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## CAF STATUTES

### THE TERMS USED IN THE CURRENT STATUTES SHALL DENOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. "WADA" shall mean the "World Anti-Doping Agency"; an international independent organization whose mission is to lead a worldwide campaign for a sport free of doping.
2. "General Assembly" shall refer to the legislative and supreme body of CAF.
3. "Association" shall mean a National Association recognized by FIFA and CAF.
4. "CAF" shall mean the "Confédération Africaine de Football".
5. "IOC" shall refer to the "International Olympic Committee"; an international non-governmental and non-profit organization, in the form of an association with the status of a legal person, based in Lausanne.
6. "Club" shall mean an association of persons statutorily organized for the specific purpose of playing the game of football collectively and recognized as an entity affiliated to a national association.
7. "CCE" shall refer to the "CAF Code of Ethics".
8. "CDC" shall mean the "CAF Disciplinary Code".
9. "World Anti-Doping Code" shall refer to the regulations established by WADA to harmonize the rules linked to doping across all sports worldwide.
10. "Executive Committee" shall refer to the strategic and executive body of CAF.
11. "Confederation" shall mean a group of FIFA-affiliated national associations belonging to the same continent, or within a given geographic region.
12. "FIFA" shall mean the "Fédération Internationale de Football Association".
13. "Player" shall mean any Football player licensed by an Association.
14. "Football" shall mean the game of Football as governed by FIFA and organized in terms of the Laws of the Game as defined within the FIFA Statutes and by IFAB.
15. "IFAB" shall mean "The International Football Association Board".
16. "League" shall mean an internal organization managing competitions and subordinated to a National Association.
17. "Member" shall mean an association that has been admitted by FIFA Congress and by CAF General Assembly.
18. "Bona Fide Member" shall mean a member of CAF, having an authenticated membership or affiliation to an organization, association, or institution, whether by means of election, contractual relationship, or nomination.
19. "Independent Member" Any member not having a contractual relationship with CAF, or with its national association, and not being a member of CAF Executive Committee nor a member of his national association Executive Committee, during the last four years preceding his election by the General Assembly as Chairman and/or Vice-chairman of any of the judicial and compliance bodies of CAF, according to the dispositions of the current statutes"
20. "Official" shall mean any official including any person at Executive or Committee level in such organizations, referee, assistant referee, coach, trainer, technical, medical or administrative person, or support personnel either at CAF, zonal, federation, league or club level, and shall further and any other person required to comply with CAF statutes (except players and intermediaries).
21. "Zone" or "Zonal Union" shall mean one of the six (6) regions of the African Continent as per CAF's geographical division of Africa. Each Zone comprises a number of National Associations, affiliated to CAF.

22. "Linguistic Groupings" shall mean the three (3) groupings of CAF member Associations as per CAF's approved linguistic division.

**N.B:** Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular may also apply to the plural and vice-versa.

## ARTICLE 1

### NAME AND HEADQUARTERS

1. The Confederation shall be known as: the "Confédération Africaine de Football".
2. The Confédération Africaine de Football, "CAF", founded in 1957 in Khartoum, Sudan, is an international non-governmental organisation with its own legal persona.
3. The headquarters of CAF are located in Cairo, Egypt. The headquarters shall benefit from all and any advantages, privileges, which may be granted to international organizations. The Headquarters may only be transferred elsewhere by way of a three-quarters majority vote of national associations present at the requisite General Assembly Meeting. This decision shall be taken by means of a secret ballot.

## ARTICLE 2

### OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES

1. The objectives of CAF shall be:
  - a. To promote and develop the game of football and increase its popularity in Africa; while considering its global, educational, cultural, and humanitarian impact by implementing youth and development programs;
  - b. To promote the development of women's football and ensure the full participation of women at all levels of football governance;
  - c. To organize its own continental competitions, and any other intercontinental and/or international competitions assigned by FIFA;
  - d. To draw up regulations and adopt provisions governing its activities, and to ensure those are respected;
  - e. To manage all forms of football by means of adopting and implementing the necessary or appropriate measures to prevent any infringements of the Statutes, Rules and Regulations as well as any decisions or directives of FIFA and CAF; inclusive of the provisions of the Laws of the Game;
  - f. To prevent practices or procedures which may jeopardize the integrity of the players, the game, or its competitions; or give rise to any form of abuse of the game of football;
  - g. To maintain relations with FIFA, the IOC, international sport organizations, as well as with other continental football confederations and zonal unions;
  - h. To promote football free from discrimination against any country, person or group of persons, be it the grounds of ethnicity, gender, handicap, language, religion, politics.
  - i. To encourage national associations and public authorities to do their utmost to work towards the professional and social development of footballers;
  - j. To fight against doping, and to take the necessary measures to combat the use of prohibited substances in order to protect the health of footballers and the credibility of the competitions;

- k. To promote friendly relations between National Associations, zonal unions, clubs, officials and players;
  - l. To ensure the independence of the management of African football, and avoid any form of political interference
  - m. To adhere to the fundamental principles of the Olympic Movement and to undertake:
    - i. The promotion of peace, solidarity, fraternity and unity among footballers, officials, and clubs; both in Africa and Worldwide;
    - ii. To support the measures undertaken by the African Union and by other non-governmental organizations in favour of the youth, development of sport, culture, and education.
  - n. To partake in the fight against scourges ravaging and/or posing a threat to the continent and humanity; in cooperation with the United Nations, the African Union, and other specialized organizations;
2. CAF is required to comply at all times and unreservedly to the principles of good governance, integrity and sportsmanship; as well as to the Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives of FIFA.
  3. Any person or organization involved in football in Africa has to respect at all times and unreservedly the principles of ethics and fair play enacted by CAF, the principles of integrity and sportsmanship as well as the Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives of CAF and FIFA.
  4. CAF shall respect the human rights recognized internationally.

### **ARTICLE 3 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

1. The official languages of CAF shall be French, English and Arabic.
2. All CAF official documents sent to the national associations are written in French, English or Arabic. Members shall be responsible for having these documents translated into their respective country's official language.
3. French, English, Arabic and Portuguese shall be the official languages of the General Assembly. Professional interpreters will ensure translation is made in these languages.
4. In the event of a discrepancy in the interpretation of texts, the French version shall be authoritative.

### **ARTICLE 4 ADMISSION**

1. The Confédération Africaine de Football shall be open to the candidacy of any African national associations as being the official representatives managing football in a country recognized as independent and which is a member of United Nations (UN).
2. The Executive Committee may grant temporary membership; however, such membership shall be submitted to the next General Assembly for approval.
3. The General Assembly shall decide whether to admit, withdraw, suspend or expel a member.
4. CAF recognizes only one national association per country.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **ADMISSION PROCEDURE**

1. Any African National Association applying for CAF membership shall submit an application to CAF General Secretariat; together with a declaration affirming that it shall comply at all times with CAF Statutes, Regulations, directives and decisions, with the Laws of the Game as enacted by IFAB, as well as with the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
2. Such application shall be accompanied by a copy of the Statutes and Rules and Regulations of the applicant Association. Any subsequent amendments to those texts shall be communicated to CAF Secretariat within fourteen (14) days of such amendments.
3. Applications must be accompanied by the first year's membership fee, as determined by the current Statutes.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **MEMBERS' RIGHTS**

1. Members shall enjoy the following rights:
  - a. The right to take part in the General Assembly and use its right to vote,
  - b. The right to formulate proposals for inclusion of items on the General Assembly's agenda;
  - c. The right to nominate a candidate for CAF presidency;
  - d. The right to nominate candidates for CAF Executive Committee and FIFA Council
  - e. The right to take part in competitions organized by CAF;
  - f. The right to benefit from CAF's development, technical, and financial assistance programs.
  - g. The rights ensuing from the current Statutes and other regulations.
2. The exercise of these rights shall be subject to the other provisions in the current Statutes and the applicable regulations; as well as directives and decisions taken by CAF bodies.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **MEMBERS' OBLIGATIONS**

1. Members of CAF shall have the following obligations:
  - a. To respect, and ensure that their own members respect, at all times unreservedly the principles of ethics and fair play enacted by CAF and FIFA, the principles of integrity and sportsmanship as well as the Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives of CAF and FIFA.
  - b. To Take part in competitions organized by CAF;
  - c. To Pay their membership fees on a regular basis;
  - d. To Respect the Laws of the Game;
  - e. To Respect CAF's Code of Ethics and universal values; and observe its rules and regulations.
  - f. To Implement a system for granting licenses to clubs; in accordance with CAF

club licensing regulations. Furthermore, such members shall include these obligations and determine, in their respective Statutes, the competent bodies for granting and revoking club licenses.

- g. To manage their affairs independently and free of intrusions and interferences of any kind by any person or body;
  - h. To set up a Referees committee, directly subordinate to the concerned Member Association.
  - i. Respect the World Anti-Doping Code and observe its rules and regulations.
2. Any proved violation of these obligations shall lead to sanctions as provided for in the current Statutes.
  3. The violation of Article 7.1.g) shall also entail sanctions, regardless of whether the infringement was attributed to the concerned member, or not. Each member association is responsible towards CAF for any and all acts of the members of their bodies caused by the negligence or wilful misconduct of such members.

## **ARTICLE 8 SUSPENSION**

1. The General Assembly has the capacity to suspend any Member.  
The Executive Committee may suspend, with immediate effect, any member found guilty of serious violations of its obligations. Such suspension shall remain in effect until the next General Assembly unless the Executive Committee lifts it.
2. Any suspension decided by the Executive Committee must be ratified by a three-quarters majority of votes cast at the next General Assembly. Should a majority vote not be obtained, such sanction shall automatically be lifted with immediate effect. Any decision submitted to the General Assembly must indicate the period of suspension.
3. Suspended members shall automatically forego all rights and privileges pertaining to their membership. All other members shall immediately cease sporting contact with the suspended member association; failing which they shall be subject to the sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Board.
4. Members who have not participated in at least one (1) CAF official competition over a period of two (2) consecutive years shall be deprived of their right to vote at a General Assembly, and from the support and financial assistance of CAF, until the fulfilment of this obligation.

