

The Charter

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1. The Republican Party of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as “Party”) shall operate in conformity with the Constitution, laws and legal acts of the Republic of Armenia, this Charter, and its Program.
- 1.2. The Party shall function based on the principles of democracy, openness, transparency and free manifestation of initiatives. It is a corporate body and shall enjoy all the rights provided for by the RA Constitution and laws and exercise responsibilities hereunder.
- 1.3. The Party strives to ensure its representation in the state and local government bodies through democratic elections within the framework of the RA Constitution and laws, and in this way participate in the formation of public and municipal authorities, development and implementation of national policies.
- 1.4. The name of the Party is:
 - in Armenian – Հայաստանի Հանրապետական կուսակցություն (հայապուստը՝ ՀՀԿ);
 - in Russian – Республиканская партия Армении (аббревиатура - РПА);
 - in English – Republican Party of Armenia (abbreviated as RPA).
- 1.5. The Party shall have a flag, emblem, letterhead, round seal and bank accounts, including in foreign currency.
- 1.6. The Party flag is a white fabric with golden fringes (with 1:1,6 width and length), the RPA emblem in the centre, with a 0,5 radius correlated to the width.
- 1.7. The RPA emblem is the traditional Armenian symbol of eternity in red with eight petals, with a right turn and a sword and eagle with extended wings in the centre.
- 1.8. The RPA emblem shall be depicted on the RPA flag, its seal, letterhead, badge and other forms of identification.
- 1.9. The legal address of the Party is: 2, Melik-Adamyán st., Yerevan, Republic of Armenia.\

2. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives of the Party are:

- Participate in the strengthening and development of the independent Armenian national statehood and in the resolution of national issues;
- Build a sovereign, democratic, social and constitutional state;
- Participate in the political life of the society and the state;
- Participate in forming state authorities and get involved in the process of state governance;
- Ensure the development and strengthening of the political system of Armenia;
- Support building a civil society, capacity-building and democratization of civil institutions.

3.JOIN US

The citizens of the Republic of Armenia exercise the right to join into parties freely, in accordance with their persuasions, through establishing parties on voluntary basis, on condition of adopting and recognizing their programs and charters, joining their membership, participating in their activity in conformity with program goals of parties and pursuant to the procedure defined by the charter, as well as freely leaving the party.

The Law of the republic of Armenia on Parties

Conditions necessary to join the RPA

- citizen shall not be a member of any other party
- citizen must have attained the age of 18, as well as be an individual with the right to vote (without the right to be elected in the Party governing bodies and control authorities)
- citizen shall have the knowledge of the Party Program and Charter and shall accept them
- citizen shall in person complete the membership application and personal details form
- citizen shall personally present the membership application (attached with two personal photos) to the party primary (territorial or regional) organization upon his/her residence
- citizen shall obtain information on his/her membership from the relevant party organization and get his/her membership card
- being registered in a party primary organization, citizen shall be engaged in social and political activities within the frameworks of the Armenian Legislation and Party Charter

Party affiliation is in conformity with a personal application based on the:

- Decision of the regional Party organization council;
- Decision of the territorial Party organization council;
- Decision of the Party Organizing Committee.

A Party member shall pay a membership fee (voluntary amount).

A Party member shall have the right to:

- Elect and be nominated for the election to the Party territorial (primary, regional and local) organizations and structural units (women's, youth, sports, etc.), control authorities, as well as representative and governing bodies (Congress, executive body);
- Obtain information on the activity of the Party and its governing bodies, monitor and control their activities;
- Submit initiatives and proposals on different issues of the Party's social and political life to the Party governing bodies for their consideration;
- Participate in meetings and discussions of his/her personal matters or proposals, express his/her personal views on the matter;
- Leave the Party based on his/her application;
- Appeal the decisions and actions of the Party's primary, regional and local organizations in its superior bodies;
- Suspend and restore the Party membership;
- Enjoy other rights under the Legislation and this Charter.

A Party member shall:

- Act within the framework of the Party Charter;
- Implement the decisions of the Party Congress and governing bodies and the Program provisions;
- Attend the meetings and events of primary organizations;
- Fulfill other duties prescribed by the Legislation and this Charter.

The Party membership shall be terminated in case:

- A member leaves the Party based on an application;
- A member is expelled from the Party;
- Based on par. 14.5 of this Charter;
- Of member's death;
- Of the liquidation of the Party.

