

Statute (Regulations) of the Coordination Council of Belarus

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This Statute of the Coordination Council of Belarus (hereinafter referred to as 'the Statute' or 'Regulations') is drafted per the general principles of law and democratic foundations that apply to the establishment and operations of public-political bodies representing civil society.

The Statute of the Coordination Council regulates the dealings of the delegates among themselves insofar as they do not contradict the general principles of law and recognized international standards. This Statute regulates issues related to the organizational activities of the entire Coordination Council, its structural bodies and delegates, as well as activities related to cooperation with other civic initiatives, public associations, political entities, government bodies, representatives of foreign states, and other international partners.

This Statute implements the right and opportunity for every citizen of Belarus, without undue restrictions, to participate in the governance of the state by the means of freely elected representatives, and the right for political and civic actions aimed at the establishment of an independent and democratic state in Belarus, according to basic principles of constitutionalism.

On August 8, 2022, the Coordination Council decided to reorganize its activities as part of the newly formed configuration of the democratic forces of Belarus. As a result, the second convocation of the Coordination Council was formed, which hereafter adopts this Statute (Regulations).

The Second convocation of the Coordination Council (as of February 9, 2023) is comprised of:

- A. members of the General Assembly of the Coordination Council of the first convocation of August 19, 2020, who have confirmed their intention to continue their engagement with activities of the reorganized Coordination Council (25 delegates);
- B. Belarusians are elected through the procedure of freely nominated candidates (15 delegates);
- C. delegates from civil society organizations and democratic forces (75 delegates) nominated according to 5 issue-related sectors (15 delegates for each sector):
 - a. Sector 1 "Political Organizations" (political parties registered in Belarus, teams of politicians, political movements, initiatives, organizing committees of political parties);

- b. Sector 2 "Human Rights, Youth, and Environment" (human rights defenders, social services, vulnerable groups support initiatives, youth, and youth policy organizations, gender equality promotion, environment);
- c. Sector 3 "Education, Culture and Media" (media development, education, culture, independent analytics, research centers, faith-based organizations);
- d. Sector 4 "Local Communities, Trade Unions and Business" (local communities, business and entrepreneurship development, urban development and urban planning, local (regional) development, courtyard communities, professional unions, and communities);
- e. Sector 5 "Diasporas" (country-wide and regional associations of Belarusians abroad, initiatives coordinating the activities of the diaspora).

The provisions of this Statute shall apply to all delegates of the Coordination Council and affiliated bodies, which are considered as such in accordance with other regulations and documents of the Coordination Council.

Terms that relate to individuals shall apply to any person, regardless of gender or gender identity, unless otherwise specified by this Regulation. Any term in the singular shall apply to the plural and vice versa. The use of the conjunction "and" may be interpreted as "or" and vice versa.

1. Coordination Council, its objectives, and types of activities

- 1.1. The Coordination Council is a representative body of the democratic forces and civil society organizations from Belarus, which assembles representatives of the Belarusian civil society: independent activists and delegates from civil initiatives, public associations, professional unions, political parties, charitable foundations, and other non-profit organizations for activities in accordance to this Statute. Such activities shall follow the objective of establishing a democratic form of government in the Republic of Belarus based on the priority of inalienable and universally recognized human rights and rule of law, and preserving the sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Belarus.
- 1.2. The Coordination Council carries out any activities that arise from its nature as the representative body of the Belarusian civil society and democratic forces, and which are not prohibited by this Regulation, which include but are not constrained to:
 - 1.2.1. Discussion of publicly important issues, which pertain to the entire Belarusian society, in particular, issues related to the peaceful transfer of power in Belarus, restoration of the democratic form of government in Belarus, comprehensive assessment of the situation in Belarus, and actions of state authorities, including but not constrained to:
 - 1.2.1.1. Holding open and closed hearings, assemblies, and thematic sessions to identify opinions and attitudes of citizens of the Republic of Belarus (and their associations) on any significant issue;
 - 1.2.1.2. Consideration, discussion, coordination, and approval of publicly significant issues pertaining to the interests of Belarusian society, which arise from the activities of political entities that have sent their delegates to the Coordinating Council, as well as those which arise from the

activities of any other public and political entity of the Belarusian democratic movement being in a relationship of responsible partnership with the Coordinating Council;

