

THE STATUTES OF KNE

Introduction

These statutes have been approved by vote by the 11th Congress of KNE, which was held in December 2014.

It has been formed by the modification and completion of the statutes that were approved by the 7th congress of KNE. For its formation past and recent experience has been used.

The statutes determine the character and the goals of KNE, the principles, and the rules of formation, operation and action. It states the rights the obligations the duties and the rules of action of members, bodies and Organizations of KNE.

The great value and importance of the statutes and rules of operation of KNE have been judged for almost 5 decades of its action.

The conscious and decisive defence of the principles of operation as well as their observance and implementation are the first duty of a member of KNE. The observance and implementation of these principles coincides with the defence of the very existence of KNE and its basic preconditions in order to respond as KKE's youth, to educate vanguard militants and to be able to win over young women and men of working class and poor popular strata in the struggle for social liberation, socialism-communism.

Character and aims of KNE

The Communist Youth of Greece, KNE, is the youth organization of the KKE. It's a revolutionary organization of volunteers that has the all-round guidance of KKE and struggles for the overthrow of capitalism and the construction of the socialist-communist society, which will abolish any exploitation of man by man, any form of private ownership over the means of production and will ensure a higher quality of life and rights. The young people will be able to satisfy their contemporary needs with equal potentials and rights; they will be able to develop an all-round personality, to utilize their abilities and to participate as vanguards in the construction of the new socialist-communist society.

KNE aims to win over the youth in the struggle for the conquest of revolutionary labour power for the socialist construction. KNE gives all its forces for the implementation of the programmatic duties of KKE, for the conquest, protection and consolidation of the new power, the construction of the new society; being fully aware that it is going to be the achievement of the working class, vanguard social force, bearer of social change, that along with the liberation from the bonds of class exploitation it also liberates those who suffer from the power of the capital. The struggle for the fulfilment of the historic mission of working class gives meaning and content to the daily struggle of members of the Organization.

KNE was founded in 1968, during the dark years of dictatorship, by decision of the PB of KKE, a decision that was vindicated by life. The foundation of KNE filled the gap that existed from a long period of absence of youth organization of the KKE. Since its

foundation, it has contributed to the militant education the organization and struggle of young people in our country. KNE is the continuation of the heroic Federation of Communist Youths of Greece (OKNE), inheritor of the militant traditions of the Unified Nationwide Organization of the Youth (EPON) and of the Democratic Youth (DN) of the Greek Democratic Army (DSE), of the militant action of young communists in different conditions within mass political organizations, like the "Lamprakis" Democratic Youth (DNL- Youth of the United Democratic Left/EDA).

The organization, operation and action of KNE are guided by the worldview of Marxism Leninism and the proletarian internationalism, by the Programme, the politics, the positions and the elaborations of KKE. It is being inspired by the first historical attempt for labour power, the Paris Commune of 1871 and even more by the victorious October revolution in 1917 and the first effort to construct socialism. It is being taught by this effort, by the positive and negative experience of the socialistic construction during the 20th century and first of all in USSR. It relies on the teachings of class struggle in Greece, the heroic struggles of National Liberation Front (EAM) the National Popular Liberation Army (ELAS) and EPON during the occupation and the December of 1944 and particularly the leading struggle of DSE during the period 1946-1949.

For the emergence of the socialistic society, lowest phase of communist society, the conquest of political power by the working class is required, which directly implements: the socialization of concentrated means of production, land, trade, and large agricultural cultivations that enter the productive process with the central scientific planning, aiming to satisfy the social needs. At the same time, exclusively state and free of charge for everyone, services of education, health, welfare, infrastructures for mass access to sports and aesthetic education, everything that will bring the liberation of productive activities of workers and youth will be organized. KNE struggles in order for the youth to realize the necessity of this society. In this context it struggles steadily with militancy for the broadening and defence of rights, conditions of life, education and work of the youth. It is widely addressed to the youth, the children of working class and poor popular strata, at education and apprenticeship areas, to young workers, unemployed, and attempts to build stable, alive, militant and political ties with them. It utilizes any form that can help the joint action and rallying, the militant unity of all those who have interest in the overthrow of capitalist barbarism regardless workplace, educational level, language, or religion. It contributes to the strengthening of the level of organization and the consciousness of young workers and unemployed, the new shift of working class and aims so that the struggle of school, university students, the youth in vocational training and apprenticeship areas to be connected with the struggle of working class and its allies for the anti - monopoly anti - capitalist alliance of struggle for labour power.