## **ARTICLE 9 EXPULSION**

1. The General Assembly may expel a member solely at the request of CAF Executive Committee if the member has been found guilty of a serious violation of the Statutes, Rules and Regulations, CAF directives & decisions, or Code of Ethics of CAF and FIFA.
2. The Executive Committee may, without a vote of the General Assembly, temporarily suspend with immediate effect a member association that is found guilty of a serious violation of its obligations. A suspension approved by the Executive Committee shall be in effect until the next General Assembly, unless the Executive Committee has revoked such suspension prior to such General Assembly.
3. The presence of an absolute majority of Members eligible to vote at the General

Assembly is necessary for an expulsion to be valid; as well as the three-quarters majority of the votes validly cast.

#### **ARTICLE 10 RESIGNATION**

1. Any Member Association may resign from CAF. Notice of such resignation must reach CAF General Secretariat by registered mail no later than fourteen (14) days after its resignation, indicating the reasons of such resignation.
2. Resignation of the Association shall take effect by the end of the on-going sporting season.
3. A member who has resigned shall not be reinstated to CAF unless so decided by the General Assembly and only after the member fulfils its financial obligations towards CAF, zonal unions, and other National Associations.

#### **ARTICLE 11 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BODIES**

1. Members of National Association bodies shall be appointed either by election or by internal nomination. An association's statutes shall incorporate provisions which guarantee complete independence during the election or nomination process.
2. Any association body that has not been elected, or appointed in compliance with the provisions of Para. 1 above, even on an interim basis, shall not be recognized by CAF.

#### **ARTICLE 12 STATUS OF LEAGUES AND OTHER GROUPS OF CLUBS**

1. Leagues or any other groups of clubs affiliated to a Member shall be governed by the provisions of CAF and FIFA Statutes.
2. Clubs, leagues or any other groups affiliated to a member association shall be subordinate to and recognized by that member association. The member association's statutes shall define the scope of authority and the rights and duties of these groups. The statutes and regulations of these groups shall be approved by the member association.
3. Every member association shall ensure that its affiliated clubs can take all decisions on any matters regarding membership independently of any external body. This obligation applies regardless of an affiliated club's corporate structure. In any case, the member association shall ensure that neither a natural nor a legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) exercises control in any manner whatsoever over more than one club whenever the integrity of any match or competition could be jeopardized.
4. Any general secretary of a CAF National Association must be independent from all leagues and clubs affiliated to his / her association, to avoid any conflict of interest.



## ARTICLE 13 ZONAL UNIONS

1. The African Continent shall be divided into six (6) zones as follows:
  - a. **Northern Zone:** Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia.
  - b. **Western Zone A:** Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone.
  - c. **Western Zone B:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Niger, Nigeria, Togo.
  - d. **Central Zone:** Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, DR Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, São Tomé and Príncipe.
  - e. **Central-East Zone:** Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda.
  - f. **Southern Zone:** Angola, Botswana, Comoros Islands, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

### 2. Linguistic Groupings

The African continent shall be divided into three (3) Linguistic Groupings as follows:

- a. **Group 1:** Francophone: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Niger, Senegal, Togo;
- b. **Group 2:** Anglophone: Botswana, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
- c. **Group 3:** Arabic/Portuguese/Spanish: Algeria, Angola, Cap Verde, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Sao-Tomé-and-Príncipe, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Tunisia.

## ARTICLE 14 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ZONAL UNIONS

1. . **Each** zonal union shall have the right to:
  - a. Participate in the proceedings of CAF General Assembly Meetings without voting rights;
  - b. Organize its own competitions, in compliance with CAF and FIFA international calendar;
  - c. Benefit from CAF and eventually FIFA assistance and subsidies program;
2. **In parallel**, each zonal union shall have the obligation to:
  - a. Adopt Statutes in conformity with the model of statutes for zones as recommended by CAF;



- b. Have the obligation of inviting CAF to attend the General Assembly Meeting of the zone;
- c. Fully comply with the Statutes, regulations, directives, and decisions of CAF and FIFA;
- d. Work in close collaboration with CAF in all spheres, in order to attain the objectives of the Confederation.

#### **ARTICLE 15 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

1. The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Executive Committee, may grant the titles of Honorary President, Honorary Vice-President, or Honorary Member to its own members and/or to distinguished persons in recognition of their services rendered to CAF and/or to African Football.
2. CAF President may extend an invitation to the Honorary President and/or the Honorary Vice-President(s) and Honorary members to attend the Executive Committee meetings, without voting rights.
3. Honorary President, Vice-President(s), and Members shall participate in the proceedings of the General Assembly, without voting rights.

#### **ARTICLE 16 BODIES OF CAF**

1. The General Assembly shall be the legislative body.
2. The Executive Committee shall be the executive body.
3. The Standing and Ad Hoc Committees shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in the fulfilment of its duties. The powers of the aforementioned committees shall be defined by these Statutes; while their composition, functions and additional duties shall be defined by the Regulations governing the application of these Statutes.
4. CAF Secretariat shall be the administrative body.
5. The Disciplinary Board, the Appeal Board, shall be the legal bodies of CAF.
6. The audit and governance committees shall be the Compliance Committees.
7. The independent committees fulfil their functions in accordance with these Statutes and the applicable CAF regulations.
8. The independent auditors perform all audits of CAF's accounts and financial statements as required by the current legislation.

#### **ARTICLE 17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. The General Assembly shall be the supreme authority of CAF and shall define the general policy and implementation of the relevant decisions.
2. General Assembly Meetings may be defined as Ordinary or Extraordinary.
3. The General Assembly shall be comprised of:
  - Representatives of the affiliated national associations;
  - Members of CAF Executive Committee;
  - Honorary Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and Members;
  - Delegates from the zonal unions;

4. An Ordinary General Assembly Meeting shall be held once a year, without fail.
5. The Executive Committee shall determine the date, time and place of the General Assembly Meeting. Such information shall be communicated to members in writing at least one hundred and twenty (120) days before the date of the General Assembly.
6. The formal notification, which shall also contain the agenda of the General Assembly, shall be dispatched in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting.
7. All documents related to the General Assembly shall be dispatched to members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.
  - The agenda shall include the following items:
    - a) Roll call;
    - b) Verification that the notification and composition of the General Assembly comply with the provisions of the Statutes;
    - c) An address by the President;
    - d) The designation of three (3) members to check the official minutes;
    - e) The designation of scrutineers;
    - f) The suspension or expulsion of a member, where appropriate;
    - g) The approval of the minutes of the previous General Assembly Meeting;
    - h) The activity report covering the period since the previous General Assembly Meeting inclusive of the zonal unions' activity report;
    - i) The presentation of the audited statement of accounts;
    - j) The report of the Audit Committee;
    - k) The approval of the annual revised accounts and budget;
    - l) The appointment of auditors, as appropriate;
    - m) The admission and/or resignation of Members, as appropriate;
    - n) The consideration of proposals for amendments to CAF Statutes, and to the regulations governing the application of Statutes, as well as to CAF General Assembly's Rules of Procedures;
    - o) Discussion of proposals received from National Associations and Executive Committee, provided these were submitted in conformity with Para. 8 of this Article, as appropriate;
    - p) Matters tabled in conformity with Para. 8 of this Article;
    - q) The election of the President of CAF, as appropriate;
    - r) The election of CAF Executive Committee members, as appropriate;
    - s) The election of the African representatives to the FIFA Council, as appropriate;
    - t) The election of the President and Vice-President of CAF's Audit and Compliance committee as appropriate;
    - u) The election of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of CAF's judicial bodies, as appropriate;
    - v) The election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the governance Committee as appropriate
    - w) Other reports;
    - x) Any Other Business.
8. National Associations wishing to submit an item for inclusion on the agenda of the General Assembly shall submit such proposal to CAF Secretariat in writing at least ninety (90) days before the date of the meeting. Such proposal shall be accompanied

- by a concise explanation of the reasons for the proposal.
9. Each National Association shall be entitled to a single vote.
  10. The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting.
  11. An Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting shall be convened by the Executive Committee within sixty (60) days of CAF's receipt of a written request from at least two thirds (2/3) of the members. Only the items on the agenda shall be discussed at such a meeting.
  12. The Agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly may not be amended.
  13. Members shall be notified of the Agenda, forty-five (45) days before the date of an Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting, such notice to include the date, and venue of the meeting.
  14. The Agenda of any General Assembly may be amended provided that three quarters (3/4) of the member associations present at the General Assembly and eligible to vote agree to such motion.
  15. The quorum for all meetings shall consist of two-thirds of the National associations affiliated to CAF at that specific time for the deliberations to be valid.
  16. If the requirement for a quorum is not met at the General Assembly, the meeting shall be reconvened after a period of twenty-four (24) hours. At such reconvened meeting, the presence of half of the members present plus one shall constitute its quorum.
  17. Official delegates to the General Assembly must be "Bona Fide" members of the National Association they represent. They must be appointed by the relevant body, and must be citizens of the concerned country.
  18. Decisions shall be taken by simple majority unless indicated otherwise. However, and only in the event of a tie in votes, the President of the Confederation votes.
  19. The Rules of Procedure of CAF General Assembly shall apply to all procedural matters during the proceedings of the General Assembly.