1.2.1.3. Obtaining information from Belarusian public and political leaders, initiatives, and organizations of Belarusian democratic forces and civil society;

1.2.1.4. Obtaining information from various international and foreign organizations institutions, and government bodies.

1.2.2. Interaction with any Belarusian political and public entity, including but not constrained to:

1.2.2.1. Proposing, discussing, and approving strategic tasks for the United Transitional Cabinet and other political entities that have sent their delegates to the Coordinating Council, as well as for any other public and political entity of the Belarusian democratic movement being in a relationship of responsible partnership with the Coordinating Council.

1.2.2.2. Holding open and closed hearings on the activities of the bodies of the Coordination Council, the United Transitional Cabinet, and other political entities that have sent their delegates to the Coordination Council, as well as on the activities of the bodies of any other public and political entity of the Belarusian democratic movement being are in a relationship of responsible partnership with the Coordination Council;

1.2.2.3. Approval of candidates for a position in the United Transitional Cabinet, as well as other public positions representing the interests of the entire democratic movement;

1.2.2.4. Proposition of candidates for the positions in the United Transitional Cabinet, as well as any other candidates for other public and socially significant positions that affect the interests of the Belarusian democratic movement;

1.2.2.5. Clause was not adopted;

1.2.2.6. Execution of civil control by holding hearings on periodic reports of the United Transitional Cabinet, including activities of its individual representatives and other issues related to its activities, including fundraising and spendings activities;

1.2.2.7. Assessments and recommendations for the United Transitional Cabinet and its head based on the reviews of its reports, including the reports of its individual representatives;

1.2.2.8. The issuance of a vote of no confidence for the entire convocation of the United Transitional Cabinet if the presented report on its activities was found unsatisfactory;

1.2.2.9. Development and approval of nationwide programs and strategies of international assistance to Belarus, including programs of support for separate thematic sectors, in cooperation with the United Transitional Cabinet.

1.2.2.10. Representation of the interests of the Belarusian society in the international arena, in line with the activities of democratic forces, which are agreed upon with the United Transitional Cabinet.

- 1.2.3. Protection of the rights and interests of Belarusian citizens who were deprived of the support and protection of the Belarusian state, both within the territory of the Republic of Belarus and beyond, including the provision of urgent legal assistance.
- 1.2.4. Facilitation and organization of conflict and dispute resolution between Belarusian public and political associations and initiatives, with the help of mediation and negotiations, the establishment of independent investigation and fact-finding commissions, examinations, and discussions based on expert reports.
- 1.2.5. Audit of the financial and other related activities of civil and political initiatives of the Belarusian society, including requests for information on fundraising and spendings of public and political entities that have sent their delegates to the Coordination Council, as well as any other public and political entity of the Belarusian democratic movement being in a responsible partnership relation with the Coordination Council.
- 1.3. A responsible partnership relation established with the Coordination Council is an interaction between the Coordination Council and the public and political entities of the Belarusian democratic movement aimed at the increase of the level of mutual trust, legitimacy of civil representation, and authority of organizations. These interactions are based on the principles of openness and reliability of the information exchange, defined by preliminary agreements and legal restrictions, as well as on readiness for public discussion of matters that are important for the Belarusian democratic community, and reasoned public dialogue regarding strategies of the development and activities of organizations that have entered into such relations.
- 1.4. Convocation period of the Coordination Council and its Official Language
 - 1.4.1. The Coordination Council was established on August 14, 2020, following the initiative of Svetlana Tikhonovskaya as an assembly of authoritative representatives from different groups of Belarusian society, aiming to find solutions to overcome the political crisis in Belarus and ensure social consensus (the first convocation).
 - 1.4.2. The period of the second convocation of the Coordination Council, formed in 2023, is one year from the date of its first inaugural meeting (February 8, 2023), which was held after the formation of the full convocation of the Coordination Council.
 - 1.4.3. Clause was not adopted.
 - 1.4.4. The official language of all documents of the Coordination Council is Belarusian.

