

## Rules on Presidents and their concerned Staffs

Pres. Rikio Kaneko wrote as follows in his message:

Currently our ELFO Family has 2 international Organizations, namely: the ELFO and the ICO (International Conciliation Organization) and 6 national ELFAs (Earth-Loving Friendly Association).

The ELFO adopted a new system of PRESIDENT of 3 HEADS, but these 3 HEADs (1<sup>st</sup> Pres., 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres., and 3<sup>rd</sup> Pres.) are not accustomed to the new system, so its movement is very slow as a tortoise. They sent you only an inaugural greeting, so I am obliged to do many things for them. Sooner or later they will move faster.

One of the causes is that their functions are not clearly stipulated. So this time I and GA Chair Karpekina present jointly clauses to be added to the existing Rules on Presidents.

The old Rules on these leaders was simple ones having only 17 Articles.(Click here [Rules on Pres.](#)). And GA Chair decided in [JAN 6, 2023](#) the adoption of the new Rules. But our experiences tell you that more elaboration is far better than the Rules, so that Pres. Rikio Kaneko and GA Irina Karpekina proposed jointly to the GA the following additional phrases (*Rosy italic*) to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rules. *Italic King's blue* is my comment, and *blue sentences* are her comment. And the GA of the ELFO and the ICO adopted the following Rules in [JAN 16, 2023](#).

## Rules on Presidents and their concerning staffs

Considering that in our ELFO FAMIY there are already many kinds of Presidents, and that in future there will appear more and more Presidents in our FAMILY, now it is necessary to elaborate rules concerning Hon. President, Presidents, Acting Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Advisors, Consultants, Assistants, Chairperson of the General Assembly, and Election Administration Committee etc.

In December 25, 2022 the General Assembly (GA) of the Earth-Loving Friendly Organization (ELFO) and the GA of the International Conciliation

Organization (ICO) adopted unanimously the “Rules on Presidents in ELFO FAMILY” as is seen in the URL: <http://mopw.org/rules%20on%20pres..pdf>

Present Rules on Presidents and their concerning staffs are results of our wishes to develop the ELFO FAMILY more friendly, harmoniously and effectively without bureaucratic color by dividing many complex functions among competent collaborators willing actually to contribute to making our FAMILY and Planet better.

## Chapter 1. General Rules

Article 1. At any time and in any place any ELFO member may suggest one's idea to develop ELFO FAMILY for promoting friendship and peace among nations, and may announce one's willingness to be ELFO President, Acting President, a Vice-President, or other important staff.

*As of JAN 10, 2023 there appeared already 2 members ready to be a candidate for the 1<sup>st</sup> President when next election will be conducted. I suppose sooner or later they will declare their candidacy.*

Article 2. Present Rules may be applied, with necessary qualifications, to status of important staffs of ELFO FAMILY: namely, the ICO (International Conciliation Organization), and many national ELFA (Earth-Loving Friendly Associations) etc.

## Chapter 2. Hon. President of the ELFO

Article 3. President, who was recognized by the ELFO GA as having rendered great contribution to the development of the ELFO FAMILY, may be Hon. President of the ELFO.

Article 4. There may be 2 kinds of Hon. President. The 1<sup>st</sup> category of the Hon. President may continue to have its former competence to act when incumbent President or other staffs cannot realize one's functions as is expected, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> category of Hon. President has not, in principle, such rights and any duties.

*Former ELFO Pres. Rikio Kaneko is to be recognized as the 1st category of ELFO Hon. President because he stated he would be so without any member's objection, and his contribution to our ELFO was very great and actually he is Representative of overwhelming majority of ELFO FAMILY members. (Irina K.)*

*Please pay due attention to the aforementioned important rule which reads as follows: “The 1<sup>st</sup> category of the Hon. President may continue to have its former competence to act when incumbent President or other staffs cannot realize one’s functions as is expected”. Present situation seems to be at such stage. Communication between new Presidents is rare due to inconvenience of the 1<sup>st</sup> President’s very restrictive channel.*

Article 5. Hon. Presidents and other members may suggest the post (status) of a new member whom they invite to join the ELFO FAMILY, provided that President will appoint him or her later officially. In case of absence of the official appointment, the new member shall be regarded as having the post suggested by the inviters.