## **ARTICLE 18**

### **ELECTIONS, REQUISITE MAJORITY, VOTING**

1. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
2.
  - 2.a. At least one CAF affiliated national association may nominate a candidate for CAF Presidency.
  - 2.b. A candidature for CAF Presidency shall only be admitted if supported, in writing, by at least three (3) CAF affiliated national associations, including CAF affiliated national association of the candidate concerned.
  - 2.c. Any CAF affiliated national association cannot nominate and/or support more than one candidate.
3. A candidate for CAF Presidency shall have played an active role in football (as a Player or as an Official within FIFA, CAF, or a CAF affiliated national association or within one of its affiliated members) for at least two (2) of the last five years preceding his candidacy.
4. A National Association must only nominate one candidate. The outgoing President shall be eligible for re-election subject to the application of article 22 para 8 of the present Statutes.
5. Names of candidates nominated for election to CAF Executive Committee and FIFA

- Council must be submitted by the relevant National Association to CAF General Secretariat at least four (4) months prior to the date of the election. All outgoing members shall be eligible for re-election subject to the application of article 22 para 8a & 8b of the present statutes.
6. Nominations received after the deadline (as attested by the date on the postmark of the Cairo Post Office) shall be automatically rejected. Nominations shall be sent to the Secretariat by registered mail with acknowledgement of receipt, or by express courier, as attested by the enclosed receipt.
  7. After the above-mentioned deadline, all candidature nominations shall be final and shall be submitted to vote unless withdrawn by the candidate concerned in the case of the personal withdrawal of the candidate by any means.
  8. CAF Secretariat shall communicate the names of the candidates to all National Associations along with the notice convening the meeting and the Agenda of the Assembly.
  9. At the time of their election, all candidates nominated to the Presidency and CAF Executive Committee must be "Bona Fide" members of their National Associations and shall not exceed the age of 70 years.
  10. Any vacancy in the FIFA Council shall be provided for according to the terms established in FIFA Statutes and FIFA Governance Regulations.
  11. For the election of the President, an absolute majority (half the votes plus one) of valid votes recorded shall be required. If no candidate obtains an absolute majority of the votes cast in the first ballot, a further ballot shall be conducted and this process shall continue until one candidate obtains an absolute majority. The two candidates with the two highest votes shall proceed to the next round where a simple majority will be required and all other candidates shall be eliminated. In any case, where there is a single candidate, he is elected unopposed by acclamation.
  12. If the number of candidates submitted to the Executive Committee by the National Associations of a single zone is higher than the number of members to be elected, the election shall be conducted by secret ballot. If the number of candidates equals that of the number of members to be elected, they shall be declared elected unopposed.
  13.
    - 13.a. In addition to the position allotted to CAF President, the election of the other African Members to the FIFA Council will be based on the following Categories:
      - Category 1: Two (2) members elected from the Grouping 1 Francophone
      - Category 2: Two (2) members elected from the Grouping 2 Anglophone
      - Category 3: Two (2) members elected from the Grouping 3 Arabic / Portuguese / Spanish
      - Category 4: One (1) female member will be elected among female candidates, without consideration of the Linguistic Groupings.
    - 13.b. CAF President being elected prior to other African members of the FIFA Council, the Linguistic Grouping to which he belongs will have only one remaining position to fill.
    - 13.c. Any candidate to the FIFA Council, including for CAF Presidency, can present his/her candidacy to only one of the categories listed in article 18.13.a
    - 13.d. Any female candidate can submit her candidacy within categories 1 to 3,

- as well as to CAF Presidency, without consideration of gender, whereby any candidate (male or female) obtaining the highest number of statutory votes will be elected.
- 13.e. The female candidate having obtained the highest number of statutory votes among the female candidates within Category 4 will automatically be elected, in accordance with article 33.5 of the FIFA Statutes.
  - 13.f. In the eventuality that the number of African representatives at the FIFA Council is modified, CAF Executive Committee will adopt the required modifications.
14. For the election of CAF and FIFA Council members, an absolute majority (half the votes plus one) shall be required in the first round. If no candidate obtains an absolute majority in the first ballot, then further ballots shall be conducted until an absolute majority is obtained. This Process shall continue until the candidates obtain an absolute majority for all the vacant posts in their respective categories and/or zones.
  15. If a candidate is elected in the first ballot and in the event of a further ballot being conducted to fill another vacant seat, then the remaining candidate(s) shall be eligible for election, unless one or more candidates withdraw.
  16. The election of the presidents and vice-presidents of the judicial bodies and the Governance and the committee of audit and compliance of CAF shall be by simple majority of members eligible to vote.
  17. Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, a simple majority shall suffice for a decision to be valid.
  18. Only members present and duly authorized shall be entitled to vote.
  19. Votes by proxy or by correspondence shall not be accepted.
  20. Delegates may only represent one National Association.
  21. Members of the Executive Committee may not represent their national association during their term of office.
  22. The Chairman will conduct General Assembly's proceedings in compliance with the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

#### **ARTICLE 19**

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES, REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE STATUTES, AND TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Only the General Assembly may amend the Statutes, the Regulations Governing the Application of:

1. The Statutes, and the Rules of Procedure of CAF General Assembly.
2. Any proposal for amendments of Statutes by the Executive Committee or by a Member must be submitted in writing accompanied by a brief synopsis to CAF Secretariat. Proposals submitted by members shall only be valid if they are seconded in writing by at least two (2) other Members, and accompanied with a concise statement of motives.
3. For an amendment of the Statutes to be passed, two-thirds of the Members eligible to vote must be present at the opening of the session.
4. Proposals for amendment to the Statutes shall only be adopted if three-quarters of the eligible Members vote in favour.
5. Proposals for amendment to the Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes or the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly shall only be adopted if a simple

majority of the eligible Members vote in favour.

#### **ARTICLE 20 MINUTES**

1. The Secretary General shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the General Assembly Meeting.
2. The minutes of the General Assembly shall be checked by those Members so designated.
3. The minutes of the General Assembly shall be sent to the national associations within ninety (90) days of the closing of the meeting.
4. Unless notification to the contrary is received by registered mail within sixty (60) days of the date of dispatch, it shall be assumed that the minutes have been approved.
5. In case of disagreement, this matter shall be included on the agenda of the next General Assembly.

#### **ARTICLE 21 ENTRY INTO FORCE OF DECISIONS**

1. Decisions taken by the General Assembly shall be binding on the national associations and shall enter into force ninety (90) days after the closing of the meeting.
2. Acting in its sovereign capacity, the General Assembly may resolve to implement such decisions at an earlier date.

#### **ARTICLE 22 COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The Executive Committee elected by the General Assembly shall comprise:
  - One (1) President;
  - Thirteen (13) members representing the zonal unions;
  - One (1) female member;
  - Six (6) African representatives on the FIFA Council. These members will assist at the meetings of CAF Executive Committee.

The African representatives to the FIFA council shall have the same rights as the ones of the Executive Committee members including the right to vote.

2. With the Exception of CAF President who shall automatically be the Vice-President of FIFA, the remaining nominated members to be elected may only be elected to either CAF Executive Committee or as a member of the FIFA Council.
3. The National Association to which the President belongs shall not be entitled to have any other member on the Executive Committee, unless one of the two members is the elected female member within Category 4 according to the present statutes, in which case the maximum of two members of the same national association applies.
4. After each General Assembly at which elections are held, the Executive Committee, upon a proposal of the President, shall elect a first, a second, a third, a fourth and a fifth Vice-President from amongst its members.

5. Once a candidate is elected as President of CAF, he may no longer hold office in his own National Association for the duration of his term of office.
6. National Associations may only be represented by only one (1) member on the Executive Committee, unless one of the two members is the elected female member within Category 4 according to the present statutes, in which case the maximum of two members of the same national association applies.
7. Each of the six (6) zones listed in Article 13 of these Statutes, except for the Southern Zone, shall have the right to two (2) members in CAF Executive Committee.
8. The Southern Zone, mentioned in Article 13. f) of the current Statutes, shall have the right to three (3) members in CAF Executive Committee.
  - 8.a. The President and Executive Committee members' term of office shall be four (4) years.
  - 8.b. Their terms begin right at the end of the General Assembly in which they were elected. The President and the Executive Committee members shall not be elected for more than three terms (whether consecutive or not). The limitation on the number of mandates of the President and members of the Executive Committee will be effective when the present statutes enter into force. The previous mandates will not be counted.
  - 8.c. Previous terms served as a vice -president or as a member of the Executive Committee shall not be considered in determining the term limits of a President.
  - 8.d. Half of the Executive Committee members shall be re-elected every two (2) years.
9. Members of the Executive Committee shall enjoy full independence in the exercise of their duties at CAF, and should not be subjected to any pressure.
10. Members shall retain their position within CAF for the whole duration of their mandate and may only be removed from office by a decision taken in conformity with the statutory provisions in force.
11. At its first meeting, following an Ordinary General Assembly, the President may recommend to CAF Executive Committee to co-opt a maximum of two (2) members for a term of two (2) years (the President reserves the right to recommend a term extension or a new appointment of any co-opted members). Such co-opted members shall have the same rights as the elected members.
12. National Associations to whom Executive Committee members belong shall be obliged to make every effort to enable such members to attend all meetings of the Executive Committee.
13. Should there be a vacancy on CAF Executive Committee of, the General Assembly shall elect a replacement for the remainder of the term.
14. If a member is repeatedly absent from meetings of the Executive Committee without good reason. He or she shall be obliged to submit a detailed report to the Executive Committee, which in turn will be transmitted at the following General Assembly for a decision to be taken.
15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice (2) every year. It may also be convened at the request of the President, or of eight (8) of its members.
16. Members of the Executive Committee, the Emergency Committee, the judicial Bodies and Compliance bodies or any Standing Committee must recuse themselves from any such meeting should the discussion or dispute concern their respective National Association, or a club, official or player who may be affiliated to their Association.