Means of encouragement

The Party may award:

- An appreciation;
- An honorary diploma;
- A commemorative medal, souvenir or monetary reward;
- Remission of disciplinary penalty.

In the event of the non-fulfillment of responsibilities prescribed by the Party Charter or decisions of superior bodies a member of the Party may be involved in the disciplinary through:

- Reprimand;
- Severe reprimand;
- Exclusion from the Party.

Party members may be involved in the disciplinary either by the primary organization meeting or the organizing committee. Territorial and regional council members may be involved in the disciplinary either by the respective council or the organizing committee, and the representative and governing body members may be involved in the disciplinary only by the executive body.

4. PRIMARY ORGANIZATIONS

Primary organizations are the basis of the Party structure, and are the local implementers of the Party policies. A primary organization shall consist of at least 15 members. The chairperson of the primary organization is an ex officio member of the regional council, and should there be no such council - a member of the territorial council.

A primary organization shall be set up according to territorial attributes.

A primary organization may be formed by:

- The Party executive body;
- Party organizing committee;
- Party territorial council;
- Party regional council.

A primary organization shall function through convening meetings, decision-making, and implementation of these decisions and as well as the decisions of the Party's superior bodies.

A primary organization shall meet not less than once in three months. The meeting shall be convened by the chairperson of the organization. The meeting may also be convened by at least 1/3 of the organization members with a notification no later than three days prior to

the meeting. The meeting of the organization shall be deemed lawful, if at least ½ of its members are in attendance. The decisions shall be made by a simple majority vote of the either by open or secret ballot. The secret ballot shall be held on the request of at least 1/3 of the attendees, as well as in all cases when there is more than one candidate running for the post.

The meeting of the primary organization shall elect a chairperson and two vice chairpersons of the organization for a two year-term by either open or secret ballot and a simple majority vote. The powers of the chairperson or the vice chairperson may be early terminated by the decision of the primary organization meeting with more than half of the votes of the organization members. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the chairperson, or should the latter be absent, the duties shall be performed by the oldest vice chairperson.

The primary organization shall report to the organization's regional council. Should there be no such council it shall report to the territorial council. The annual activity report of the organization shall be submitted by the chairperson in January of each following year.

No later than 25 days prior to the regular Congress of the Party the primary organization shall convene an election meeting and elect a chairperson and vice chairpersons.

The primary organization shall transfer its monetary funds (membership fees, donations) to the regional Party council. Should there be no such council the funds shall be transferred to the territorial council. The primary organization shall submit a report to the regional council on the expenditure of the resources allocated by the Party. Should there be no regional council the report shall be submitted to the territorial council.

The primary organization shall elect a new chairperson should its chairperson be elected for the same position in a regional council or as chairperson or vice chairperson of a local council.

5. REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

Regional Party organizations shall be set up in marzes (provinces) of the Republic of Armenia, and the geographic framework of their activity shall be determined by the executive body. The regional council shall be formed from among the chairpersons of primary Party organizations.

The chairperson and two vice chairpersons of the Party regional council shall be elected for a two-year term from among the members of the regional Party council by open or secret ballot and a simple majority vote. Preterm elections of a regional council chairperson and vice chairpersons may be held by the decision of the regional council. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the regional council chairperson, and should he/she be absent, the duties shall be performed by the oldest vice chairperson. No later than 20 days prior to

the regular Congress of the Party a chairperson and vice chairpersons of the regional council shall be elected.

The regional organization shall function through convening meetings, decision-making, and implementation of these decisions and as well as the decisions of the Party's superior bodies.

The regional council shall meet not less than once in two months. The meeting shall be convened by the council chairperson. At least 1/3 of the council members may also convene a meeting – notifying the council members on the agenda no later than three days prior to the meeting. The meeting shall be deemed lawful if at least ½ of the council members are in attendance. The decisions shall be made by a simple majority vote of the attendees by open or secret ballot. A secret ballot shall be held on the request of at least 1/3 of the attendees, as well as in all cases when more than one candidate is nominated for a post.

The regional Party council shall report to the territorial council. The annual activity report shall be submitted by the chairperson of the regional Party council in late February of each following year.

The regional council shall transfer its monetary funds to the territorial council. The report on the expenditure of the funds allocated by the Party shall be submitted every half a year to the territorial council by the regional Party council.