2. Delegates, their Nomination, Election, and Termination of Office

- 2.1. Delegates of the Coordination Council are representatives of civil and political organizations of the Belarusian democratic movement and citizens who exercise their right to participate in the governance of state affairs of Belarus, including political and civic actions aimed at the

establishment of an independent and democratic Belarusian state per the fundamental principles of constitutionalism.

- 2.2. Delegates of the Coordination Council of the third and subsequent convocations are elected by citizens of the Republic of Belarus based on universal, direct, equal, and secret suffrage. In case it is impossible to organize such voting due to the illegal seizure of power in the Republic of Belarus and the suppression of the basic human rights and freedoms of citizens of the Republic of Belarus, as well as the full or partial occupation of the Republic of Belarus by foreign armed forces, the procedure for the election of delegates and the formation of the Coordination Council is determined by the previous convocation of the Coordination Council no later than three months before the expiration of the period of the previous convocation of the Coordination Council.
- 2.3. The term of office for a delegate of the Coordination Council shall be twelve months from the moment of the first meeting of its new convocation.
- 2.4. All delegates of the Coordination Council shall be equal. Delegates of the Coordination Council shall have the following rights:
 - 2.4.1. To receive accurate and complete information about the activities of the Coordination Council and its bodies;
 - 2.4.2. To elect and be elected to the governing bodies, other bodies, and to the leadership positions of the Coordination Council in line with the procedures described in this Regulation;
 - 2.4.3. To participate in discussions, elaboration, and making of decisions of the General Assembly of the Coordination Council through voting per the procedures established in this Regulation or to abstain from voting;
 - 2.4.4. To propose questions, proposals, and drafts of documents for discussion and voting at the General Assembly of the Coordination Council, provided that such proposals are supported by no fewer than six other delegates;
 - 2.4.5. To revoke their role in the governing bodies of the Coordination Council, as well as to leave the Coordination Council at any time at their discretion by the appropriate notification to the Speaker of the Coordination Council or the Secretariat;
 - 2.4.6. To create work groups and other groups, and factions, initiate the formation of commissions, as well as to participate in their activities per personal convictions, and personal vision of the strategies of the Coordination Council, apply their professional knowledge and skills and contribute to the efficiency of the activities of the Coordination Council;
 - 2.4.7. To freely join no more than one faction with its consent, to join one or more work groups, or not to join any factions or not to be a member of any work groups.
 - 2.4.8. While exercising their rights and fulfilling their obligations, delegates of the Coordination Council may conduct internal and external correspondence, and create and send requests on the official letterhead of the Delegate of the Coordination Council of Belarus.

- 2.5. Delegates of the Coordination Council shall be obliged to conscientiously perform the role of a delegate of the Coordination Council and defend the interests of the citizens of the Republic of Belarus, democratic forces, and organizations of Belarusian civil society that delegated them to the Coordination Council, in particular:
- 2.5.1. Participate in the work of the Coordination Council, which involves attending meetings of the General Assembly, familiarizing oneself with the documents of the Coordination Council, and participating in the general vote. If a delegate does not participate in the general vote for two consecutive months, their absence will not be counted in the quorum at the subsequent vote of the General Assembly. The delegate's voting right is automatically restored upon resuming their participation in the General Assembly.
- 2.5.2. Engage in constructive discussions, which include adhering to the rules, which in turn include a prohibition of insult, usage of swear language, making baseless statements and accusations, disseminating misinformation, and disrupting the order of speaking. In the event of repeated violations of the discussion rules within the same discussion, the violator may be deprived of their right to speak until the end of such discussion, per the decision of the Permanent Ethics Committee established under section 3.12 of this Regulation. This provision does not establish censorship and is aimed at complying with commonly accepted norms of fair conduct.
- 2.6. A delegate of the Coordination Council may be deprived of their mandate by a qualified majority decision of the General Assembly in the following cases:
- 2.6.1. The delegate does not participate in the meetings of the General Assembly of the Coordination Council for three consecutive months, except for cases recognized by the General Assembly as valid.
- 2.6.2. The delegate's activity is incompatible with the goals of the Coordination Council or the delegate discredits the activity of the Coordination Council with their actions. The procedure for such exclusion shall be provided by a special regulation adopted by the General Assembly of the Coordination Council.
- 2.7. Clause was not adopted.
- 2.8. Office holders in the United Transitional Cabinet or their deputy with the right to vote in the United Transitional Cabinet cannot be delegates of the Coordination Council.

