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General Assembly
Guidelines
of the
Earth Federal Republic

*Approved with absolute majority of the Earth Republic citizens
participating in the General Assembly of 14th August 2017*

Preamble

With the purpose of making the General Assembly more formal and, therefore, make its resolutions more valid, it's important to follow certain guidelines. The General Assembly Guidelines explain the protocols and the etiquette to follow during the General Assembly sessions.

Chapter I: General Organization

Article 1: General Assembly President

- (1) The National President handles the functions of the General Assembly President. In case of absence of the National President, the Minister of National Representation or any other appointed citizen handles the functions of the General Assembly President.
- (2) The General Assembly President moderates the General Assembly sessions and announces, opens and closes them.

Article 2: Timing

- (1) General Assemblies must be celebrated weekly, with a maximum of ten days between each Assembly.
- (2) Any citizen, with the support of the 5% of the population, can ask for an extraordinary General Assembly.
- (3) If the day and time in which the General Assembly is held is changed, the General Assembly President must announce it at least 24 hours before the General Assembly is opened.

Article 3: Participation

- (1) A General Assembly can only be celebrated if more than 2 citizens or the 10% of the population are present.
- (2) If there is not enough participation, the General Assembly must be cancelled and celebrated the next day.

Chapter II: Proceedings

Article 4: Opening

- (1) To open the General Assembly, the President¹ must send a message in the General Assembly room and wait five minutes or until all citizens have stated their presence. This message shall contain the topics that will be discussed during the session.
- (2) During this five minutes, all citizens willing to participate in the General Assembly must send a message in the General Assembly room stating that they are present. If a citizen who was not present at the beginning wants to participate in the middle of a session, they must state their presence before commenting or voting.

¹ From now on, in this document, all instances of the word *President* will refer to the General Assembly President

Article 5: Discussions

- (1) To start a discussion, the President must present it. The presentation message must contain a brief explanation, a link to the document (if any), a summary of the various opinions on the topic if it was already discussed in another occasion and the citizen who proposed it.
- (2) No citizen shall give their opinion until the President says that they have finished the presentation.
- (3) All citizens are free to give their opinions on the matter.
- (4) If the opinions of all citizens are clear, the discussion will be resolved according to the majority opinion.
- (5) If the opinions of all citizens are unclear, the citizen that proposed the discussion, or in their absence the President, shall send a message containing a motion and asking for the votes of the citizens. All citizens present in the General Assembly can vote with messages containing their opinions with a single word².

Article 6: Open discussion

- (1) When all planned topics have been discussed, the President shall let an open discussion happen.
- (2) During this time, any citizen can make a proposal, comments or suggestions. In case there's more than one citizen willing to speak, the President shall moderate their interventions.

Article 7: Closing

- (1) When the open discussion finishes, the President shall close the General Assembly.
- (2) No citizen shall use the General Assembly room while it's closed.

Article 8: Code of Conduct

- (1) All citizens participating in the General Assembly shall abide by the Code of Conduct of the Earth Federal Republic.
- (2) Emojis, jokes, short language or any other type of material which is not serious is allowed but with moderation.
- (3) The President enforces the Code of Conduct, disallowing citizens that break the rules from participating in the General Assembly.

² Such as *Support*, *Oppose* or *Abstention*.