The regional council shall have the right to submit the issue of the liquidation of the primary organization to the territorial organization.

The regional organization shall elect a new chairperson should its chairperson be elected for the same position or for the position of vice chair to a territorial council.

5. TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATION

Party's territorial organizations shall be set up in marzes (provinces) of the Republic of Armenia. A territorial council shall be formed from among the chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the regional councils operating in marzes.

The chairperson and two vice chairpersons of the territorial council shall be elected for a two-year term from among the members of the territorial council by open or secret ballot and a simple majority vote of the attendees. Preterm elections of the territorial council chairperson and vice chairpersons may be held by the decision of the territorial council. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the territorial council chairperson and should he/she be absent, the duties shall be performed by the oldest vice chairperson. No later than 15 days prior to the Party ordinary Congress the territorial council shall elect the chairperson and vice chairpersons of the territorial council.

The territorial organization shall function through convening meetings, decision-making, and implementation of these decisions and as well as the decisions of the Party's superior bodies.

The territorial Party council shall meet not less than once in two months. The meetings shall be convened by the chairperson of the council. At least 1/3 of the council members may also convene a meeting with a notification no later than three days prior to the meeting. A meeting shall be deemed lawful, if it is attended by at least 1/2 of the council members. The decisions of the territorial council shall be made by a simple majority vote of the attendees either by open or secret ballot. A secret ballot shall be held on the request of at least 1/3 of the attendees as well as in all cases when more than one candidate is nominated for the post.

The territorial council shall report to the executive body of the Party. The annual activity report shall be submitted by the chairperson of the territorial council in March of every next year.

The territorial council shall coordinate and control the activity of regional organizations. The territorial council may liquidate the primary organization either on its own initiative or on the proposal of the regional organization. The territorial council may submit the issue of the liquidation of a regional organization to the executive body of the Party.

The territorial council shall transfer its monetary funds to the Party treasury. The territorial council shall submit an annual report on the expenditure of the funds allocated by the Party to the executive body.

7. YEREVAN CITY TERRITORIAL AND DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Party's territorial organizations shall be set up in the administrative districts of Yerevan, and district organizations shall be set up by the decision of the executive body.

The territorial councils of the Yerevan city administrative districts shall be formed from among the operating district council chairpersons and vice chairpersons. Should there be no such council, they shall be formed from among the chairpersons of primary organizations.

The Yerevan city administrative district primary organization shall report to the district council. Should there be no such council it shall report to the territorial council.

The primary organization shall transfer its monetary funds (membership fees and donations) to the district council. Should there be no district councils it shall transfer the funds to the territorial council.

The Yerevan city territorial council shall have the right to submit the issue of the liquidation of a district council or primary organization to the executive body of the Party.

8. CONGRESS

The Party Congress shall be the ultimate Party authority, and its decisions shall be binding for all Party bodies and members. The bodies elected at the Party Congress and provided for by the Party Charter shall report to the Congress.

The ordinary Party Congress shall be convened at least once in two years by the permanent governing body of the Party.

The delegates to the Congress shall be nominated at primary organization meetings. The Congress shall be deemed lawful if at least 2/3 of the overall number of delegates are in attendance (registered). The decisions on the approval of the Party Charter, Program and amendments, reorganization of the Party, as well as nomination of a presidential candidate shall be taken by a majority vote of the overall number of delegates to the Congress.

The decisions of the Congress, except for cases prescribed by the law and this Charter, shall be taken either by open or secret ballot, and by a majority vote of the delegates in attendance.

A secret ballot shall be held on the request of at least 1/3 of the Congress delegates in attendance, as well as in all cases when more than one candidate is nominated to run for the post.

An extraordinary Congress may be convened by the decision of the executive body either on the proposal of the chairperson of the Party or on the request of 1/5 of the RPA members.

The Party Congress shall:

- Hear and approve the report of the chairperson of the Party on his/her activity and that of the executive body;
- Consider and approve the Party Program and Charter, proposed amendments and its agenda;
- Elect the Party chairperson;
- Elect the Party executive body;
- Decide on the political strategy of the Party, the ways of implementing Party goals and objectives;
- Hear and approve the report of the Party Control committee;
- Decide on the composition of the Control committee and elect the Party's Control committee;
- Decide on the nomination of a presidential candidate;

- Decide on the reorganization and/or liquidation of the Party.