3. Forms of cooperation among delegates

- 3.1. For increasing the efficiency of the Coordination Council's operations, formalized cooperation of delegate groups is carried out through work groups, factions, committees, and other groups.
- 3.2. A Faction is a voluntarily formed group of delegates consisting of no fewer than nine individuals. A Faction is formed based on the personal convictions of its members, united by

their opinions on significant issues related to the strategy of the Coordination Council, ways of its development, the strategy of democratic forces' activities, and other joint characteristics. The Faction's goal is to increase the efficiency of the Coordination Council in achieving its objectives.

- 3.3. The Faction informs the Secretariat about its creation or dissolution, its composition, leaders, decision-making process, and voting procedures. The Faction leaders are responsible for the completeness and reliability of the information provided to the Secretariat about the Faction. The Faction terminates its work in case of a decision on its dissolution or if the number of delegates in the Faction falls below the level established by these Regulations.
- 3.4. A delegate of the Coordination Council may leave the Faction by notifying the Faction's leadership and the Secretariat. The delegate's Faction membership ends at the end of the day on which the notification of leaving the Faction is submitted.
- 3.5. Clause was not put on a vote.
- 3.6. The Factions have the following authority:
 - 3.6.1. to delegate their representatives to the governing bodies of the Coordination Council;
 - 3.6.2. to put questions and proposals on the agenda of the meetings of the General Assembly of the Coordination Council;
 - 3.6.3. to receive information from the bodies of the Coordination Council upon request;
 - 3.6.4. to put questions and proposals to a vote of the General Assembly of the Coordination Council;
 - 3.6.5. to propose candidates for the positions of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, and Head of the Secretariat of the Coordination Council.
- 3.7. A Work Group is a voluntary association of no fewer than three delegates created for conducting project-related or permanent activities which require relevant knowledge and competencies, aimed at fulfilling specific tasks within the types of activities of the Coordination Council which shall be enacted by these Regulations.
- 3.8. The Work Group notifies the Secretariat about its creation, composition, leader, stated goals and objectives, operations, and decision-making process, as well as about the termination of the group's activities. The leader of the Work Group is responsible for the completeness and reliability of the information provided to the Secretariat about the Working Group.
- 3.9. The Commission of the Coordination Council is a group of delegates authorized by the Board of Factions to perform tasks that are related to fact-finding, clarification of circumstances, and obtainment of expert opinions which are necessary for the Coordination Council to responsibly and informatively achieve its objectives.

- 3.10. A proposal for the establishment of a commission may be submitted to the Board of Factions by the Speaker, a faction, or a group of delegates numbering no less than six individuals. The proposal must contain the following mandatory attributes: a) the justification for the establishment of the commission, its goals and objectives, b) the scope and period of its authority, including the rights to conduct internal and external correspondence, create and send requests on the official letterhead of the Coordination Council of Belarus, c) agreement upon the candidacy of the leader and deputy leader of the commission. Factions have the right to delegate their representative to the commission at any time. The commission is accountable to the Board of Factions and the General Assembly of the Coordination Council per the procedures and timelines established in the decision of its formation.
- 3.11. Clause was not adopted.
- 3.12. To comply with the principles of constructive communication and conflict resolution, a permanent Ethics Commission for Communication is established, which has the right, by the vote of a simple majority, to make a proposal to the Speaker and Vice-Speaker on the restriction of the delegate's right to speak in public in the Coordination Council if such delegate repeatedly violates adopted rules of constructive discussions in the Coordination Council. Members of the commission are selected by lot from among the delegates. Communication restriction does not limit the delegate in any other rights and can only be temporary.
- 3.13. Factions, working groups, and commissions may report on the results of their activities no more frequently than once every three months to the General Assembly of the Coordination Council. If necessary, the Speaker may request a one-time or periodic report from the faction, working group, or commission, and leaders of which shall be obliged to prepare such a report for review by the General Assembly of the Coordination Council or the Board of Factions within a reasonable timeframe.