KNE fosters to the youth widely and massively values, models and ideals that come into rupture with the decay and corruption generated by capitalism with the bourgeois lifestyles. With militancy within the youth it struggles against the effort of the bourgeois class to manipulate the consciousness of young people, the effort to marginalize them, to trap them into dead ends, to teach them to live with substitutes. Through collective action, solidarity, love towards education and life itself, with the power of the personal

example of members of KNE, it creates the militant struggling insubordinate attitude to life.

KNE shows special care and concern for the education of children of younger ages, children of working class and popular strata with appropriate form and content.

KNE in its intervention studies and takes into account the specific characteristics of youth, transitivity, instability, psychology, quests and way of life; being fully conscious that the youth does not constitute a particular class or strata, but an integral part of social-class structure. The potential of the youth is mainly predetermined by the class where they belong, by the evolution of class structure and the development of class struggle. The greatest part of youth comes, belongs or approaches working class.

KNE fights ceaselessly against the elaborated specified attack aiming the youth; it confronts bourgeois ideology, reformism and opportunism, anticommunism and antisocialist propaganda, the ideologies that justify imperialistic war and interventions.

KNE educates its members with the values and ideals of scientific communism; aiming to implement the same task more widely within the youth. It widely circulates the worldview of Marxism-Leninism and cares ceaselessly in order for its assimilation by its members. KNE fights against any manifestation of fascism, Nazism, nationalism, chauvinism, racism and identifies patriotism with class struggle.

KNE is based on the principle of proletarian internationalism and with this spirit educates its members. KNE struggles for the reinforcement of international solidarity and cooperation with the young people from all over the world. KNE consistently fulfils all its internationalist obligations; it participates alongside the KKE in the struggle for the regroupment, the revolutionary ideological and strategic unity of the international communist movement, assuming its share of responsibility concerning the youth. It bases its internationalism in the general interests of the working class that are interests of young people, of poor popular strata for all countries as well; under the joint necessity and goal for socialism – communism in every capitalist country.

KNE through its operation and action educates and prepares its members to acquire the honoured title of the member of KKE, according to the procedure defined in the statutes of the Party.

The organizational principle of formation and operation of KNE is determined by its character and aims.

Democratic centralism is its fundamental principle. The consistent implementation of democratic centralism, through all of its aspects, is necessary for the ideological-political organizational unity of KNE and is a necessary condition for the fulfilment of its goals and aims

CHAPTER 1

KNE, youth Organization of KKE

Article 1

a) The Communist Youth of Greece was created by KKE. It's the revolutionary youth Organization of KKE, which accepts its worldview, Marxism Leninism, the Programme of KKE and promotes its strategy to the youth.

b) KNE is formed by KKE's side, with a distinct organizational structure under the ideological, political and organizational guidance of the respective organs of the Party, in all levels beginning from the Central Council of KNE until the Base Organization. The leading bodies of KNE are responsible for the coordination of action of KNE with the corresponding bodies of KKE from the Base Organization until the Central Council.

c) KNE educates and prepares its members to acquire the title of the member of KKE.

CHAPTER 2

ORGANIZATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF FORMATION, OPERATION AND ACTION OF KNE

Article 2

The formation and operation of KNE is based on the principle of democratic centralism, which constitutes an irreplaceable component of its revolutionary character.

Democratic centralism means intra-organizational democracy, centralized guidance, and cohesive action for the implementation of the resolutions with conscious discipline.

In the basis of democratic centralism, the creation and action of organized groups within KNE is not allowed, because they undermine its ideological- political- organizational unity, its democratic operation and effectivity of its action.

Basic elements of democratic centralism are:

a) The integration of operation and action of all the organizations of KNE under one leading centre - the Central Council - which is the highest leading body for the period between Congresses.

b) The compulsory implementation of resolutions of higher leading bodies by the bellow bodies, organizations and members of KNE.

c) The conscious discipline to the implementation of the resolutions. In case of disagreement, whoever disagrees is obliged to implement without any condition the decision of the majority.

d) The eligibility and the right to recall of every leading body and its member; the regular and extraordinary rendering to the Organizations, Conferences, Congresses that elect them. They also have to update regularly the organizations about their resolutions.

e) The collectivity as highest principle of communist guidance is a necessary condition for unity, cohesive and effective action of KNE and its organizations, the proper education, development of activity, initiative and responsibility of the members of KNE. In KNE, there cannot be resolutions by one person that can replace collective resolutions of the bodies.