RPA 12th Ordinary Congress – November 28 2009

- Adoption of the Agenda of the 12th Regular Congress
- Welcome Speeches by the foreign guests and the representatives of Armenian political parties
- Address by the president of RPA Serj Sargsyan
- Report of the president of Audit Commission
- Changes and amendments to the RPA Charter
- Election of RPA President
- Election of the members of RPA Executive Board
- Election of the members of RPA Audit Commission

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RPA 11th Ordinary Congress – November 10 2007

- Adoption of the Agenda of the 12th Regular Congress
- Welcome Speeches by the representatives of Armenian political parties
- Report of the president of RPA Audit Commission
- Statement by the President of RPA Organizing Committee
- Report of RPA Vice President Mr. T. Torosyan
- Nominating RPA President Mr. Serj Sargsyan as presidential candidate for the RA
- Address by the President of RPA Serj Sargsyan

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RPA 10th Extraordinary Congress – July 22 2006

- Adoption of the Agenda of the 10th Extraordinary Congress
- Address by RPA President Mr. Andranik Margaryn
- Statement by RPA Vice President Mr. T. Torosyan
- Speech by the President of the Council Mr. Serj Sargsyan
- Extract from the protocol of RPA 10th Extraordinary Session

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RPA 9th Ordinary Congress – December 17 2005

- Adoption of the Agenda of the 10th Extraordinary Congress
- Address by the President of the Council Mr. Andranik Margaryan
- Address by the Vice President of the Concil Mr. T. Torosyan
- Speech by the Head of RPA Faction Mr. Galust Sahakyan
- Address by the President of RPA Organizing Committee Mr. Tadevosyan
- Statement by the representative of Aragatsotn regional organization Mr. Sahakyan
- Statement by the president of Armavir regional organization Mr. Karapetyan
- Statement by the president of the Central regional organization Mr. Dumanyan
- Statement by the president of RPA Audit Commission
- Extract from the protocol of RPA 9th Ordinary Session

[RPA 9th Ordinary Congress – December 17 2005](#) (pdf 360kb)

RPA 8th Ordinary Congress – July 12 2003

- Adoption of the Agenda of the 8th Ordinary Congress
- Address by the President of the Council Mr. Andranik Margaryan
- Statement by the Vice President of the Concil Mr. T. Torosyan

- Statement by the representative of Syunik regional organization Mr. Mkrtchyan
- Statement by the representative of Shirak regional organization Mr. Avetisyan
- Statement by the representative of Lori regional organization Mr. Kocharyan
- Statement by the representative of Youth Organization Mr. Khachikyan

[RPA 8th Ordinary Congress – July 12 2003](#) (pdf 869kb)

RPA 7th Extraordinary Congress – November 30 2002

- Adoption of the Agenda of the 7th Extraordinary Congress
- Address by the President of the Council Mr. Andranik Margaryan
- Statement by the Vice President of the Council Mr. T. Torosyan
- Speech by the Vice President of the Youth Organization Mr. Sharmazanov
- Speech by Hasmik Navasardyan
- Decree of RPA 7th Extraordinary Congress on supporting R. Kocharyan's candidacy for President of the Republic of Armenia
- Address by the representative of RPA Council Mr. Gagik Minasyan regarding the changes and amendments to the party Charter
- Decree of the 7th Extraordinary Congress on amendments to the Charter and staff changes

[RPA 7th Extraordinary Congress – November 30 2002](#) (pdf 358kb)

RPA 6th Congress – June 09 2001

- Adoption of the Agenda of the 6th Ordinary Congress

- Address by the President of the Council Mr. Andranik Margaryan
- Resolution of RPA 6th Ordinary Congress
- Statement by the Vice President of the Council Mr. T. Torosyan
- Statement by the member of the Council Mr. G. Minasyan
- Speech by the Head of RPA Faction Mr. Galust Sahakyan
- Speech by the Head of the Youth Organization Mr. V. Khachikyan

[RPA 6th Congress – June 09 2001](#) (pdf 397kb)