4. Governing bodies of the Coordination Council: The General Assembly, Board of Factions, Speaker and Vice-Speaker, Secretariat and Head of Secretariat

- 4.1. The General Assembly
- 4.1.1. The General Assembly of the Coordination Council is its highest governing body, consisting of all its delegates with valid mandates.
- 4.1.2. The General Assembly has the authority to make decisions on all issues presented to it, with the participation of no less than half plus one delegate of the total number of delegates of the Coordination Council with valid mandates.
- 4.1.3. The General Assembly makes decisions by a vote of a simple majority of delegates on the following issues:

- 4.1.3.1. Approval of resolutions, statements, appeals, and requests on behalf of the Coordination Council, proposed by the Board of Factions, factions, commissions, or group delegates of at least 6 individuals;
- 4.1.3.2. Approval of performance reports;
- 4.1.3.3. Approval of the Coordination Council's budget reports;
- 4.1.3.4. Clause was not adopted.
- 4.1.3.5. Approval of the annual budget of the current Coordination Council convocation, annual performance report of the Secretariat, and budget spendings report;
- 4.1.4. The General Assembly makes decisions by a qualified majority of two-thirds of delegates on the following issues:
 - 4.1.4.1. Approval and modification of this Statute (Regulations);
 - 4.1.4.2. Clause was not adopted.
 - 4.1.4.3. Exclusion of delegates from the Coordination Council;
 - 4.1.4.4. Clause was not adopted;
 - 4.1.4.5. Vote of no confidence and vote for a proposal towards the Speaker, Vice-Speaker, or Head of the Secretariat to resign, which shall be initiated by a group of delegates numbering at least one-third of the Coordination Council membership list;
 - 4.1.4.6. Co-optation of new delegates to the current convocation of the Coordination Council;
 - 4.1.4.7. Vote of no confidence towards the United Transitional Cabinet when its report is not approved;
- 4.1.5. The General Assembly elects the Speaker, Vice-Speaker, head of the Secretariat, and special representatives of the Coordination Council by preferential voting by lists from among candidates nominated by factions and initiative groups of delegates of at least six. A group of delegates or factions may nominate no more than one candidate for the Speaker position.
 - 4.1.5.1. Preferential voting by lists is used for the election of the Speaker, Vice-Speaker, head of the Secretariat, and special representatives of the Coordination Council.
- 4.1.6. Voting at the General Assembly of the Coordination Council is open. The Speaker announces the results of the vote immediately after the votes are counted. The results of the vote are published by the Secretariat of the Coordination Council no later than 24 hours after the end of the vote.

4.1.7. Creation and publication of statements, letters, requests, and any other documents on the official letterhead of the Coordination Council of Belarus is the exclusive right of the Board of Factions.

4.1.8. The duration of speeches at the meetings of the General Assembly of the Coordination Council is determined by the Speaker, who follows the following recommendations regarding the duration of different types of speeches:

- A. report - from 10 to 30 minutes by agreement with the speaker;
- B. co-report - from 10 to 15 minutes;
- C. concluding remarks by the reporter and co-reporter - up to 10 minutes;
- D. speech in debates on behalf of a faction, working group, group of delegates, committee, or special representative - up to 7 minutes, and on one's behalf - up to 4 minutes;
- E. answer to one question - up to 3 minutes, and the question itself - no more than one minute;
- F. A statement, message, announcement, and submission of a proposal - up to 3 minutes;
- G. speech on procedural issues, voting motives, rejoinders, references, explanations, and announcement of a separate opinion - up to 2 minutes.