The personality and contribution of every member of KNE is being developed in the context of collectivity.

f) The equality of all members as to their rights and obligations.

g) Control, criticism and self-criticism as essential elements for the implementation of resolutions, the development of action, the generalization of experience, the confrontation with weaknesses and the correction of mistakes, the education, the strengthening of conscious discipline.

Criticism and self-criticism are exercised only within the responsible bodies and Base Organizations of KNE.

ARTICLE 3

a) The Base Organizations of KNE are created wherever youth is being educated, works and lives; in schools, universities, apprenticeship and vocational training areas, workplaces, businesses, institutions and services in cities and villages.

The members of KNE who work in businesses, institutes, services, are obligated to be members of the Base Organizations of their workplaces or sectors. The exceptions are decided by the Regional Councils (RCs) or the Sectoral Councils (SCs).

b) By decision of the Central Council, if necessary, organizations of KNE can be created in countries where Greek immigrants and students live.

c) The Base Organizations are grouped in Sectoral Organizations and the Sectoral Organizations are grouped to Regional Organizations. By decision of the Central Council, if necessary, a District Organization can be created, grouping several Sectoral Organisations

In special cases the Central Council can create Base Organizations and Sectoral Organizations that can guide them directly.

For the guidance of the organizations of Aegean Islands, foreign countries, the Central Council can decide the creation of a Committee of KNE, responsible for the cohesive guidance of these organizations.

ARTICLE 4

The organizational structure of KNE corresponds with the organizational structure of KKE, in order to achieve the coordination of KNE bodies with the corresponding bodies of KKE.

Based on the above, the basic organizational levels are:

The Base Organization (BO), the Sectoral Council (SC), if necessary the District Council (DC), the Regional Council (RC), the Central Council (CC)

ARTICLE 5

The election of leading bodies, their Secretaries and Bureaus, as well as the representatives for the higher leading bodies, takes place with secret voting, after the procedure according to the regulation.

Elected are considered those who gather 50%+1 of the votes of present members. If the number of the elected has not been covered from the first election, then a second definite election takes place, with any nominee who didn't gather 50%+1 of the votes. In this election the participants are elected based on the order of preference.

The resolutions for other issues are taken by open voting and relative majority.

CHAPTER 3

MEMBERS OF KNE: Duties and rights

Article 6

Member of KNE is any young man and woman aged 14 to 29, who agree with the aims and statutes of KNE, belongs and works in one of its organizations and pays his/her dues.

Article 7

Members of KNE mainly become young women and men who come from working class and popular families.

The integration within KNE can only take place individually. In order for someone to become member of KNE, the recommendation of a KNE member is required, and must be done with responsibility towards the organization. The integration within KNE is decided from the Assembly of the BO it is validated by the next higher body at least within 2 months.

In some occasions members of KNE can be more than 29 years old, by decision of the higher leading body.

Young immigrants, foreign workers and students who live in Greece and are not members of other political organizations in their countries can become members of KNE.

A member of KNE cannot be member of another party or political organization, movement or rally

For former members of other political organizations or movements, the procedure of integration can start only if they have developed action along with KNE for at least 1 year.

The recommendation is addressed responsibly by 2 members of KNE in the Assembly of the BO. In these cases validation by the Regional Council is required.

In special occasions, with the approval of the Central Council a member of KNE who lives in other country can pass through the corresponding Communist Youth of this country. Additionally, approval of the Central Council is needed, in order to accept

within KNE a member of another Communist Youth Organisation only after he/she has stopped its previous organizational relationship.

Every member of KNE that is transferred to the radius of action of another organization must inform on time his organization, in order to send the connection to the next organization. The connection is accompanied by a note of the leading body concerning his action in his previous organization. The completion of the procedure of connection is controlled by the leading bodies and the Bureau of the CC, within 2 months.

ARTICLE 8

The member of KNE represents KNE in any area. It connects KNE with the youth of his area; it transfers to his organisation their problems, opinions, and desires and is responsible for promoting the positions and resolutions of KNE. With his example, his militant fighting attitude and stance, inspires the youth with the values of organized struggle, collective action, solidarity, for a life full of ideals and goals.