17. Executive Committee resolutions shall be adopted by simple majority of the Members present. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.
18. For deliberations to be valid, a quorum of half plus one of the members shall be required. If the quorum is not reached at the first meeting, a minimum of five (5) members shall form a quorum at a subsequent meeting to be convened the following day.
19. Decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall be binding with immediate effect.
20. Deliberations shall be recorded in the minutes, which shall be sent to all the members before the next meeting.

## ARTICLE 23

### PREROGATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for implementing the policies and decisions of the General Assembly, and the management and the administration of CAF.
2. It shall take decisions on all matters that do not fall within the jurisdiction of the General Assembly or other bodies by virtue of the law or under these Statutes and regulations.
3. All Members of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to propose items for the agenda of the Executive Committee or of a standing committee.
4. It may delegate the practice exercise of some of its prerogatives to its members individually or grouped as a committee and/or a bureau, or to the Secretary General, as dictated by its established methods of management.
5. Upon a proposal by the President, it shall appoint the president, vice-president and members of the Standing Committees, as well as set up new Ad Hoc Committees if the need arises.
6. The Executive Committee may dismiss members of Standing Committees if they are found guilty of a serious violation of their duty and designate their replacements for the remainder of their term of office.
7. It shall draw up specific regulations for Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.
8. It shall approve the working program of the Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.
9. It shall decide on financial matters, examine and approve the budgetary reports presented by the Secretary General, as well as examine and amend the draft budget before its submission to the General Assembly.
10. It shall be the supreme authority for all matters concerning CAF competitions.
11. It may delegate some of its powers to the competent committees, reserving the right to exercise them whenever it deems it necessary.
12. If a Standing Committee decision does not comply with the provisions of the existing Statutes or Regulations, the Executive Committee can - before submitting the case to CAF Appeal Board - either send the dossier back to the competent committee for reconsideration or look into the matter itself.
13. The Executive Committee shall appoint and dismiss the Secretary General on the proposal of the President.
14. It shall propose for a term of four (4) years for election by CAF General Assembly, the presidents and vice-presidents of CAF Judicial Bodies, Governance and the Audit and Compliance Committees.
15. It appoints for a term of four (4) years, the other members of CAF Judicial Bodies,

- Governance and the Audit and Compliance Committees.
16. It shall decide the place and dates of the final tournaments of CAF competitions.
  17. It shall decide the date and venue of the General Assembly.
  18. It shall approve CAF administrative chart.
  19. It shall approve the Regulations Governing the Organization of CAF, except for those under the jurisdiction of the General Assembly.

## ARTICLE 24 PRESIDENT

1. The President shall be the legal representative of CAF.
2. He shall automatically be a Vice-President of FIFA and make sure that the African representatives elected and/or appointed to the FIFA Executive Committee fulfil their duties in a spirit of African solidarity.
3. He shall preside over all meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive and Emergency Committees.
4. He may propose the co-option of one (1) or two (2) members to the Executive Committee
5. He shall propose to the Executive Committee the appointment and dismissal of the Secretary General and the Deputy General Secretaries.
6. He shall implement, through CAF Secretariat and administration which he controls, the decisions taken by the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.
7. He shall be responsible for maintaining good relations between CAF and FIFA, the other confederations and Members, as well as political bodies and international organizations.
8. If the President is absent or temporarily unavailable, the first Vice-President shall deputise, failing which his duties shall be performed by the second Vice-President, failing which his duties shall be performed by the third Vice-President, failing which his duties shall be performed by the fourth Vice-President, failing which his duties shall be performed by the fifth Vice-President or as a last resort, the longest- serving Executive Committee member.
9. If the President ceases exercising his functions on a permanent basis the first Vice-President shall assume the presidency, and shall be obliged to convene an Extraordinary General Assembly, in accordance with these Statutes. The Extraordinary General Assembly shall elect a new President, within a period not exceeding four (4) months from the time the office of President becomes conclusively vacant.
10. The President shall sign jointly with the Secretary General all documents and letters binding the Confederation.
11. In specific cases, the President may delegate some of his powers explicitly stated to one of the members of the Executive Committee or the Secretary General, as dictated by established methods of management.
12. If the President resides outside the city where the headquarters is located, an office shall be established by CAF in his city of residence. This office shall benefit from all advantages and privileges granted to international organizations.

## **ARTICLE 25**

### **CAF SECRETARIAT**

CAF Secretariat shall perform all administrative duties under the direction of the Secretary General.

## **ARTICLE 26**

### **GENERAL SECRETARY**

1. The General Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the President.
2. He shall be provided with a contract of employment and must reside in the city in which CAF headquarters is located.
3. He shall be the head of CAF administration, and shall take part in all CAF meetings without any voting rights.
4. He may act as the Confederation's legal representative if empowered specifically to do so by the President or the Executive Committee.
5. He shall administer the affairs of CAF and is mainly in charge of the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly, Executive and Emergency Committees, Standing Committees and legal bodies; under the authority of and according to the directives of the President.
6. He shall prepare the agenda of meetings of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Standing Committees, after consulting with the President.
7. He shall be responsible for compiling the meeting minutes of the General Assembly; as well as meeting minutes of the Executive, Emergency and Standing committees.
8. He shall be responsible for managing CAF's correspondence and public relations.
9. He shall be responsible for managing CAF's financial affairs and treasury; as well as keeping proper accounts. To this end, he shall:
  - Cooperate with the Finance Committee to prepare the financial statements and the budget for submission to the Executive Committee, which shall in turn present them to the General Assembly;
  - Authorize all documents relating to expenses and income.
10. He shall be responsible for the recruitment and dismissal of staff, after consulting with the President.
11. He shall submit to the Executive Committee, after consulting with the President, proposals concerning the appointment and dismissal of the directors.

## **ARTICLE 27**

### **EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**

1. The Emergency Committee shall be composed of the President, the five (5) Vice-Presidents, the president of the Finance Committee and two (02) other members of the Executive Committee. Any five (5) members including the President or one of the five (5) Vice-Presidents shall form a quorum.
2. All decisions taken by the Emergency Committee shall be binding and shall be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
3. The President shall be responsible for convening Emergency Committee meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be

reached by other means of communication, and shall have immediate effect. The President shall notify the Executive Committee of any decisions taken by the Emergency Committee.

## **ARTICLE 28 STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. The Standing Committees are:
  - a) The Finance Committee.
  - b) The Organizing Committee for the Africa Cup of Nations.
  - c) The Organizing Committee for the African Nations Championship.
  - d) The Organizing Committee for the Inter-clubs Competitions and management of the club Licensing system.
  - e) The Organizing Committee for youth (U23/U20/U17).
  - f) The Organizing Committee for Women's Football.
  - g) The Committee for the development of Futsal and Beach Soccer.
  - h) The Referees' Committee.
  - i) The Technical and Development Committee.
  - j) The Committee for Legal Affairs and National Associations.
  - k) The Medical Committee.
2. With the exception of the, Judicial and Compliance bodies the Standing Committees' Chairmen may be appointed from amongst the Members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may, if necessary, set up a bureau and/or sub- committee to deal with urgent matters. This bureau and/or sub-committee shall comprise no less than three (3) members, and shall enjoy the rights and powers of the Committee concerned.
3. The Executive Committee shall determine how many Members shall be appointed to each standing committee.
4. Members of CAF Standing Committees appointed by the Executive Committee shall enjoy full independence in the exercise of their functions, and should not be subjected to any pressure.
5. Each committee may, if deemed necessary, propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE 29 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee shall oversee the financial affairs of CAF and advise the Executive Committee accordingly. It shall analyse CAF budget and annual accounts prepared by the Secretary General and submit them to the Executive Committee for approval.

## **ARTICLE 30 ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS**

This Committee shall organize the Africa Cup of Nations in accordance with existing regulations, terms of reference, and the contracts and agreements reached between CAF, the

Host Federation, the Local Organizing Committee and the authorities of the host country.

**ARTICLE 31  
ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE AFRICAN NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP**

This Committee shall organize the African Nations Championship in accordance with existing regulations, terms of reference, and the contracts and agreements reached between CAF, the Host Federation, the Local Organizing Committee and the authorities of the host country.

**ARTICLE 32  
ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR INTER-CLUBS COMPETITIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB LICENSING SYSTEM**

This Committee shall be responsible for organizing and supervising all CAF inter-clubs competitions, in accordance with the relevant governing regulations.

The Committee shall be responsible for the management of CAF Club Licensing System, as governed by the Club Licensing Regulations, as well as by the Regulations of CAF Inter-clubs Competitions.

**ARTICLE 33  
ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH (U23/U20/U17), AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS**

This Committee shall organize the U-23, U-20 and U-17 Africa Cup of Nations, in accordance with the regulations, terms of reference, and the contracts and agreements reached between CAF, the Local Organizing Committee and the authorities of the host country.

**ARTICLE 34  
ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR WOMEN'S FOOTBALL**

This Committee shall organize the Women's Africa Cup of Nations, in accordance with the regulations, terms of reference, and the contracts and agreements reached between CAF, the Local Organizing Committee and the authorities of the host country.

**ARTICLE 35  
THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTSAL AND BEACH SOCCER**

This Committee shall organize and ensure the development of the Futsal and Beach Soccer, in accordance with the regulations, terms of reference, and the contracts and agreements reached between CAF, the Local Organizing Committee and the authorities of the host country.