4.2. Speaker and Vice-Speaker

4.2.1. The Speaker of the Coordination Council is a valid office holder who has obtained the maximum rating in the vote of the General Assembly for the election of the Speaker of the Coordination Council and who does not belong to any faction, carries out the following functions:

- 4.2.1.1. chairing and execution of the proceedings of meetings of the Coordination Council per this Regulation;
- 4.2.1.2. ensuring compliance of the activities of the Coordination Council with the provisions of this Regulation;
- 4.2.1.3. representing the Coordination Council in all relations with partners, contractors, and the wider public through the media and official communication channels of the Coordination Council, including internal and external correspondence, creating and submitting requests on the official letterhead of the Speaker of the Coordination Council of Belarus.
- 4.2.1.4. Ensuring effective communication between all delegates and structures of the Coordination Council;
- 4.2.1.5. Ensuring the effective performance of their functions by all bodies of the Coordination Council per the provisions of these Regulations;

4.2.2. The Vice-Speaker is an office holder of the Coordination Council who is ranked second in the vote of the General Assembly for the election of the Speaker of the Coordination Council. The Vice-Speaker assists the Speaker in carrying out his functions in coordination with her and replaces her during periods of her forced absence. In the event of the resignation of the

Speaker or her inability to perform her functions for three consecutive months, the Vice-Speaker acquires all the rights and obligations of the Speaker, and the position of the Vice-Speaker is transferred to the delegate of the Coordination Council who ranked next in the vote of the General Assembly for the election of the Speaker of the Coordination Council.

4.2.3. The term of office of the Speaker and Vice-Speaker of the Coordination Council is equal to the period of the current convocation of the Coordination Council unless shall be terminated prematurely by the General Assembly of the Coordination Council in accordance with these Regulations.

4.2.4. The Speaker and Vice-Speaker are accountable in their activities to the General Assembly of the Coordination Council.

4.2.5. Guided by the provisions of this Statute, the Speaker and Vice-Speaker jointly develop rules for holding meetings of the Coordination Council, by which they determine the order of registration of delegates' speeches, their sequence, and duration depending on the type and declared volume of the information being transmitted. The developed rules are made available to the delegates of the Coordination Council promptly.

4.3. The Board of Factions of the Coordination Council

4.3.1. General provisions on the Board of Factions

4.3.1.1. The Board of Factions is a collective governing body of the Coordination Council. The competence of the Board of Factions includes any issues not related to the special competence of the General Assembly of the Coordination Council. The Board of Factions is accountable in its activities to the General Assembly of the Coordination Council.

4.3.1.2. The Board of Factions of the Coordination Council consists of representatives of factions and representatives of committees, as well as the Speaker of the Coordination Council and the Head of the Secretariat. The number of faction representatives in the Board of the Factions is a multiple of nine delegates (a faction of nine delegates will have one representative, a faction of eighteen will have two representatives, etc.). Each committee delegates no more than one representative to the Board of the Factions. The Head of the Secretariat and representatives of the committees participate in the Board of the Factions in an advisory capacity. The decisions of the Board of Factions are made by a simple majority of the votes of the representatives present.

4.3.1.3. The Board of Factions is valid when attended by representatives whose factions have in total no less than half plus one of the votes of the total number of votes that make up the Board of the factions.

4.3.1.4. The Board of Factions strives for consensus when making decisions. Representatives of one faction have a number of votes that is a multiple of nine delegates from their faction (a faction of nine delegates will have one vote, a faction of eighteen will have two votes, and so on). The Speaker of the Coordination Council has one vote. In case a consensus cannot be reached, the Board of Factions makes a decision based on the majority of votes. In case of a

tie, the vote of the Speaker of the Coordination Council has a decisive value.