A member of KNE cannot have privileges or agree with anyone else having, emerging from the participation to KNE. All members of KNE have same rights and duties.

ARTICLE 9

A member of KNE has the following duties to:

Participate in the Assemblies of the BO in which he is a member and pay his/her dues. Participate personally to the conversation, decision making and practical work of his/her organization. Contribute to the elaboration of action of KNE with his own questions and experience emerging from his practical action. Implement the resolutions of the Base Organizations and higher leading bodies, regardless of its personal opinions.

Promote to the youth the positions of KNE. Contribute to the consolidation and to broaden the ties with young people, to their enlightenment and organization to school, university, workplace, and neighbourhood.

Be member of his/her trade union, association, council or any other form of organization, acting in a vanguard way according to the positions of KNE and being in the forefront of struggles for the rights of the youth.

Study and circulate Odigitis, Rizospastis, KOMEP and the publications of KKE and KNE, in order to project the ideology and policy of KKE to the youth, defending it by any distortion, slandering, anticommunism and unjust criticism.

Look after the knowledge of the theory of Marxism-Leninism, aiming for the improvement of his/her educational, political and cultural level. Always try to accomplish consistently its vanguard role, struggling steadily, struggling decisively with intolerance against the bourgeois class ideology and policy, any type of deviation from the theory of Marxism-Leninism, opportunism.

Struggle actively for the ideological, political, organizational unity of KNE, obeying and defending the Statutes and its principles

Work actively for the organizational strengthening of KNE, the construction of BOs at schools, universities, vocational training areas, workplaces, neighbourhoods; for the development of organizations of KNE and the improvement of their operation, the strengthening of their collectivity, criticism and self-criticism.

Develop the intra-organizational democracy, and fight against any violation of the rules of operation, complacency, self - interest, nepotism and localism. Confront decisively any attempt to prevent criticism against anything that causes damage to KNE and obstructs the freedom of expression, of opinion, and to address for these instances to the higher leading bodies until the Central Council, regardless the person who did it.

Be an example in his communist and personal life. Consider as a duty to contribute every day in the development of comradeship, confrontation of any tendency for inactivity and indifference, vanity and egoism. The member of KNE with his attitude within the Organization, the struggles, his work, in school, in his family exemplifies and educates.

Struggle with militancy against the phenomenon of decay and decline emerging from the capitalist system; against the extreme phenomena of social alienation that have their grassroots in capitalist exploitation; drug use is an act incompatible with someone being a member of KNE. Drugs are the attack waging against the youth aiming for its compromise and submission.

Protect the organization from attacks of any opponent, developing the revolutionary vigilance; vigilant for the protection of the organization and to confront any tendency for gossip and frivolity. Defend everywhere, always and under all conditions, without retreat, the ideals and goals of the KKE and KNE. Protect the organization with his practical work from the class opponent and its state apparatuses. A member of KNE holds high the flag of KKE and is ready to struggle with courage, composure, initiative, selflessness and determination under the most difficult and complex conditions.

A member of KNE has the duty to exercise the rights resulting from the statutes, along with its duties.

ARTICLE 10

A member of KNE has the following rights to:

Participate in the discussion for the formation of resolutions at the assemblies of BOs and the bodies that he/she is a member, to the Conferences and Congresses as an elected representative. Participate in the discussions and the dialogue defined by the CC through Odigitis.

Participate to the election of leading bodies of KNE and to be elected in them.

Express freely and responsibly his/her opinion concerning the action of any member and cadre of KNE of any leading body of the Organization

Require responsible update concerning the bodies of KNE and the issues of the Organization. To be informed adequately enough for the ideological and political

support of the resolutions to be implemented, as well as for the action of the bodies and cadres.

Address for any organizational or personal issue to the Organization where he belongs, as well as to any higher leading body of the organization, until the CC and the Congress of KNE. Require on time the justified answers to suggestions or questions and he may return if any new elements emerge. The BOs or the leading bodies are obliged to confront responsibly any issue that appears against any member of KNE and they should take care of his/her information on time.

Participate in the assemblies and meetings of the bodies where he/she belongs when an issue concerning his/her action is on discussion.

Require the strict implementation of the rules of operation of the Organizations and KNE bodies.

CHAPTER 4

THE LEADING BODIES OF KNE

Article 11

The Congress constitutes the highest leading body of KNE.

Every 4 years, a regular Congress is assembled by the Central Council.