**ARTICLE 36  
REFEREES' COMMITTEE**

This Committee shall be responsible for all matters relating to refereeing. It shall ensure the management of referees in CAF-organized competitions and designate the referees and assistant referees for the African qualifiers of FIFA competitions.

The Committee shall oversee the implementation and interpretation of the Laws of the Game. It shall assist with the development and recycling of referees.

#### **ARTICLE 37 TECHNICAL AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

This Committee shall analyse and evaluate the principal aspects of training, administration and the technical development of football in Africa. Moreover, the Committee shall manage CAF development programs.

#### **ARTICLE 38 COMMITTEE FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

This Committee of Legal Affairs and National Associations shall examine all legal issues pertaining to football and to CAF's Statutes and Regulations. It shall propose any necessary amendments to the Executive Committee.

This Committee shall also be responsible for maintaining good relations with and between the National Associations and for encouraging fruitful cooperation on all matters relating to the Game, its rules and regulations and the development of football.

#### **ARTICLE 39 MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

This Committee shall deal with all medical matters related to football; in particular, the implementation of anti-doping controls and the respect of the World Anti-Doping Code, issued by WADA.

#### **ARTICLE 40 JUDICIAL AND COMPLIANCE BODIES**

1. CAF Judicial and Compliance bodies shall be:
  - a) The Disciplinary Board;
  - b) The Appeal Board;
  - c) The Audit and Compliance Committee;
  - d) The Governance Committee.
2. The decision-making powers of certain committees shall remain unaffected.
3. The Chairmen and/or Vice-chairmen of all of CAF Judicial and compliance bodies and their sub-committees shall be Independent Members.

#### **ARTICLE 41 DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

The Disciplinary Board shall consist of one (1) president, one (1) vice-president and the number of members deemed necessary. The remit of this body shall be governed by CAF Disciplinary

Code, CAF Statutes and CAF Regulations.

#### **ARTICLE 42 APPEAL BOARD**

The Appeal Board shall consist of one (1) president, one (1) vice-president and the number of members deemed necessary. The remit of this body shall be governed by CAF Disciplinary Code, CAF Statutes and CAF Regulations.

#### **ARTICLE 43 AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee shall ensure the conformity and reliability of CAF financial accounting system and review the external auditors' report and audit CAF administration on behalf of the Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 44 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

The Governance Committee shall deal with, and advise the Executive on, all CAF Governance matters, and shall establish a review sub-Committee, which conducts and recommends the outcome of the Eligibility review for a seat by any candidate to CAF Executive Committee (except for the seats of CAF President and FIFA Council Members who are mainly subjected to the rules defined in the FIFA Statutes and in the governance regulations of FIFA) and the independence reviews and shall further establish an Ethics sub-committee in conformity to CAF Ethics code.

#### **ARTICLE 45 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

1. In case of violation of CAF Statutes & Regulations and the decisions off the competent bodies, or in the case of non-sporting or indecent conduct, disciplinary sanctions may be imposed against National Associations, clubs, officials, and players; in accordance with the provisions set forth in the current Statutes, in the marketing and competitions regulations as well as in CAF Disciplinary Code and CAF Code of Ethics.
2. CAF may impose the following disciplinary measures:
  - 2.1. Against natural persons and legal entities:
    - a) Warning;
    - b) Reprimand;
    - c) Fine;
    - d) Return of prizes;
    - e) Suspension
  - 2.2. Against natural persons:
    - a) Caution;
    - b) Expulsion;
    - c) Match suspension;



- d) Ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;
  - e) Ban from entering a stadium;
  - f) Ban on taking part in any football-related activity;
  - g) Fine.
- 2.3. Against legal entities:
- a) Ban on registering new players in CAF competitions;
  - b) Obligation to play a match behind closed doors;
  - c) Obligation to play a match on neutral territory;
  - d) Ban on playing in a particular stadium;
  - e) Annulment of the result of a match;
  - f) Expulsion;
  - g) Awarding of a match by default;
  - h) Deduction of points;
  - i) Relegation to a lower division;
  - j) Fine;
  - k) Suspension.
3. These sanctions are to be imposed by the Disciplinary and Appeal Boards,
  4. The automatic suspension provided for in the current Statutes for the failure of a national association to honour its obligations shall be notified directly to the concerned Association by the Secretary General.
  5. Suspended national associations shall forfeit their right to vote at the General Assembly and shall not be allowed to take part in CAF competitions.

## ARTICLE 46 DISPUTES

1. National associations, leagues, clubs or members of clubs shall not be permitted to bring before a court of law disputes with CAF or other Associations, clubs or members of clubs. They shall submit any such disputes to an arbitrator appointed by mutual agreement and fully comply with his decisions.
2. Should the laws of a country entitle the concerned national association and its clubs and their members to appeal to a Court of Law, the national association shall insert a clause in its Statutes, by which it, along with its clubs and their members, freely renounces that right, and undertakes to accept the decisions of the arbitrators selected.
3. In the event of a disagreement between two (2) or more associations, and if the associations concerned are unable to agree upon the choice of an arbitrator, the Executive Committee shall have the right to make a decision on the matter. This decision shall be final and binding upon the associations concerned.
4. National associations must strictly adhere to the decisions taken by CAF or by CAF-designated arbitrators, and where these decisions concern a club, a zonal union or a league, the latter must take the necessary steps to observe such decisions.
5. Associations violating any of the clauses of this Article shall be expelled from the Confederation, in conformity with the provisions of the current Statutes.
6. In disputes referred to the competent bodies of CAF, the national associations may not, apart from their "Bona Fide" members, be assisted by a person belonging to one of the

bodies of CAF.

#### **ARTICLE 47 PRINCIPLES AND SANCTIONS**

1. Members and leagues agree to comply fully with any final decisions taken by the competent CAF and FIFA bodies, which are, in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes, not subject to appeal.
2. They agree to take all necessary steps to ensure that their own Members, players and officials comply with these decisions.
3. This obligation shall also apply to licensed match agents and licensed players' agents.
4. Any violation of the aforementioned provisions shall be punished in accordance these Statutes.

#### **ARTICLE 48 COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)**

1. CAF authorizes appeals to the Court of Arbitration for Sport; an independent arbitration tribunal based in Lausanne (Switzerland), to resolve any disputes between CAF, national associations, members, leagues, clubs, players, officials, and licensed match agents and licensed players' agents.
2. The Code of Sports-related Arbitration shall govern the arbitration proceedings. With regard to substance, CAS shall apply the various regulations of CAF and FIFA or, if applicable, of national associations, members, leagues and clubs, and, as a last resort, Swiss Law.
3. Only CAS shall be empowered to adjudicate on appeals against any decisions or disciplinary sanctions taken in the last instance by any legal body of CAF or FIFA, a national association, league, or club. Any appeal must be filed with CAS within ten (10) days following the notification of the decision.
4. CAS does not adjudicate on appeals related to:
  - Violation of the Laws of the Game;
  - Suspensions of up to four (4) matches or three (3) months;
  - Decisions taken by an independent arbitration tribunal duly established by an independent association.
5. CAS shall also be empowered to adjudicate on all disputes between a third party and any of the entities or persons mentioned in Para. 3 if an arbitration agreement exists.
6. National Associations, leagues and clubs shall agree to recognize CAS as an independent judicial authority and to ensure that their members, players and officials comply with CAS' arbitration. The same obligations shall apply to licensed match agents and licensed players' agents.
7. An appeal to CAS shall not have a suspension power. Decisions appealed against shall remain effective pending the final verdict of CAS.

## **ARTICLE 49 RESOURCES**

The resources of CAF shall consist of:

- The annual subscriptions of Members;
- Competition entry fees;
- A levy on receipts from matches;
- Profits realized on matches organized by or for CAF;
- Revenue from granting rights to CAF competitions and other events;
- Donations of any nature, legacies and grants.

## **ARTICLE 50 FINANCE**

1. The financial year of CAF shall commence on 1 July and end on 30 June of the following year.
2. The annual subscription fee due on 1 July each year shall be payable to CAF Secretariat. The amount due from each national association is stipulated in the Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes. An association which has not paid its subscription by 1 October of each year shall be suspended and lose its voting rights, unless a valid reasonable excuse for non-payment is submitted to the Executive Committee. Written notification to this effect shall be sent by the Secretary General of CAF by registered mail to the association concerned. The association shall automatically regain its membership rights upon payment of the subscription.
3. CAF may levy percentages independently of those stipulated by FIFA, in accordance with the FIFA Statutes.
4. While awaiting approval of the budget by the General Assembly at the beginning of CAF's financial year, the Executive Committee may, exceptionally, allow the Secretary General to engage the necessary expenditure for the efficient operation of CAF; provided that such expenditure is not of an extraordinary nature and does not exceed the amounts previously approved by the General Assembly for these budgetary items.
5. CAF may offset its debts to members against their assets with the Confederation.
6. Reserves shall be established by the Executive Committee, with a view of guaranteeing and financing the main functions undertaken by CAF.

## **ARTICLE 51 COMPETITIONS**

CAF shall have the exclusive right to organize the following competitions:

1. For national teams:
  - The Africa Cup of Nations;
  - The African Nations Championship;
  - The U-20 Africa Cup of Nations;
  - The U-17 Africa Cup of Nations;
  - The U-23 Africa Cup of Nations;
  - The Women's Africa Cup of Nations;

- The Futsal Africa Cup of Nations;
  - The Beach Soccer Africa Cup of Nations.
2. For clubs:
- The Champions League;
  - The Confederation Cup;
  - The Super Cup.
3. Any other continental and inter-continental competitions.