*Such procedure will lighten the Presidents’ burden considerably. Daily I, Hon. Pres. Rikio, and Irina Karpekina is succeeding in inviting Diplomats or personalities to join the ELFO with suggesting their position. See, for example:*

*P.S. Here is my "Present" to you for Happy New Year!! Please see an attachment at pp. 5~8. There are many vacant seats where a suitable member may sit. I am very glad if you are willing to receive my "Present" of seat of Consultant for 3<sup>rd</sup> President Ajay Singh from India. He will appoint you officially. I am looking forward to your prompt reply.*

Article 6. Hon. Presidents of both categories may continue to have right of vote provided for in ELFO Charter, Article 8. Hon. Presidents are regarded as a member of the ELFO FAMILY even after their retirement without membership fee.

*The Article 8 reads: So long as a member does not express yes or no, his or her Representative shall be regarded a mandatory, and his or her yes or no shall also regarded as the same with that of Representative.*

Article 7. Hon. President of both categories may, rather are expected to, invite many VIPs, Dignities, Diplomats and other personalities to join our ELFO FAMILY, and remuneration will be paid to them alike as to other members in accordance with rules.

## Chapter 3. Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the central ELFO

Article 8. Incumbent President and Vice-President will continue to remain as present position so long as new President and Vice-President do not appear and, even if they are elected, are not recognized by incumbent President by Certificate.

*Though 3 new Presidents were elected, I (Rikio Kaneko) had not yet sent them a Certificate to that effect, so officially they were not President. Soon I sent it to them. (For example [Click here](#))*

Article 9. If only one member recommends oneself as a candidate for President or Vice-President, presents an oath that he will actually perform one's roles expected by our ELFO FAMILY, and join an open forum conducted by ELFO President, they will be regarded as having won the election. In the open forum former President, Hon. President and other members may participate.

*Dr. Leo Rebello and BELFA Pres. Edmario Peixinho recommended themselves as a candidate for the IELFA and the BELFA, but there was not an open forum. What shall we do?*

Article 10. If no member stands as a candidate for the vacant seats, 2<sup>nd</sup> prolonged election will be conducted in 14 days after the scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> election.

Article 11. In 2<sup>nd</sup> prolonged election any suitable member may be candidate for them, declaring oath that he will actually perform his roles expected by our ELFO FAMILY. In the open forum former President, Hon. President and other members may participate.

Article 12. Plural members may declare one's candidacy for Presidents or Vice-Presidents, provided that they will announce their political opinion and join an open forum conducted by ELFO President. Such a candidate may be regarded as elected automatically if there does not appear an opponent candidate.

Article 13. Under system of PRESIDENT of 3 HEADS, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Presidents have rights of appointment of their Acting Presidents, Advisors, Consultants and Assistants, and staffs of their subsidiary organs. All the other staffs shall be appointed by 1<sup>st</sup> President, with reservation of Article 5.

## Chapter 4. Presidents' Functions under PRESIDENT of 3 HEADS

Article 14. The 3 Presidents shall respect the following rules:

- a. They shall pay attention to friendly cooperation and harmonious division of works among them under 1<sup>st</sup> President's leadership, if it is impossible, under 2<sup>nd</sup> President's leadership;
- b. They shall keep good communication among them, and if any of them cannot answer the other President, his or her Acting President or an assistant shall answer provisionally; and
- c. President may, in his or her own judgement, may announce President's Declaration or Statement, while both the 2<sup>nd</sup> President and the 3<sup>rd</sup> President may, with President's or GA's approval, make a Declaration in its name.

*ELFO Charter, Article 22 stipulates that "President may, in his or her own judgement, may announce President's Declaration, while each Head of the primary organs may, with President's approval, make a declaration in its name." In the aforementioned paragraph (c) you notice 'or GA's' which allows the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> President to propose to the GA adoption of their Declaration if the 1<sup>st</sup> President did not agree to it.*

Article 15. The 1<sup>st</sup> President under system of PRESIDENT of 3 HEADS may have such general functions as provided for in the ELFO Charter, provided that the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Presidents have the functions laid down in Article 16 and Article 17 respectively.