An extraordinary Congress can be assembled by decision of the CC or after a suggestion of a Regional Council, if this suggestion is approved also by other RCs representing the 50% of the members of KNE. This suggestion has to be submitted to the CC. The Central Council is obliged to put the issue into consideration to the other RCs at least within three months since the submission of the suggestion. The CC is obliged to proceed to the assembly of the Congress within three months. In both cases another extraordinary Congress concerning the same issues cannot be assembled earlier than a year since the last Congress.

Article 12

The decision for the assembly of a regular Congress and the issues that are to be discussed must be announced by the Central Council at least three months before its convening.

The Congress is in quorum if the present delegates constitute the majority of the elected delegates.

The delegates for the Congress are elected with a common measure defined by the CC, the Regional Conferences and the Organizations that are directly guided by the CC. The members of the Central Council and the Central Audit Committee that have not been elected as delegates can participate in the Congress with the right of speech.

Article 13

The Congress of KNE:

- Discusses and judges the report of the Central Council and the Central Audit Committee; defines the duties of KNE until the next Congress
- Votes or modifies the statutes of KNE
- Elects the CC and the CAC

The number of members of the CC and the CAC is defined by the Congress.

Article 14

The Central Council is the leading body of KNE for the period of time between the Congresses:

- Guides the ideological – political – organizational action of the Organization
- Defines the relations of the Organization with other organizations, as well as the organizations of other countries and international organizations based on the directions given by the Congress
- Places the director and the editorial committee in the central mass media of KNE, both printed and digital ones
- Decides the creation, content and composition of auxiliary Committees of the CC and places the people in charge of these
- Validates the number and composition of the professional cadres of the Organization, following a proposal by the Bureau of the CC
- Defines the percentage of income that the organizations of KNE should provide to the central fund; manages the finances of KNE.

Article 15

The CC elects a Secretary and Bureau. The Bureau of the CC has the responsibility to guide KNE between the Sessions of the CC, according to their resolutions. The number of its members is defined by the Central Council. During the period of time between the sessions of the Central Council, the Bureau informs its members for any serious issues of the Organization. The Bureau owes to enhance the guiding role and responsibility of the CC throughout its work, to report regularly on the action of the CC.

Article 16

The Central Council assembles to a regular session every 3 months, and to extraordinary session after a decision of the Bureau of the CC.

The members of the Central Audit Committee participate in the sessions of the CC, with a right of speech and an advisory vote. In special cases the Central Council calls for a Wide Session, where other cadres of the Organization, chosen by the Council can participate.

Article 17

The Central Audit Committee (CAC) controls the fund and the management of all financial activities of the Organization and updates the Central Council regularly. The CAC helps the Audit Committees of the Organizations, and audit by itself the finances of the Organizations when necessary.

The CAC elects its president by its members.

Article 18

The highest body for the Sectoral, Regional and District Organizations are the corresponding Conferences, and for the BO the Assembly of its members. Within the period of time between the Conferences, the corresponding Sectoral, Regional and District Council serves as the leading body.

Article 19

A regular Conference of the Sectoral Organizations is assembled by the corresponding Councils every year.

A regular Conference of the Regional and District Organizations is assembled by the corresponding Councils every two years.

Extraordinary Conferences can be convened: a) by decision of the corresponding leading bodies and approval by the directly above leading body, b) by decision of a higher leading body, c) when it is requested by the leading bodies or BO of a specific organization that represent the majority of the members of this organization.

Article 20

The representatives for the corresponding Conferences of the organizations are elected with a common measure defined by the corresponding leading bodies, according to the rule of the Central Council.

The Conferences of the Organizations discuss and decide on the report of the leading bodies and the reports of the Audit Committees. They discuss and decide on the issues of KNE's work in their area of responsibility and they elect the leading body and the Audit Committee.

Article 21

The leading bodies of Sectors, Regions and Districts elect a Secretary or/and Bureau out of their members. The Bureau guides the whole work for the period between the assemblies of the Councils. The election of the members of the Council, Secretary and Bureau is validated by the higher leading body.

The Regional Council assembles regular Session every 3 months, and the District and Sectoral Council every 2 months. They also convene extraordinary Sessions by decision of the Councils' Bureaus or by decision of the higher leading body.

The Audit Committees, at least once in three months they control the financial activity, the funds, the regular concentration of the monthly dues and the management of the finances of the corresponding organizations until the BO. The members of the AC participate in the sessions of the corresponding Councils with the right of speech and advisory vote.