#### **ARTICLE 52**

#### **RIGHTS PERTAINING TO CAF COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS**

1. CAF and the national associations shall be the legal owners of all rights arising from competitions and other events which fall under their respective areas of responsibility; without restriction, as to content, time, location, or law. These rights shall include, among others, all kinds of pecuniary rights, audio-visual recording rights, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights and marketing and promotional rights, as well as intellectual property rights covering emblems, for example, and copyright.
2. The Executive Committee shall decide how and to what extent these rights are exploited and draw up special provisions to this effect. The Executive Committee is sovereign in relation to the exploitation of these rights. It can also exploit them either directly, or with third parties, or delegate their exploitation totally or partially.

#### **ARTICLE 53**

#### **CLUBS LICENCES**

1. The Executive Committee shall define a Club Licensing System that shall include in particular:
  - a) Minimum criteria to be met by clubs to be eligible to take part in CAF competitions;
  - b) Club licensing procedures;
  - c) Minimum requirements to be applied by the licensors.
2. Member Associations shall apply a club licensing system in accordance with CAF's minimum requirements. They shall incorporate these requirements in their respective Statutes and define therein the competent bodies for granting licenses.

#### **ARTICLE 54**

#### **DISSOLUTION OF CAF**

CAF may only be dissolved by a four-fifths majority of members present at the opening of a General Assembly. If CAF is dissolved, all financial obligations shall be honoured and the balance shall be remitted to FIFA, for the benefit of African Football.

**ARTICLE 55**  
**UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

1. CAF Executive Committee shall decide any matters not provided for by the current Statutes or cases of force majeure, and such decisions shall take immediate effect.
2. Decisions regarding legislative matters shall be submitted to the next General Assembly for approval.

**ARTICLE 56**  
**ADOPTION OF THE STATUTES**

These Statutes were adopted by CAF Ordinary General Assembly held in Morocco on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021. These Statutes shall enter into force immediately after their adoption.

For CAF Executive Committee:

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President



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Secretary General

Morocco on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2021

## REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE APPLICATION OF CAF STATUTES

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### ARTICLE 1

##### FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. The Finance Committee comprises:
  - a) A president;
  - b) A vice-president;
  - c) The number of members deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.
2. The Committee shall be entrusted to:
  - a) Control the financial management of CAF
  - b) Advise the Executive Committee on the financial policies of the Confederation;
  - c) Examine the budgets of each committee, submit them to the Executive Committee for approval, and assist the Secretary General in the preparation of all CAF budgets;
  - d) Collaborate with the National Associations responsible for organizing CAF competitions on managing all financial matters; including controlling the sale and distribution of tickets, the matches' receipts, as well as the accounting documents required for such tournaments;
  - e) Provide full assistance to the auditors and oversee the implementation of their recommendations for improving the management of CAF assets.
3. The Finance Committee shall analyse CAF budget and annual accounts that have been prepared by the Secretary General; and then submit them to the Executive Committee for approval and to the General Assembly for ratification.

#### ARTICLE 2

##### ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS

1. The Organizing Committee for the Africa Cup of Nations shall be composed of:
  - a) A president;
  - b) Two vice-presidents;
  - c) The number of members deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee;
  - d) A representative of the country which organized the last Africa Cup of Nations;
  - e) A representative of the country that will organize the next Africa Cup of Nations,

The Members mentioned under (d) and (e) shall sit on the Committee in an advisory capacity for a term of four (4) years and once designated, they cannot be replaced except in case of force majeure recognized as such by CAF.

2. The Committee shall be responsible for organizing and controlling all matches of the Africa Cup of Nations (qualification and final phases), in accordance with the governing regulations.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE AFRICAN NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP**

1. The Organizing Committee for the African Nations Championship shall be composed of:
  - a) A president;
  - b) A vice-president;
  - c) The number of members deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee;
  - d) A representative of the country which organized the last edition of the African Nations Championship;
  - e) A representative of the country which will organize the next edition of the African Nations Championship.

The members mentioned under (d) and (e) shall sit on the Committee in an advisory capacity for a term of four (4) years and once designated, they may only be replaced in cases of force majeure, recognized as such by CAF.

2. The Committee shall be responsible for organizing and controlling all matches of the African Nations Championship (qualification and final phases), in accordance with the governing regulations.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR INTER-CLUBS COMPETITIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB LICENSING SYSTEM**

1. The Organizing Committee for Inter-clubs Competitions and Management of the Club Licensing System shall be composed of:
  - a) A president;
  - b) Two vice-presidents;
  - c) The number of members deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.
2. The Committee shall be responsible for the organization and supervision of all inter-clubs competitions, in accordance with the governing regulations.
3. The Committee shall be responsible for the management of CAF Club Licensing System, in accordance with CAF Club Licensing Regulations, as well as, the regulations governing CAF Inter-Clubs Competitions. It shall ensure that the members' granting and/or revocation of licenses to clubs participating in CAF Inter-clubs Competitions are in accordance with the regulatory provisions.



**ARTICLE 5**  
**ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH (U23/U20/U17), AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS**

1. The Organizing Committee shall be composed of:
  - a) A president;
  - b) Two vice-presidents;
  - c) The number of members deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.
2. The Committee shall be responsible for organizing and supervising all matches of the Africa Cup of Nations for youth (U- 23, U-20, U-17) (qualification and final phases); in accordance with the governing regulations.

**ARTICLE 6**  
**ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR WOMEN'S FOOTBALL**

1. The Organizing Committee for Women's Football shall be composed of:
  - a) A president;
  - b) A vice-president;
  - c) The number of members deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.
2. The Committee shall be responsible for organizing and supervising all matches of the Women's, Africa Cup of Nations (qualification and final phases); as well as all continental football competitions organized by CAF in these categories.

**ARTICLE 7**  
**THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTSAL AND BEACH SOCCER**

1. The Organizing Committee for the development of Futsal and Beach Soccer shall be composed of:
  - a) A president;
  - b) A vice-president;
  - c) The number of members deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.
2. The Committee shall be responsible for the development, organizing and supervision of all matches of the Futsal and Beach Soccer Africa Cup of Nations (qualification and final phases); as well as all continental football competitions organized by CAF in these categories.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**THE REFEREES' COMMITTEE**

1. The Referees' Committee shall consist of:
  - a) A president;
  - b) A vice-president;
  - c) The number of members deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.

It shall be represented, in each of the zones provided in the Statutes by a delegate appointed by the Executive Committee; upon the proposal of the

Referees' Committee.

The Referees' Committee shall meet at least once (1) a year and shall hold occasional meetings with its representatives in the zones.

2. The Referees' Committee shall be entrusted with the following:
  - a) To take decisions regarding the application of the Laws of the Game, in accordance with the decisions and interpretations of the International Football Association Board and the FIFA Referees' Committee;
  - b) To designate referees and assistant referees for the matches of competitions organized by CAF
  - c) To contribute to the training of referees and assistant referees; either directly or by requesting the assistance of national associations;
  - d) To form a panel of lecturers who shall, when necessary, take part in courses and seminars organized by CAF;
  - e) To organize courses for referees' instructors when required by CAF;
  - f) To review the reports on referees submitted to CAF by the match commissioners and referee inspectors;
  - g) To formulate proposals to CAF concerning amendments to the Laws of the Game. These proposals shall be submitted FIFA;
  - h) To collect and disseminate all information concerning refereeing.
3. The duties of the zonal representatives shall be to:
  - a) Liaise between CAF Referees' Committee and the national associations in their respective zones;
  - b) Review all issues pertaining to refereeing in their respective zones, and submit their observations to CAF;
  - c) Officiate, as commissioners appointed by CAF, the matches organized by the Confederation. Through such visits, they shall evaluate the level of refereeing and the needs of each association;
  - d) Submit to the Referees' Committee an annual report on the standard of refereeing and the performance of referees in their respective zones;
  - e) Recommend first-class referees and assistant referees within their zone to CAF Referees' Committee.
4. International referees officiating CAF-organized matches shall enjoy full independence in the exercise of their functions and may not be subjected to any pressure.
5. The Referees' Committee shall implement and interpret the Laws of the Game and may, if deemed necessary, propose amendments to the Executive Committee, for submission to FIFA.

## **ARTICLE 9 TECHNICAL AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. The Technical and Development Committee shall be composed of:
  - a) A president;
  - b) A vice-president;
  - c) The number of members deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. It shall convene at least once (1) a year.
  
2. The Committee shall be entrusted with the following: -
  - a) To collaborate with national associations in:
    - Developing methods of training teams;
    - Improving the qualifications' levels of the administrators, instructors and coaches by organizing courses and seminars intended for them;
    - Preparing documents on education and training techniques for all football technicians; -Assisting, if necessary, in the production of educational films;
  - b) To make recommendations to the Executive Committee in respect of grants and loans to be allocated to national associations for the development of football;
  - c) To recommend, upon request, coaches and trainers to fill vacant posts in national associations;
  - d) To promote and develop all aspects of football; including women and youth football, and facilitate the organization of international youth and women tournaments;
  - e) To analyse the fundamental aspects of football training and technical development;
  - f) To study and define the methods and means of discovering and promoting elite football players;
  - g) To receive, analyse and process any recommendations and proposals submitted to the Executive Committee regarding the promotion of African football;
  - h) To monitor the development of the Laws of the Game and of football.

## **ARTICLE 10 COMMITTEE FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

1. The Committee for Legal Affairs shall be responsible for drafting CAF's Regulations and Statutes. These regulations shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for ratification.
2. It shall act, as need be, as legal advisor to the Executive Committee on contractual issues, or any other legal issues pertaining to CAF interests.
3. The Committee for Legal Affairs shall be composed of:
  - a) A president;
  - b) A vice-president;
  - c) The number of members deemed appropriate.