RPA 5th Ordinary Congress – January 29 1999

- Adoption of the Agenda of the 5th Ordinary Congress
- Address by the President of the republic of Armenia Mr. R. Kocharyan to RPA 5th Ordinary Session
- Report of the member of RPA Council Mr. Gagik Minasyan on the changes to the RPA Charter /program/
- Statement by the member of RPA Council Mr. Galust Sahakyan
- Statement by the member of RPA Council Mr. Garnik Badalyan
- Decree of the 5th Ordinary Congress on the changes to the RPA Charter /program/
- Speech of RPA leader Mr. Vazgen Sargsyan
- Resolution of RPA 5th Ordinary Session
- Speech by the member of RPA Council Mr. Tigran Torosyan
- Speech by the member of RPA Council Mr. Yuri Bakhshyan

[RPA 5th Ordinary Congress – January 29 1999](#) (pdf 378Կբ)

RPA 4th Ordinary Congress – December 20 1997

- Adoption of the Agenda of the 4th Ordinary Congress
- Welcome addresses by Mr. B. Ararktsyan, Mr. A. Arshakyan, V. Sargsyan
- Address by the President of the Council Mr. Andranik Margaryan
- Report of the member of RPA Council Mr. Gagik Minasyan on changes to RPA Charter /program/
- Decree of the 4th Ordinary Congress on changes to RPA Charter /program/
- Statement by Mr. Y. Bakhshyan, Mr. A. Kirakosyan and Mr. A. Aghabekyan regarding the nomination of RPA presidential candidate
- Statement by RPA newly elected President Mr. Andranik Margaryan
- Speech by the member of RPA Council Mr. Gagik Minasyan
- Speech by the member of RPA Council Mr. Mushegh Lalayan
- Speech by the member of RPA Council Mr. Gagik Gagyan
- Speech by the member of RPA Council Mr. Galust Sahakyan
- Speech by the member of RPA Council Mr. Tigran Torosyan
- Speech by the member of RPA Council Mr. Yuri Bakhshyan

[RPA 4th Ordinary Congress – December 20 1997](#) (pdf 339Կբ)

RPA 3rd Extraordinary Congress – June 22 1996

- Adoption of the Agenda of the 3rd Extraordinary Congress
- Statement by RPA President Mr. Ashot Navasardyan
- Statement by the President of RPA Council Mr. Andranik Margaryan
- Decree of RPA 3rd Extraordinary Congress on nominating Mr. L. Ter-Petrosyan's candidacy for the President of the Republic of Armenia

[RPA 3rd Extraordinary Congress – June 22 1996](#) (pdf 101Կբ)

RPA 2nd Ordinary Congress – December 02 1995

- Adoption of the Agenda of the 2nd Ordinary Congress
- Statement by RPA President Mr. Ashot Navasardyan
- Decree of RPA 2nd Ordinary Congress on changes to RPA Charter and provisions
- Speech by the Chair of RPA Economic Committee Mr. Gagik Gagyan
- Speech by the Chair of RPA Political Committee Mr. Gagik Minasyan
- Speech by the Chair of RPA Ideological Committee Mr. Mushegh Lalayan
- Speech by the member of RPA Council Mr. Yuri Bakhshyan
- Speech by the member of RPA Council Mr. Galust Sahakyan

[RPA 2nd Ordinary Congress – December 02 1995](#) (pdf 106Կբ)

RPA Congress – April 14 1995

- Adoption of the Agenda of RPA Congress
- Statement by RPA President Mr. Ashot Navasardyan
- Decree of RPA Congress on changes to RPA Charter and provisions
- Decree of RPA Congress on participation of the party in NA elections
- RPA Congress-March 1991

[RPA Congress – April 14 1995](#) (pdf 55Կբ)

9. CHAIRPERSON

The chairperson of the Party shall be elected by the Congress for a two-year term by a majority of votes of the delegates in attendance (registered). The candidacies for the Party chairperson shall be nominated by the delegates of the Congress. Should more than one candidate be nominated, the candidate who has obtained most of the votes cast shall be deemed elected.

Should the Party chairperson be absent one of the members of the executive body shall, as assigned by the chairperson, exercise the powers of the Party chairperson.