Article 22

The choice and appointment of cadres into the leading bodies requires a higher awareness of responsibility. It is a responsibility of the leading bodies of all levels, to take all the necessary ideological and political measures for the concordant appointment and succession of cadres; to ensure the collective assessment of the cadres' contribution and the essential processes during their election, according to the relevant provisions of the regulation.

Special attention and care should be demonstrated for the composition of leading bodies, to reflect and reinforce the character of KNE as the youth of KKE. The CC and the other leading bodies are obliged to ensure the alternation of the cadres in the leading bodies.

Article 23

To cover the empty positions that may occur in the composition of the Central Council between the Congresses is made by co-opting new members, if necessary, with the assent of the 2/3 of its members. In the other leading bodies, new members can be co-opted if necessary, between the Conferences, with the responsibility of the corresponding leading body. Co-opting a new member requires the assent of 2/3 of the members of that particular leading body and the approval of the higher leading body.

Article 24

The leading bodies, from the CC to the Bureau of the BO, estimate the work of the body as a whole, and inform the bellow bodies and the BOs, during their duty and at the end of it. The leading bodies also estimate the individual work of each of their members. These estimations are reported during the process of discussion for the election of the new bodies in the corresponding Conferences and the report concerning the CC is given at the Congress.

Article 25

The procedural issues concerning electoral assemblies and conferences are defined by regulation decided by the Central Council.

Article 26

For the better study and elaboration of various issues and for the practical implementation of the resolutions of KNE, special auxiliary Groups and Committees of KNE can be formed, aside the leading bodies.

The CC and other leading organs owe to care, so that the members of the auxiliary Groups and Committees are adequately tested through their participation in leading bodies.

For cadres that participate in auxiliary Groups and Committees, is necessary that the opinion of the BOs and leading bodies they participate in should be asked.

Article 27

The leading bodies often convene meetings of cadres of each Organization. These meetings have a consultant character.

Article 28

KNE possesses means of mass information and enlightenment.

“Odigitis” is the organ of the Central Council of KNE; it is KNE’s magazine publication, a mass organizer and guide. The CC is responsible for its publication and its general directions, in order to be able to connect and generalize the experience of the action of the Organizations of KNE. It promotes and defends the needs of the youth; it reveals the causes and those who are responsible for their problems. It promotes the collective and creative activities of the new generation, the struggles for their rights.

It promotes and defends the ideology and policy of KKE and the positions of KNE, it constitutes their militant propagandist within the youth.

CHAPTER 5

BASE ORGANISATION

Article 29

The Base Organization (BO) is the foundation of KNE; actually, it is KNE in its particular area of action.

Base Organization is formed in workplaces and sectors of work, in schools, universities and neighbourhoods where youth is concentrated.

Base Organizations are created, with the approval of the higher body, when there are at least 3 members of KNE.

In places where there are not any Base Organizations, such can be created by members of KNE coming from other Organizations, under the responsibility of the higher body.

Base Organizations which do not fulfil their purpose are dissolved by proposal of the higher body and with the decision of the CC.

Article 30

Once a year the Base Organization convenes “balance and electoral” General Assembly to elect the Secretary and Bureau who are accountable to the BO. In BOs with up to ten (10) members, the Secretary is elected. In BOs with ten and more members, the Secretary and a Bureau are elected. The number of its members is determined by the Assembly, according to the number of Base Organization members.

The Secretary and Bureau owe to help the new members in every possible way, in order for them to begin properly their life within the ranks of KNE, to assimilate the principles of formation and action of KNE; to acquire a systematic contact with Marxism – Leninism, the Programme and elaborations of KKE, the history of the labour movement; to be integrated in the action and planning of the BO.

Article 31

To improve their operation and to cover their areas of responsibility, BOs can create working groups within the context of the BO in order to serve the need of action, or even groups in mass organizations. The Bureau of the BO sets their leader. They convene for the specialization of resolutions and for the control of implementation of all of its members and are accountable to the Assembly of the BO.

Article 32

The BO Assembly is regularly convened at least once a month and it is the higher body of the BO. The Assembly is convened by decision of the Bureau of the BO, of the Secretary if there is not a Bureau, or of the higher body. The convention of an Assembly requires the full and early enough update of all of its members. The Assembly is in quorum when 50% +1 of its members are present.