One of the standard dividing 2<sup>nd</sup> President's and 3<sup>rd</sup> President's functions is necessity of external correspondence and unnecessariness of external correspondence. The former matters belong to functions of 2<sup>nd</sup> President, while the latter matters belong to the 3<sup>rd</sup> President.

Article 16. 2<sup>nd</sup> President has, among others, the following functions:

- a. to invite many kinds of persons to join our ELFO FAMILY, namely; a State, a present and former Head of State, a present and former Diplomat, an Autonomy (Self-Governing Community), an domestic and international Organization, and many kinds of natural persons;

- b. to introduce a proposal (a bill) to the GA (General Assembly) after approval with the 1<sup>st</sup> President, provided that a proposal not accompanied with financial outcome may be introduced straight to the GA.

- c. to make up one year's plan to be introduced in the GA, calling for cooperation with ELFO FAMILY, provided that the 2<sup>nd</sup> President shall make up in advance its contents as clear as possible.

- d. to be present in Interstate Department, Solidarity Department, Territorial and Boundary Department, and in other Department when they deliberate very important matters.

- e. to act for 1<sup>st</sup> President while neither he or she nor Acting President cannot perform their

roles.

Article 17. 3rd President has, among others, the following functions:

- a. to keep and develop horizontal good communication among members, using emails, Zoom, Skype, Whatsapp, Twitter, making MM (Mail Magazine), conducting ZAP (Zoom Amicable Party) etc.;
- b. to create and develop national ELFA (Earth-Loving Friendly Association), helping them at the first stage by presiding 1<sup>st</sup> meeting or GA;
- c. to call for promotion of activities and development of the Principal organs of the ELFO, at the same time, hearing their wishes;
- d. to make up one year's plan, calling for cooperation with ELFO FAMILY, provided that the 2<sup>nd</sup> President shall make up in advance its contents as clear as possible;
- e. to be present in Principle organs of the ELFO when the 3<sup>rd</sup> President thinks it is good for both sides.

## Chapter 5. Acting President

Article 18. Considering that almost all the Leaders of ELFO MAMILY are extremely busy with their personal affairs and social activities, each President of our ELFO FAMILY, besides that of court of justice, shall have an Acting President.

*It implies that each President of national ELFA shall have his or her Acting President.*

Article 19. When President does not keep good communication with ELFO members, Acting President may send info, talk with, them by one's judgement.

Article 20. Acting President may present one's ideas to ELFO members in President name with his or her consent as well as in one's own name. In the latter case Acting President may not get allowance from the President.

Article 21. Acting President may appoint ELFO members as Vice-Presidents, Advisors, Consultants, and Assistants who are to be under one's President so long as the latter does not appoint them. *(See vacant posts in attachment at pp. 2~5)*

Article 22. Acting President may promote many kinds of events in President's name with his or her consent as well as in Acting President's own name.

Article 23. When the GA judges that present Acting President's inauguration as President is far better than a given existing presidency, the Acting President may inaugurate as President immediately without Certificate provided for in Article 8.

## Chapter 6. Advisors, Consultant, and Assistant

Article 23. An Advisor has a right to recommend some steps to President even if the latter does not ask the first to do so. President appoints an Advisor Section Head and its staffs.

Article 24. A Consultant has not such right as an Advisor has, and recommends some steps to President if the latter asks the former to do so. President appoints a Consultant Section Head and its staffs officially with reservation of Article 5.

Article 25. While having free time, an assistant will help President perform routine functions. President appoints an Assistant Section Head and its staffs.

## Chapter 7. Chairperson of the General Assembly of the ELFA

Article 26. Chairperson may receive any member's proposal (bill) on agenda item, and in his or her judgement may decide the priority of deliberation, provided that ELFO 1<sup>st</sup> President has 1<sup>st</sup> priority in choosing the order of agenda items, shall propose the order if any.

Article 27. Not only Chairperson, but also any ELFO member may ask President to introduce proposal (bill) with elaborated contents.