4. The Committee shall be entrusted with the following tasks:
  - a) Submit any proposals for amendments to the Statutes and regulations to the Executive Committee;
  - b) Examine any legal issues or possible amendments with a view to submitting proposals to the FIFA Congress;
  - c) Assist National Associations, upon request, to update or revise their Statutes or regulations;
  - d) Provide their input to the Executive Committee regarding the interpretation of certain aspects of the Statutes and the Governing Regulations whenever the same is requested by a CAF committee, a National Association or a sub-group.
  - e) Maintain good relations between CAF and the affiliated national associations and to cooperate with them in all matters relating to the Game, its rules and regulations and the development of football.
  - f) Monitor the development of the Statutes and regulations of CAF and its Members. It shall also oversee the smooth running of National Associations.

#### **ARTICLE 11**

#### **MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

1. The Medical Committee shall be composed of:
  - a) A president
  - b) A vice-president;
  - c) The number of members deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.
2. The Committee shall be entrusted with the following:
  - a) Solve, in its capacity as an advisory body to CAF Executive Committee, any matter concerning medicine, physiology, health, and doping;
  - b) Undertake studies relating to medical services for football players;
  - c) Prepare reports for trainers and coaches concerning the physical preparation of football players and treatment of minor injuries;
  - d) Prepare reports concerning dietary issues for football players;
  - e) Prepare a “Medical Guide” for international matches and tournaments;
  - f) Bring together a group of specialists who may be invited to take part in courses and/or meetings organized by the Medical Committee;
  - g) Study environmental conditions from a medical perspective in the different parts of Africa;
  - h) Establish the adequate measures for anti-doping control in and out of CAF-organized competitions, and ensure compliance with the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Agency Code and with the FIFA anti-doping guidelines.

## JUDICIAL AND COMPLIANCE BODIES

### ARTICLE 12 DISCIPLINARY BOARD

1. The Board is convened when at least three (3) of its members are present.
2. It may impose the sanctions set forth in these Statutes and in CAF Disciplinary Code, against Members, clubs, officials or players.
3. It is authorized to sanction any breach of CAF regulations that do not come under the jurisdiction of another body of the Confederation.
4. The General Assembly through the Executive Committee retain the disciplinary board's competence to suspend and expel members.

### ARTICLE 13 APPEAL BOARD

1. The Board shall be authorized to statute on any appeals lodged against decisions of the Disciplinary Board or any other committee, unless CAF regulations declare such decision to be final or referable to another body.
2. The president of the Board may take the following decisions, after consulting with two (2) other members:
  - To rule on an appeal lodged against a decision of the Disciplinary Board concerning the extension of a sanction imposed by national associations in the framework of their local activities, to continental level;
  - Settle disputes arising from challenges to members of the Appeal Board.
3. Decisions of the Appeal Board shall be final and binding on all parties concerned. This provision is subject to appeals lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

No plea for clemency shall be accepted once the Appeal Board has pronounced its verdict.

### ARTICLE 14 AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee shall comprise:

- a) A president;
- b) Six (6) members representing the six zones of the Confederation;
- c) The number of members deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.
  - The Audit Committee shall oversee the conformity and the reliability of the accounts and verify the reports of the independent auditors on behalf of the Executive Committee.
  - Members of the Finance Committee cannot be members of the Audit Committee.

## ARTICLE 15 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Governance and their sub committees shall be composed of:

- a) Chairman
- b) Vice Chairman
- c) No less than five (5) and no more than (9) members all of whom shall be independent and shall not have affiliation to any football structure.

## CAF COMPETITIONS

### ARTICLE 16

1. CAF shall have the exclusive right to organize the following competitions:

- a) For National Teams:
  - The Africa Cup of Nations;
  - The African Nations Championship;
  - The U-20 Africa Cup of Nations;
  - The U-17 Africa Cup of Nations;
  - The U-23 Africa Cup of Nations;
  - The Women’s Africa Cup of Nations;
  - The Futsal Africa Cup of Nations;
  - The Beach Soccer Africa Cup of Nations.
- b) For clubs:
  - The Champions League;
  - The Confederation Cup;
  - The Super Cup.
- c) All other continental and intercontinental competitions.

### ARTICLE 17

These competitions shall be open to the national and club teams of all national associations. Teams shall be admitted to each competition on the basis of the conditions set out in the competitions’ regulations.

### ARTICLE 18

National associations participating in CAF competitions shall undertake, on their own behalf and on behalf of their clubs, to observe CAF regulations and the international calendar.

### ARTICLE 19

Trophies presented on the occasion of CAF competitions may bear the name of a person, upon the proposal of the Executive Committee.

## **CANDIDATURES FOR ORGANISING FINAL TOURNAMENTS AND DESIGNATION OF HOST COUNTRY**

### **ARTICLE 20**

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for examining candidatures from national associations for the organization of final tournaments of CAF competitions.

### **ARTICLE 21**

The Executive Committee shall designate the host country six (6) years prior to the date fixed for the final tournament of the Africa Cup of Nations and three (3) years prior to the date fixed for any other CAF competition.

### **ARTICLE 22**

A joint candidature proposed by two (2) National Associations, in conformity with the above-mentioned conditions, may be accepted by the Executive Committee. In such cases, half of the stadiums required for the competition shall be on the territory of each association.

### **ARTICLE 23**

If more than one candidature meets the above-mentioned conditions, priority shall be given to National Associations which have not previously had the opportunity of organizing the final tournament of the competition concerned.

### **ARTICLE 24**

1. Any Member Association proposing its country as the venue for a competition shall provide a written assurance from its government that:
  - a) All members of CAF, as well as the affiliated national associations and CAF partners, shall obtain the necessary entry visas and permits for the full duration of the competition;
  - b) CAF Statutes and Regulations, particularly the financial provisions, shall be observed;
  - c) Any commitment which is formally entered into by the concerned national association will also be considered as accepted by its government.
2. A member association that proposes its country to host a competition must confirm its willingness to host the final tournament of that competition, and in particular on the basis of the list of requirements of the final tournament as indicated in the Organizing Association Agreement (OAA) and its annexes, containing the guidelines for the organization of such a final tournament;
3. A member association that proposes its country to host a competition must accompany its request with the signed Organizing Association Agreement (OAA), which governs the terms and conditions of this tournament and its organization.



#### ARTICLE 25

1. Any Member Association proposing its country for the organization of the Africa Cup of Nations must have organized the final tournament of at least one (1) of the following competitions:
  - a) The African Nations Championship;
  - b) The U-20 Africa Cup of Nations;
  - c) The U-17 Africa Cup of Nations;
  - d) The Women's Africa Cup of Nations;
  - e) The U-23 Africa Cup of Nations;
  
2. Any Member Association proposing its country for the organization of the African Nations Championship must have organized the final tournament of at least one (1) of the following competitions:
  - a) The U-20 Africa Cup of Nations;
  - b) The U-17 Africa Cup of Nations;
  - c) The Women's Africa Cup of Nations;
  - d) The U-23 Africa Cup of Nations.

#### ARTICLE 26

If none of the candidatures received by CAF meet the obligations stipulated in the current Statutes, the Executive Committee shall extend the deadline for the submission of new candidatures.

#### ARTICLE 27

If no candidature is received for the organization of one of the competitions mentioned in the current Statutes, the Executive Committee shall extend the deadline for the submission of new candidatures.

#### ARTICLE 28

The organization of the final tournaments of the African cups and championships shall only be entrusted to one (1) or two (2) countries which has (have) submitted a document from its (their) government guaranteeing compliance with CAF Statutes and Regulations as well as the competition's terms of reference.

#### ARTICLE 29

The host association(s) shall provide a written undertaking to comply with the conditions prescribed by the Executive Committee; as well as the technical standards.

#### ARTICLE 30

The host association(s) shall provide financial guarantees as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. Such guarantees may be provided by public, local, regional or national

entities; as well as by the State or by other third parties.

#### **ARTICLE 31**

CAF retains the exclusive right to the designation of the host country(ies) of the final tournaments of the African cups and championships. To this end, all candidates shall be subject to an evaluation procedure.

#### **ARTICLE 32**

The President of CAF shall appoint an ad hoc Evaluation Committee which shall inspect the infrastructures, visit the suggested venues and examine the documents submitted.

This Committee shall submit detailed reports to CAF Executive Committee. The latter shall then designate the host country(ies) which will organize the relevant edition of the competition it (they) had submitted a candidature(s) for.

#### **ARTICLE 33**

Once the host country(ies) has (have) been selected, CAF President shall set up an Ad Hoc Committee to monitor and oversee preparations for the organization of the final phase of the competition in question.

#### **ARTICLE 34**

In the event of a violation of the prescribed rules or a breach of the commitments made, CAF shall be entitled to withdraw at any time and with immediate effect the organization of the competition from the host country(ies) without prejudice to any compensation due to CAF.

#### **ARTICLE 35**

The organization of the final phase of African cups and championships shall be entrusted by CAF to the National Association of the host country(ies), which shall establish a Local Organizing Committee. Once it has been constituted, the Local Organizing Committee shall communicate directly with CAF, from which it shall receive instructions.

#### **ARTICLE 36**

The Local Organizing Committee shall have legal and moral persona.

#### **ARTICLE 37**

The executive body of the Local Organizing Committee shall include representatives of the host association, representatives of the municipal authorities of the cities in which the tournament is to be held, representatives of public authorities and, if need be, other leading figures.

#### **ARTICLE 38**

Throughout its time of existence, the Local Organizing Committee shall conduct all its activities in accordance with CAF Statutes and Regulations, any contracts concluded with CAF, as well as the instructions of CAF Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 39**

Global Marketing and television rights, as well as rights derived thereof, shall belong exclusively to CAF. CAF may transfer or sublicense these rights to one or more partners.