The BO assembly approves the agenda concerning the subjects proposed by the Bureau or the Secretary in case there is not a Bureau, or with whatever subjects may be decided by the BO itself to discuss.

The political report at the Assembly is presented by the Bureau of the BO, by the Secretary if there is not a Bureau, by the higher leading bodies or even by members of KNE, based on approval by the Bureau or the Secretary when there is not a Bureau.

The Assembly expresses views on the political report, concludes to concrete resolutions and practical measures and the division of work for the implementation of the resolutions of the BO and the higher leading bodies.

In every Assembly, and during the period between two Assemblies, systematic control is conducted for the implementation of resolutions and the activation of all members, on the responsibility of the BO Bureau or the Secretary where there is not a Bureau, and the Assembly itself.

The lively operation of the BO and the fruitful intra-organizational discussion, the contribution of all members in order to assume and implement resolutions, the development of comradeship, and the utilization of all members of the BO, their abilities, talents and interests, contributes decisively to the effective operation and action of the BO in the area of its responsibility, to its ability to intervene into sections of the youth, to the steady broadening of its circle of influence, to the complete and direct integration of new members in the life and action of the BO.

Article 33

The main responsibilities of the BO are to:

- Actively and responsibly participate in the specialization, popularization and implementation of the resolutions of the organization in its area of responsibility.
- Take care to integrate new members to KNE in a planned and steady way of work.

- Work so that the youth organizations in its area, the associations, the councils and other forms of organization of youth in its area to acquire a militant orientation, massive characteristics, in coordination and in joint course with the labour and people's movement. It reinforces educational, cultural and sport organizations and associations, and is in the forefront for the creation of rallies and other forms of organization of the youth.

- The BO knows studies and promotes the problems of the youth in its area of responsibility, has a broader view on the needs of the youth, develops initiatives, and is in the forefront of the struggle for these. It is on the forefront of the organization and mobilization of young workers and unemployed youth, the school, university and technological education institute students. It seeks the development of struggle in the direction of the political aims of KKE.

- Organize ideological-enlightenment work among its members and the friends of the organization.

- Take care for the circulation and study of Odigitis, Rizospastis, KOMEP, and the Organization's and Party's publications and other printed materials. It is responsible to gather and develop the Organization's financial resources.

- Know, to utilize and be directly connected with the friends of the Organization, to ask their opinion on the policy of KKE, on the positions, the resolutions and action of the Organization. For this purpose it regularly organizes meetings and utilizes other forms. It takes care in a systematic way that they are kept informed and participate in joint action.

It ensures that the action is coordinated with the corresponding Party Base Organizations of KKE. It ensures the continuous creative collaboration; it utilizes the ideological, political and organizational help given by the Party Organization.

It acts widely into the masses of its area with social and class oriented criteria, cares constantly and steadily for the broadening of the ties with every vanguard element in its area of responsibility and systematically ensures that they are politically informed.

Article 34

All the members of the BO assume specific responsibilities and work to correspond to these. They are accountable to the BO, they control and are controlled on their own action and the action of the BO. The cadres of KNE, no matter in which leading body they may participate, they must participate in their BO and assume duties in order to contribute to its action.

Article 35

The Base Organization can address to the leading bodies up to the Central Council, to ask information and propose issues for solutions. The leading bodies are obliged to give or to transmit responsible answers to the BO Assembly within a short period of time, in presence of a member of a higher leading body.

CHAPTER 6

THE MEMBERS OF KNE IN THE MASS ORGANIZATIONS

Article 36

KNE pays particular attention to the development, organization, massive participation and class orientation of the mass organizations in each section of youth, collective creativity and activity. All the

of KNE participate in the mass organizations and other youth organisations. They act with initiative and social – class orientation. They obtain experience that helps them to work within the youth for the rallying of forces.

Within the mass organizations the members of KNE play the significant role for the organization of struggle concerning the sharp problems of the youth and fronts of struggle. Intervention in every area should enhance the organization, participation, joint action around aims and assertions, to help for the political way out and perspective to be understood. The members of KNE promote values like collectivity, selflessness; foster the class criterion in every young man and woman. They are recognized for their militancy and fighting spirit, their ethics, their vanguard action in the neighbourhood, school, university, and workplace.

For the more effective fulfilment of KNE's mission within the mass organizations, the leading bodies of KNE establish groups of KNE members that act in these. These groups act under the guidance of the bodies of KNE for the specialization and promotion of the Organization's aims.