The Party chairperson shall:

- Exercise the overall guidance of the Party;
- Represent the Party, its interests and position in the relations with the bodies of national and local self-governance, NGOs, political and international organizations, or commissions these duties to other members of the Party;
- Be an ex-officio member of the Party council and executive body;
- Convene a meeting of the Party council or executive body;
- One month prior to the ordinary Congress convene a meeting of the Party executive body, where the draft agenda of the Congress is decided upon;
- Guide the activity of the Party executive body and chair the Party council meeting;
- Dispose the Party property and finances;
- Approve (sign) the decisions of the Party council and executive body on the publication of the Party official newspaper and other periodicals;
- Form his/her staff;
- Approve (sign) all the necessary documents on behalf of the Party;
- Submit to the Party council for approval the candidacies of the Party vice chairpersons and party committee chairpersons from among the members of the Party executive body;
- Identify the areas directly coordinated by the Party vice chairpersons;
- Submit the proposals of the executive body for the approval of the Party council;
- Submit for the council approval the RPA candidates, approved by the executive body of the Party, for appointment or elections to political offices in the National Assembly or the Government;
- Submit candidacies of the Party structural unit heads to the Party council for their approval;
- Approve and within the prescribed dates submit to the authorized state body the Party financial reports as defined by the law;
- Publish reports in the media on the Party finances and property use within the dates prescribed by the law;
- Exercise other powers reserved to him/her by this Charter and Party Congress.

The official position of the Party shall be presented by the Party chairperson and the vice chairpersons and, as assigned by the Party chairperson, by the members of the executive body, as well as by the chairperson of the RPA faction in the National Assembly.

10. THE COUNCIL

The Council is the representative body of the Party. The ex officio members of the Party Council are the President of the Party, the members of the executive body, parliamentarians affiliated with the Party, cabinet members affiliated with the Party, chairpersons of the councils of Party's territorial organizations and heads of the Party sectoral structural units.

The Party council may be recruited by the decision of the executive body.

The Party council shall function through convening council meetings, decision-making, and implementation of these decisions and as well as the decisions of the Party's superior bodies.

The Party council meetings shall be convened not less than three times a year. An extraordinary meeting may be convened on the initiative of the Party council, as well as on the initiative of at least 1/3 of the council members, with an envisaged agenda. The meeting shall be deemed lawful, if at least 2/3 of the council members are in attendance.

Functions of the Council

- Control the implementation of its own decisions and the decisions of the Congress;
- Approve the fundamental ideological provisions of the Party, draft Program and Charter and Party strategic principles developed and submitted by the executive body;
- Issue statements and recommendations on behalf of the Party;
- Approve the main activities of the RPA faction in the National Assembly and hear the annual report of the executive body;
- Approve the candidacies of the Party vice chairpersons, Party committee chairpersons and heads of structural units nominated by the Party chairperson;
- Submit for the approval of the executive body nominated parliamentary candidates;
- Approve the electoral campaign of the Party proposed by the executive body, and RPA candidates, approved by the executive body of the Party, for appointment or elections to political offices in the National Assembly or the Government;
- Decide on participation in NA elections within the political alliance;
- Decide on setting up a political alliance with other parliamentary forces;

- Decide on cooperation with other countries' political parties, affiliation with international unions and associations;
- Upon necessity, hear the reports of territorial Party councils on the proposal of the executive body.

11. EXECUTIVE BODY

The permanent governing body of the Party is its Executive Body, which is elected at the Congress for a two-year term.

The membership of the executive body shall be determined by the Congress. Candidates for the executive body membership shall be nominated to the Congress by the delegates.

- The members of the executive body shall be elected either by open or secret ballot. The candidates who have obtained majority of votes shall be deemed elected.

The Party executive body shall function through its meetings, decision-making, and implementation of these decisions and as well as the decisions of the Congress.

The meetings of the Party executive body shall be convened not less than once a month. An extraordinary meeting may be convened on the initiative of the Party chairperson or on the initiative of at least 1/3 of the members of the executive body. The meeting shall be deemed lawful if at least 2/3 of the members of the executive body are in attendance.

