: Dissolution**

The IALP may be dissolved by a three-quarters vote of Full Members.

Remaining assets shall be allocated consistent with libertarian values and applicable law.