CHAPTER 7

KNE's finances

Article 37

KNE's financial resources come from the members' dues and their work for funds collection, from fund-raising campaigns, voluntary contributions, donations and offers.

Article 38

The CC determines the amount of the members' monthly dues. For the members of KNE that work, this should be at least equal to the 1% of their monthly income.

The CC can readjust the amount of the monthly dues of the members, depending on the circumstances and needs of KNE. It also determines the percentage of the financial proceeds that the organizations must offer to the Central Council from their financial activity and decides on the fund-raising campaigns of KNE.

All the leading bodies as well as each member of KNE have the duty to take care of the continuous improvement of KNE's finances, so that its financial independence is ensured, in order for it to be able to ensure its operation and action under any circumstances.

Article 39

KNE'S budget is approved by the CC. Each organization's budget is approved by the relevant leading bodies.

Each Audit Committee presents a report concerning the financial situation and management to the Conferences or the Congress by which it has been elected.

The CC manages KNE's finances and provides regular briefings to KNE members about the general state KNE's finances.

The CC appoints a Finance Committee which monitors and directs the relevant sectors.

Article 40

The financial management carried out by the Organizations of KNE is audited on a permanent, continuous basis by the relevant Audit Committees.

A regular audit of the documentations of revenues and expenses as well as on the reasons for the expenses is carried out throughout KNE.

CHAPTER 8

MEASURES TO FULFILL AND DEFEND THE STATUTES

Article 41

Upholding and defending the Statutes is the responsibility of every member, cadre and BO of KNE. Members of KNE, cadres, organizations and bodies who violate the Statutes are subject to the following disciplinary penalties, according to the violation:

- Notice
- Warning of expulsion
- Expulsion from KNE.

For serious offences by cadres in leading bodies, the body itself may impose the penalty of removal from duty. In this case the BO where they belong is informed, as well as the other BOs that belong to the range of action of the body that imposed the penalty.

Article 42

Undermining the unity of KNE, attempting to create groups or groupings, and violating the rules for protecting KNE, refusal to carry out KNE's decisions and other actions that damage the Organization and violate the discipline shall result in penalties which may, according to the seriousness of the actions involved, include expulsion.

Members of KNE whose actions and conduct are not compatible with membership in KNE must certainly be expelled, in particular members who betray the Organisation to the class enemy and their state repressive organs. Members who misappropriate funds belonging to KNE or to other organizations in which they represent KNE; as well as members whose behaviour and conduct is incompatible with the requirements of revolutionary attitude and ethics.

Article 43

A member of KNE can also be cut off from his organizational relationship with the Organization either when he withdraws, or if he is constantly absent without due reason from Organization's activities for more than a year, or without due reason, has not paid his dues for more than six consecutive months, even though a notification was made to him. In such cases and after the continuous efforts, the leading body proposes and the BO decides if it will expel the person from its force.

Article 44

The BO and all the Bodies of KNE have the right to impose penalties. To expel a person from the Organization a decision from the BO Assembly is required, and that kind of decision is ratified by the higher leading body.

Higher bodies can submit proposals for expulsions to the BOs. In exceptional cases, the Central Council may decide to expel a member of KNE. This right is used for serious reasons in the case members of KNE whose field of responsibility extends beyond the limits of the BO to which they belong.

When the Statutes are violated by an entire Organization or leading body, then the penalty imposed may include dissolution of such Organization or body, to be followed by its reconstitution by the higher leading bodies. For such a decision to be implemented requires approval by the Central Council.

Article 45

The decision to impose any penalty whatsoever, and particularly that of expulsion from KNE, must be taken with the greatest care and attention, and there must be verification of whether the charges laid are in fact well grounded. The reasons of the penalty must be clearly stated.

No penalty or sanction shall be imposed on any member if he is not informed on the charges against him and without giving him the opportunity to express and support their view before the Organization or body that he is a member of it.

No member of KNE will face consequences for personal views expressed within the framework of the Statutes.

Cadres and members that prevent criticism carry serious responsibility and can face penalties, including their expulsion from KNE.

Article 46

Every member of KNE who considers that the penalty imposed is unjust or excessive has the right to register an objection towards the higher leading bodies, up to the CC and the Congress.

Penalties may be re-examined by the bodies that imposed them, or by the higher leading bodies and the Central Council.

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