Original Version	Original Version with the Proposed Changes
Article VI. The Permanent Committee	
The Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President(s), the Honorary President, one representative of universities in each country and the representative of the university organizing the next conference. Former rectors may also be appointed and/or remain on the Committee provided that they remain serving members of their university and not engaged in other full-time employment.	The Permanent Committee shall be composed of the Presidency, all former Honorary Presidents and one representative from each country.
The President or, in his absence, a Vice-President shall preside at the meetings of the PC.	
The PC shall meet in ordinary session at least twice a year. Additional meetings may be held at the request of the President or two thirds of the members of the PC.	
Decisions shall be determined by a simple majority of the members present. The President shall have a casting vote.	
Observers may attend meetings of the PC at the invitation, but they may not vote.	
The PC may also take decisions by correspondence. Such decisions shall be by simple majority of all members.	
The PC shall exercise the following administrative responsibilities:	
- supervise the application of the decisions taken by the General Assembly,	
- submit recommendations and proposals to the Presidency,	
- appoint, or dismiss the Treasurer of the DRC upon proposal of the elected President,	
- approve the programme of activities of the DRC and supervise its execution,	
- approve the annual budget, including the budgets for designated activities,	

and decide the amount and the method of payment of the membership fee as well as the contribution to particular programmes,

- adopt the annual financial statements and the auditor's report,
- make proposals to the General Assembly on the admission and exclusion of members.

The Committee may assume other responsibilities especially for which it is competent, pursuant to the Statute.

The PC may assume the following responsibilities regarding general policy or which relate to particular projects:

- upon a qualified proposal consider any action that may contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the DRC,
- appoint working groups to undertake specific activities,
- maintain effective relations with the national conferences and with the international organizations, both governmental and nongovernmental, which have a special interest in university affairs,
- develop recommendations on university policy.

The PC shall prepare the programme for and organize the General Assembly according to the Presidency's proposal.

Vacancies occurring between two General Assemblies shall be filled by the PC, bearing in mind the necessary balance between the needs and interests of the universities in the region.

The PC shall regularly meet twice a year, but additional meetings may be called by the President.

The Treasurer appointed by the President shall supervise the production of the budget and accounts and present them to the PC, President and the GA.

## **Article VII. The Presidency**

Provided nothing else has been agreed upon, the DRC Presidency is to consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents and the Honorary President. The Honorary President is proposed by a representative of a member institution to the Presidency and after the approval of the Presidency he is proposed by the President to the PC for discussion and to the GA to be elected. The Honorary President does not have the right to vote and his term as a member of Presidency is limited to four years. The title Honorary President of the DRC is lifelong.

Under normal circumstances, the rector of the host institution of the GA is to be proposed for the position of President of the DRC. The previous holder of the Presidency and the host of the following year's GA are to hold the positions of the two Vice-Presidents.

The President is elected by the General Assembly for a 1-year period – the term of presidency starts with January 1 and ends with December 31 of the respective year.

The Presidency shall be Rectors of universities that are full members of the DRC. If the President (Vice-president) ceases to be the Rector he can complete his 1-year term of office.

The President may call and shall preside at meetings of the General Assembly, the Permanent Committee and conferences.

The Presidency maintains effective relations with the national conferences and with the international organizations, both governmental and nongovernmental, which have a special interest in university affairs.

The President reports and is responsible to the GA on all activities of the DRC.

The President is responsible for the administration of the DRC.

In addition, the President shall assume the specific responsibilities provided

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The President is elected by the General Assembly for a 1-year period – the term of presidency starts with January 1 and ends with December 31 of the respective year. The University the rector of which is the President houses the Secretariat and manages DRC funds.

by the Statute.	
	Institutions
	DRC Archives is to be established for storing DRC folders and all the documents related to the DRC as well as for processing and digitalizing the materials, which will then be placed on the DRC Platform. The DRC Archives will be housed by the Archives of Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, which will provide professional keeping and guarding at its own cost. As for the processing of the existing folders, those in charge could apply for financial support of the DRC.  The DRC Platform has already been set up to collect and publish
	data on the DRC network as well as to facilitate communication and
	cooperation between its members. It is maintained by a member-
	university, which is currently the University of Maribor.

## **Article VIII. Membership-Financial year-Auditors**

Member universities pay annual membership fee to the account of the DRC Secretariat. The membership fee is determined by the GA on the proposal of the PC.

The membership is due on March 31 annually – by this date an invoice will be sent out. If a member fails to pay the membership fee 30 days after the second reminder, the membership will be terminated. A suspended\* or excluded member may appeal against the decision of the PC to the General Assembly which decision shall be final.

\* A suspended member may not participate in DRC meetings and activities.

The financial resources of the DRC are membership fees, contributions from the national governments, particularly ministries responsible for higher education, foundations (e.g. for specific projects), sponsors and others.

The financial, as well as the presidency year of the DRC shall run from January 1 to December 31, annually.

Two auditors appointed by the GA shall verify the accounts, annually, within six months of the end of the financial year, and submit a report to the GA, the PC and the President.

The GA should approve the annual financial report.

The financial resources of the DRC are membership fees, contributions from the national governments, particularly ministries responsible for higher education, foundations (e.g. for specific projects), sponsors and others. Remaining DRC funds obtained on the basis of the previous item are transferred at the end of the calendar year to the institution which is presiding over the DRC network in the following calendar year.

## **Article XII. Effective Date - Determining text**

This Statute becomes effective on the date after its adoption by the General Assembly by the majority vote.

The GA encourages translation(s) of the Statute to other languages of the region.

The authoritative version of the Statute is that in the English language.

The Statute was adopted at the GA meeting in Leoben, on 25th September 1996.

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