The Party executive body shall:

- Organize, guide and control the implementation of the Congress decisions;
- Call an ordinary Congress of the Party and make the necessary preparations;
- Decide on the approval of the Congress draft agenda;
- Decide on the date of the Congress, procedure for the selection of delegates and their overall number;
- Convene an extraordinary Congress on the proposal of the Party chairperson or on the request of 1/5 of the RPA members;
- Decide on the nomination of a presidential candidate from RPA or support a nominated candidate;
- Decide on nominating parliamentary candidates;
- Approve RPA candidates introduced for appointment or election to political offices in the National Assembly or Government;
- Consider the Party electoral campaign and submit it for the approval of the council;
- Consider and handle the Party day-to-day activity-related matters;
- Elaborate and submit for the council's approval the Party ideological provisions, draft Charter, Program and strategic documents, as well as strategic principles;
- May set up and dissolve the Party's sectoral structural units;
- Control the activities of the territorial, regional and primary organizations and sectoral structural units;

- Submit an activity report to the Party council once a year;
- Decide on the position of the RPA parliamentary faction on legislative initiatives;
- Decide on nominating candidates for the heads of municipalities and members to councils of elders;
- Approve inter-party acts (decisions, decrees, recommendations, instructions, statements, directions, etc.), except for acts reserved to the authority of the Congress or council;
- Decide on convening an extraordinary meeting of the council:
- Decide on convening territorial, regional or primary organizations extraordinary meetings and as well as on issues for mandatory consideration at the meetings;
- On the proposal of the Party chairperson make a decision on the establishment or liquidation of sectoral structural units;
- Upon necessity, or in the event of appeals, may review the decisions taken by Party structures;
- Upon necessity, set up a regional organization;
- On the proposal of the territorial Party council may liquidate a regional Party organization;
- Determine the geographic framework for the regional organization activities;
- On its own initiative and with the consent of the Party chairperson may liquidate a territorial Party organization;
- Hear the annual reports of the Party territorial councils;
- Issue statements on behalf of the Party;
- Coordinate and control the Party media and publishing services;
- Take a decision on all Party activity matters, which by Charter are not reserved to the exclusive powers of the Party Congress, chairperson or council;
- Exercise the powers of the Party as a corporate body;
- Approve the procedure of managing the Party property and expenditure budget;
- Determine the procedure of membership fee payment;
- Permit the manufacturing of souvenirs with the RPA emblem, establish commemorative medals and the procedure of awarding them;
- Report to the Congress.

12. AUDIT COMMISSION

The Audit Commission supervises the Party's financial activity and shall be set up by the Congress for a two-year term.

Any member of the Audit Commission may not be represented in the Party executive body and the Council, as well as be in the capacity of a territorial and sectoral structural unit.

The members of the Audit Commission shall elect a chairperson from among the committee members.

The Audit Commission shall report to the Party Congress.

The Audit Commission shall:

- Control the sources of Party incomes and spending;
- Check the legitimacy of revenues and spending;
- Control the Party property management, its disposal and use;
- Check the Party property-related processes.

13. PROPERTY AND FINANCES

The Party property, including facilities aimed at implementing the Program and Charter objectives, vehicles and other property, shall be generated from donations, form activities under the defined procedure and other sources not prohibited by the law.

The Party is the only owner of the property that was received by the Party, as well as created and/or obtained at its own expenses.

The territorial and sectoral structural units of the Party shall manage and use the property allocated to them by the owner within the limits and procedure as defined by the executive body.

The finances shall be generated from membership fees, donations as prescribed by the law, budgetary funding under the law, civil legal transactions and other means not prohibited by the legislation.

The Party property and finances shall be managed by the chairperson, or by one of the executive body members in conformity with the procedures approved by the executive body and if authorized so by the chairperson.

14. PARTY REORGANIZATION AND/OR LIQUIDATION

14.1 The Party may be reorganized and/or liquidated by the decision of the Party Congress under the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia and this Charter. The Party may be reorganized (amalgamated, united, divided, separated) solely into another party (parties).

14.2 The Party may be reorganized and/or liquidated on the initiative of the Party executive body or on the written request of at least 1/3 of the Party Congress delegates.

14.3 The decision on the reorganization and/or liquidation of the Party shall be taken by open ballot and by a majority of votes of the overall number of Congress delegates.

14.4 In the event of a decision on the Party liquidation by the Congress a liquidation committee shall be set up, which under the Legislation of the Republic of Armenia shall manage the Party property and finances and implement the liquidation. Following the Party liquidation and based on the Party Congress decision the property shall be transferred to an NGO or foundation registered in the Republic of Armenia or to the Republic of Armenia.

14.5. Should the Party liquidation initiative be turned down by the Congress, the affiliation of the Party members who have initiated the liquidation shall be terminated upon taking the decision, and if needed, new elections shall be held.

14.6. The Party shall be liquidated also in cases and according to procedures provided for by the law.