The Local Organizing Committee shall fully comply with these provisions and agreements entered into by CAF.

#### **ARTICLE 40**

The host association and its Local Organizing Committee shall be jointly and severally liable for all contractual commitments entered into, individually or collectively, in respect of the organization and the staging of the said competition.

#### **DEFINITION OF MATCHES**

#### **ARTICLE 41**

1. International football matches, recognized by CAF, shall be those between two Members of FIFA in which each member fields a representative team.
2. An international “A” match means a match arranged between two Members of FIFA in which both Members field their first representative team.
3. If a Member allows one of its leagues, or any other organization, to select a team that bears the name of its country, the match shall be considered an international match as described above in Para.1 of this article.

#### **ARTICLE 42**

1. An interclub match means a match played between two clubs. Although the clubs may belong to different Members, such a match shall not be recognized as an international match.
2. An interleague match means a match played between teams coming from two leagues. Although the leagues may belong to different Members, such a match shall not be recognized as an international match, subject to the provisions of Art.41 para. 3, above.

#### **AUTHORISATION REQUIRED TO HOST MATCHES**

#### **ARTICLE 43**

International matches shall be organized in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.

## **FINANCES**

### **ARTICLE 44**

The annual subscription fee due from each member association shall be determined by the General Assembly.

### **ARTICLE 45**

CAF shall be entitled to a fixed or percentage-based levy on the receipts from matches in CAF-organized competitions, in accordance with the regulatory provisions of each competition.

## **PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE MEDIA AND**

### **MARKETING ARTICLE 46**

The objectives of CAF shall be to ensure maximum media coverage and broadcasting of all its competitions, by the different media, for the widest possible audience.

### **ARTICLE 47**

Any national association and its members have the obligation to respect the Media and Marketing regulations at each competition.

### **ARTICLE 48**

Any national association, its members and Media representatives have the obligation to respect the Media guidelines and CAF Accreditation Guide.

## **PROVISIONS GOVERING CAF SIGNS**

### **ARTICLE 49**

No demonstrations, nor any political, religious or racial propaganda shall be permitted at CAF competition venues.

### **ARTICLE 50**

CAF Executive Committee shall have sole authority to determine the principles and conditions under which any form of publicity may be permitted.

### **ARTICLE 51**

CAF symbol shall consist of a drawing of the African continent in green; located in an orange circle surrounded by a green ring. Inside the green ring, there are 19 orange triangles. The word "CAF" shall be placed below the logo.

#### ARTICLE 52

CAF flag shall have a white background with no border, with CAF symbol located in its centre.

#### ARTICLE 53

CAF emblem shall be an integrated design combining the symbol with another distinctive element. The design of any CAF emblem shall be submitted to CAF Executive Committee for approval.

#### ARTICLE 54

CAF anthem shall be the one approved by the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE 55

A large CAF flag shall fly during the entire duration of the competition from a flagpole, placed in a prominent position in the stadium, alongside the FIFA and host country flags.

Large numbers of CAF flags, as well as the flags of other participating countries, shall also be flown together with other flags in the various cities, of the host country, in which the competition is being held.

#### PROVISIONS GOVERNING PROTOCOL

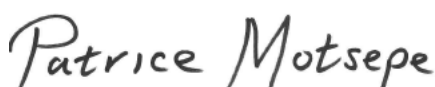
#### ARTICLE 56

CAF Executive Committee approves CAF Protocol Guide. The provisions of this guide apply to all the final tournaments of CAF competitions.

#### ARTICLE 57

These Regulations Governing the Application of CAF Statutes were adopted by CAF Ordinary General Assembly; held in Morocco on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021, and shall enter into force immediately after their adoption.

For CAF Executive Committee:



Dr Patrice Tlhopane Motsepe  
President



Véron Mosengo-Omba  
Secretary General

Morocco on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2021

## **RULES ON THE PROCEDURES OF CAF GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **ARTICLE 1**

Each association may be represented at the General Assembly by a maximum of three (3) delegates, all of whom may take part in the deliberations.

Each zonal union may be represented by its Secretary General and possibly by one (1) other member; who may take part in the deliberations, without voting rights.

### **ARTICLE 2**

CAF shall bear the costs of travel and accommodation for two (2) delegates from each national association and one (1) representative from each zonal union.

### **ARTICLE 3**

Names of delegates from each National Association shall be prioritized from one (1) to three (3) for voting purposes and transmitted to CAF Secretariat before the opening of the General Assembly.

If the first delegate is absent from the meeting room, another delegate shall exercise the voting right in accordance with the list previously submitted.

### **ARTICLE 4**

CAF President shall chair the discussions of the General Assembly. If the President is absent, the first Vice-President shall deputize, failing which the second Vice-President shall chair the meeting, failing which the third Vice-President shall chair the meeting, Failing which the fourth Vice-President shall chair the meeting, failing which the fifth Vice-President shall chair the meeting.

In the absence of CAF President and the five (5) vice-presidents, the longest-serving Executive Committee member, present at the General Assembly, shall chair the meeting.

### **ARTICLE 5**

The Chairman of the meeting shall ensure that the current Rules of Procedure are observed. He shall open and close the sessions. Additionally, he shall give speakers permission to take the floor and shall conduct the discussions.

### **ARTICLE 6**

The Chairman shall keep order and may impose the following sanctions against delegates who disrupt the proceedings, as follows:

- Call to order,
- Reprimand,
- Expulsion from one or more sessions.

In the event of a protest, the General Assembly shall take a decision with immediate effect,

without prior discussion.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

Official interpreters shall be responsible for the simultaneous interpretation of the deliberations into the official languages of the General Assembly (French, English, Arabic and Portuguese).

#### **ARTICLE 8**

At the outset of the first session, the General Assembly shall designate scrutineers deemed necessary tasked with helping the Secretary General conduct votes and elections; by counting votes expressed by a show of hands, distributing and counting ballot papers, etc...

The Executive Committee may decide to use electronic voting devices.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

A brief report shall be presented before any discussions by the representative of the body or Member which has included the item in question on the meeting agenda.

#### **ARTICLE 10**

After presentation of the report, the Chairman shall open the discussions and give the floor to the speakers in order of requests received. No one may take the floor without permission.

A speaker may only be given the floor for a second time on the same matter when all other delegates who have requested the floor have had a chance to speak.

#### **ARTICLE 11**

All proposals shall be presented in writing and must be related to the subject being discussed, failing which they shall be rejected.

Any amendments to such proposals shall be made in writing and submitted to the Chairman, who shall be the only person authorized to introduce them for discussion.

#### **ARTICLE 12**

The discussions on the main subject of a proposal shall be suspended once a motion on a point of order has been put forward. If necessary, the President shall put the motion to vote.

If a motion to close the debate is put forward, it shall immediately be put to vote without prior discussion. If it is adopted, only delegates who requested to speak before the vote shall be given the floor.

#### **ARTICLE 13**

Voting on elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.

Any decision requiring a vote, with the exception of the one concerning the transfer of CAF headquarters, shall be reached by show of hands (voting card) or by means of electronic voting devices.

If a request is supported by at least a quarter of the Members present and eligible to vote, voting may exceptionally take place by roll call. Members shall be called in French alphabetical order.

#### **ARTICLE 14**

An absolute majority (half plus one) or other required majority (two-thirds, three-quarters, four-fifths, etc.) shall, if required, be based on the number of votes cast. Abstentions shall be disregarded in calculating the majority.

#### **ARTICLE 15**

Before any vote, the Chairman or the person appointed by him shall read out the proposal and explain to the General Assembly the voting procedures (quorum, required majority).

In the event of an objection, the General Assembly shall take an immediate decision on the matter without prior discussion.

#### **ARTICLE 16**

Proposals shall be put to the vote in order of submission. If there are more than two main proposals, they shall be put to the vote one after the other and each delegate may only vote for one of the proposals.

Sub-amendments shall be voted on before the proposed amendment. A proposed amendment shall be voted on before the original proposal.

Proposals which are unopposed shall be considered adopted.

The Chairman shall announce the results of the votes to the General Assembly.

No one shall be given the floor during a vote or until the result of a vote has been announced.

#### **ARTICLE 17**

All elections shall be held by secret ballot using the ballot papers distributed by the Secretary General, with the assistance of the scrutineers, shortly before the election.

The number of distributed ballot papers shall be announced by the Secretary General before the voting commences.

If the number of ballot papers collected from the ballot box is equal or inferior to the number of distributed ballot papers, the election shall be considered valid.



If the number of ballot papers exceeds the figure distributed, the election shall be declared null and void and shall be re-conducted immediately.

#### ARTICLE 18

Only one ballot paper shall be used for electing the required number of CAF Executive Committee and/or FIFA Council members and representatives who shall represent the different zones.

#### ARTICLE 19

The majority required for all elections shall be calculated on the number of valid ballot papers obtained from the ballot box. Blank or spoiled ballot papers shall be disregarded.

If two or more votes are given to one candidate on the same ballot paper, only one shall be considered valid.

After every vote, the Chairman of the meeting shall announce the result of the election to the General Assembly.

#### ARTICLE 20


The Secretary General shall place counted ballot papers in envelopes made specifically for this purpose, and they shall be immediately sealed.

The Secretary General shall keep the envelopes and destroy them one (1) year after the closing of the General Assembly.

#### ARTICLE 21

The current Rules of Procedure of CAF General Assembly were adopted by CAF Ordinary General Assembly, held in Morocco on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021, and shall enter into force immediately after their adoption.

For CAF Executive Committee:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrice Motsepe".

Dr. Patrice Tlhopane Motsepe  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Véron Mosengo-Omba".

Véron Mosengo-Omba  
Secretary General

Morocco on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2021