4.3.2. Authority of the Board of Factions:

- 4.3.2.1. The Board of Factions shall determine the agenda of the work of the Coordination Council and the order of the questions to be voted on;
 - 4.3.2.2. The Board of Factions shall approve official documents distributed on behalf of the Coordination Council;
 - 4.3.2.3. The Board of Factions shall make decisions about the participation of the Coordination Council as a partner or patron of projects, public campaigns, or other public events;
 - 4.3.2.4. The Board of Factions shall oversee the implementation of this Statute, monitors the activities of the Secretariat, as well as the financial control of the activities of the Coordination Council;
 - 4.3.2.5. The Board of Factions shall assist the Speaker and the Secretariat in solving organizational tasks;
 - 4.3.2.6. In the absence of the Speaker or the Vice-Speaker, the Board of the Factions is led by one of the leaders of the factions, chosen by lot;
 - 4.3.2.7. The Board of Factions shall approve the staff composition of the Secretariat and the budget of the Coordination Council by the proposal of the Head of the Secretariat;
 - 4.3.2.8. The Board of Factions shall determine the main directions and tasks in the implementation of the representative functions of the Coordination Council, including representation at the international level;
 - 4.3.2.9. The Board of Factions shall form commissions of the Coordination Council on its initiative or at the suggestion of the factions. The composition of these commissions, their powers, and their responsibilities are determined by the Board of Factions.
- 4.3.3. Non-faction delegates of the Coordination Council have the right to nominate their representative with the right to vote on the Board of Factions (the representative of nine non-faction delegates will have one vote, the representative of eighteen non-faction delegates - two votes, etc.) for a term of three months. The nomination is carried out by direct voting of non-faction delegates. Non-faction delegates inform the Secretariat about the nomination of their representative to the Board of the Factions, providing a list of delegates who nominated him/her.

4.4. The Secretariat and Its Head

- 4.4.1. The Secretariat of the Coordination Council is a body responsible for organizational, technical, and financial support of the activities of the Coordination Council and all its structures.

4.4.2. Clause was not adopted.

4.4.3. The Secretariat shall facilitate the operations of the General Assembly of the Coordination Council, its voting, Board of Factions meetings, commissions, and work groups, inform the public about the activities of the Coordination Council's structures through the media and official channels of the Coordination Council, organize meetings of delegates and governing bodies of the Coordination Council, local and international trips of authorized representatives of the Coordination Council, organize assemblies, hearings, and public events of the Coordination Council, collect and ensure the security of personal data of delegates per the requirements of the applicable laws.

4.4.4. The Secretariat compiles a complete list of the current Coordination Council's delegates, including their names and surnames, no later than ten days after the formation of the Coordination Council's convocation and presents it in open access. Personal data of Coordination Council delegates located in Belarus, as well as of delegates reasonably fearing possible repressions, may be shortened to the name or pseudonym of the delegate and the name of the initiative that nominated him/her.

4.4.5. The Head of the Secretariat is its leader and the highest official authorized to dispose of the property of the Secretariat, accept and pay funds, sign contracts on behalf of the Secretariat, and act on behalf of the Secretariat before state bodies and in court. The head of the Secretariat cannot simultaneously be a delegate of the Coordination Council. If a delegate is elected as the head of the Secretariat, he/she resigns his/her mandate during the period of performing the duties of the head of the Secretariat.

4.4.6. The Head of the Secretariat shall be appointed by the General Assembly of the Coordination Council per the provisions of this Regulation.

4.4.7. The Head of the Secretariat shall develop and submit to the approval of the General Assembly of the Coordination Council the draft budget of the Secretariat and its staffing schedule, as well as proposals for their amendment and supplementation as necessary.

4.4.8. The Head of the Secretariat shall report to the Board of Factions on the operational implementation of the Secretariat budget quarterly. The Head of the Secretariat shall provide an annual report on the activities of the Secretariat and the implementation of the budget to the General Assembly of the Coordination Council.

4.5. Special Representatives

4.5.1. For performing specialized tasks and missions on necessity, the General Assembly of the Coordination Council may appoint special representatives from the candidates nominated by factions and initiative groups of delegates of a minimum of six persons.

4.5.2. Special representatives of the Coordination Council are accountable in their activities to the General Assembly of the Coordination Council and the Board of Factions within the limits and periods of the powers conferred on them.

5. Budget of the Coordination Council

- 5.1. Budgeting and approval of the Budget of the Coordination Council, as well as the procedure for budget and spendings reporting by the Secretariat, are regulated by the Budget Regulations of the Coordination Council.