Article 28. When 1<sup>st</sup> President or Acting President does not express one's wish on priority of agenda items within 24 hour from their announcement by Chairperson, their order shall go as the Chair chose. When the 1<sup>st</sup> President wishes to withdraw a matter from deliberation, he or she shall explain the situation about it.

Article 29. Regarding introduction of proposal (bill), the 1<sup>st</sup> category of Hon. President has the 2<sup>nd</sup> priority after the 1<sup>st</sup> President, provided that if the latter has not presented a concurrent agenda items, the former's proposal goes automatically. As soon as Hon. President or 1<sup>st</sup> President introduce their proposal, it shall be regarded that deliberation began even without Chair's declaration on commencement of the GA, and any member may express one's opinion.

*Such simplified procedure will accelerate deliberation and early adoption of decisions. If we set up bureaucratic documental restrictions, we will loose many times in vain. See reality, now I am writing the present Draft “Rules on Presidents and their concerning staffs” without consulting the 1<sup>st</sup> President (he is not so communicative). If I asked him to review my draft, and if he did not answer me for a long time (I sent him 11 messages without his answer), what would happen? Rule-making process would be as if it were such very slow movement of that of earthworm.*

Article 30. Only the 1<sup>st</sup> category of Hon. President and 1st President may send their draft agenda items directly to the concerned members, not through the Chairperson. In this case it is not necessary for Chairperson to declare the beginning of the deliberation.

*You know already such an example: I'll not send specially present Draft Rules only to GA Chair Irina Karpekina, but straight to all of ELFO members including her, asking her as follow, for example:*

*Dear GA Chair Irina Karpekina, I ask you to decide adoption of my proposal at 20: 00 of JAN 2023 if there is no objection to it.*

Article 31. Period of deliberation may be restricted, in principle, to 2 days regarding one or some agenda items if there is no objection to it or if there are only some members who are against it. If it is very urgent matter, deliberation may be restricted to 24 hours.

*Such case happened recently for the first time, when it became clear that Dr. Ms. Tamara. A. told me about her sudden visit to Africa and meeting African Presidents. I asked her to hand them our 4<sup>th</sup> Proposal on conciliation between Russia and Ukraine.*

Article 32. When overwhelming majority of votes are “Yes”, it is not necessary for a Chairperson to announce the number of “Yes” votes.

*Almost every day a new face or faces join our central ELFO FAMILY or national local ELFA (Earth-Loving Friendly Association). It is actually impossible to ascertain exact number of our members at the time of adoption of a given decision.*

Article 33. The minutes of each General Assembly shall be certified by the 1<sup>st</sup> President, provided that the latter may not certify each decision on each agenda of the former, may certify only the final summery minutes of each General Assembly.



*If we taked bureaucratic step that each decision on agenda item shall be certified at the time of its adoption, rule-making process would very slow as an earthworm.*

Article 34. The minutes of each General Assembly shall be opened on its web-site.

## Chapter 8. Election Administration Commission

Article 35. Election may be conducted by Internet, Fax, email etc.

Article 36. A Central Election Administration Committee (CEAC) may be composed of 2 members which shall be recognized by the GA. A National Election Administration Committee (NEAC) also may be composed of 2 members which shall be recognized by the GA of its NELFA.

Article 37. GA's decision is prior to CEAC's.

*See present situation, for example. Some members became Presidents, but though at the 2<sup>nd</sup> election Dr. Leo Rebello is a candidate, its 2<sup>nd</sup> election is not running. I suppose the GA's new decision would better than the CEAC's because it is more authoritative and fast way.*

Article 38. President of a national ELFA may ask the Central Election Administration Committee (CEAC) to administer its national election without its national as a member of the CEAC, or may ask to add his or her national to the CEAC.

*This rule reflects present week solidarity among members of NELFAs. Some of NELFAs have not organizational force even to create one's national EAC.*

Article 39. When an elected person's winning is perfectly clear, it is not necessary for the CEAC or NEAC to totalize all the votes in accordance with the category of votes.

*For example, when only a few was against a candidate, while overwhelming members voted for the candidate.*

## Chapter 9. Final Rules

Article 40. These 'Rules on Presidents and their concerning staffs' shall be effective at the date of January 16, 2023, shall be opened on our web-site.