LAW ON POLITICAL PARTIES

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<u>Chapter 1</u> GENERALPROVISIONS AND PRINCIPLES

ARTICLE1.PoliticalParties

(1)PoliticalPartiesarevoluntaryassociations, with the status of alegalentity, of the citizens of the Republic of Moldova who have the right to vote, who, due to their joint activities and according to the principle of free participation, contribute to the conception, expression and accomplishment of their political will.

(2) Political parties, as democratic institutions of the rule of law state, promote democraticvalues and political pluralism, contribute to the formation of public opinion, participate in elections, by putting forward and supporting candidates and insetting uppublic authorities, encourage citizens' participation in elections, participate, through their representatives, in the legal exercising of the state power, perform other activities according to the legislation.

(3) Political parties may found structures that will address particularproblems f some social and professional groups.

(4)Inordertoimplementtheir politicalwill, parties mayaffiliate to some international political organizations.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 2. Territorial Principle for the Organization of the Political Parties

(1)Political parties are organized according to the principle of territorial-administrative organization of the Republic of Moldova.

(2) Political parties' governing bodies, branches and structures shall have their headquarters on the territory under jurisdiction of the Republic of Moldova.

(3)Politicalpartiescannotsetuptheirstructures and bodies withininstitutions, organizations and enterprises.

ARTICLE 3. Restrictions on Political Parties' Activity

(1)Politicalparties,whichaccordingtotheir statute,programand/ortheiractivity,opt againstsovereigntyandterritorialintegrityof the state,democraticvalues andlegalorderofthe Republic of Moldova, use, for the accomplishing of their goals, illegal and violent means, incompatible with fundamental principles of democracy, are prohibited.

(2)Affiliation of political partiest ointernational political organizations which goals and activities are contrary to the provisions of paragraph (1), is prohibited.

(3)Politicalparties are not allowed to practice military, paramilitary as well as other activities for bidden by law.

(4)Anyinterference with the internal activity of political parties is prohibited, with exceptions stipulated by law.

(5)Constitutionandactivity of the parties, other political organizations of foreign states, as well as their branches and structures is prohibited in the Republic of Moldova.

(6)Constitutionandactivityofpoliticalpartiesonthebasisofdiscriminationoncriteria of race, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, sex, wealth or social origin is prohibited.

ARTICLE 4. Political Parties' Symbols

(1) Each political party has a full name, an abbreviation and unique symbols.

(2) Full name, abbreviation and symbols of political parties shall be clearly distinguished from those of parties previously registered in the Republic of Moldova. Parties are prohibited from using the same graphic symbols, regardless of the geometric shape they are placed in.

(3) The symbols mentioned in paragraph (1) may not reproduce or be combined with the state symbols of the Republic of Moldova or thoseofotherstates, international organizations, religious cults, and shallnot propagate the goals and the directions set for thin article 3, paragraphs (1) and (2).

(4)Politicalparties may use directly or in a specific combination, the symbols of international political parties they are part of.

ARTICLE 5. State Support of Political Parties

(1) In order to favor efficient exercise of the governing act, state supports the developmentofpolitical parties. For this purpose, through this law and other normative acts,

legalmechanismsforthefunctioningofpoliticalparties and their structures, as well as for the financing of political parties and their structures from private means and from the state budget are created. (2) Discrimination of political parties in providing state assistance is prohibited.

(2) State assistance of political parties in providing state assistance is promoted

(3) State assistance of political parties is carried out in compliance with the law.

Chapter 2

MEMBERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES

<u>ARTICLE</u> 6. Right of citizens of the Republic of Moldova to political affiliation

(1)Membersofpolitical parties may be comecitizen softhe Republic of Moldovawho,

according to legal norms, have the right to vote. Members of political parties receive membership cards, which are issued according toprovisions of the party's statute.

(2)CitizensoftheRepublicofMoldovahave therighttofreelyassociateinpolitical parties,toparticipatein theiractivities and to stepout from political parties. Noone maybe coerced to join or not to join a political party.

(3)Eachpersonwhobecomesmemberof apolitical party is required to make a written declaration, on his/her own responsibility, confirming that he or she is or is not member of any other political party.

(4)Personsthat, according to legal provisions are prohibited to participate inpolitical activities, cannot be members of political parties.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 7. Joining a political party. Acquiringand losing the party's membership

(1)Tobecomememberofapolitical party, citizen of the Republic of Moldovashall submit a written request to the party he/she wants to be a member of. Party's body, authorized to accept new members in accordance with its statute shall decide to accept or reject the request of joining the party.

(2) A citizen of the Republic of Moldova cannot be simultaneously a member of two or more political parties. By joining another political party, the person automatically loses the membership of the party he/she was a member of.

(3) Joining political party, as well as losing its membership, cannot be regarded as a ground for granting privileges or for restricting fundamental rights and duties.

(4) Any member of a political party may renounce his/her membership by submitting a written request.

(5)Acquiringandlosing of thepolitical partymembership is regulated by internal norms of the party, stipulated by the party's statute.

Chapter 3

REGISTRATION AND RECORD OF POLITICAL PARTIES

ARTICLE8. Submission of documents for registration of a political party

(1) The following documents should be submitted to the Ministry of Justice for registration of a political party:

a) request for registration;

b) statute of the political party;

c) programof the political party;

d) documents on constitution accompanied by the list of members of the politicalparty, whose number shall not be less than 4,000, documents on constitution of party's territorialorganizations,listofdelegatesparticipatinginthe ConstitutionalCongress. Atthemomentofparties' constitution, its membersshallresideinatleasthalfof secondleveladministrative-territorialunitsoftheRepublicof Moldova, butnotless than 120 membersineachoftheabove-mentionedadministrative-territorialunits.

Thelistofpartymembers,drawnuponthebasisofrequestsforjoiningtheparty, shall consist of: name, surname, date of birth, residence, number and series of identity card and member's signature;

e) declaration on the legaladdress of the party;

f) proof of opening bank account.

(2)Documentsmentionedinparagraph(1) letterb),c)and d)shallbe submittedtogether with their copies in electronic form.

(3)TheMinistryofJustice,withinamonthafterthesubmissionofdocumentsprovided inparagraph(1),shalladopta decisiononpoliticalparty'sregistrationor,ifthepartydidnot respect the requirements of the present law, decision on rejecting the party's registration.

(4)DecisionoftheMinistryofJusticeonrejectingregistrationofapoliticalpartymay be appealed in Chisinau Court of Appeal within 10 days after its adoption.

(5)Astatefeeof200leishallbepaidfortheregistrationofpoliticalparty'sstatute, as well as of its amendments and completions.

(6)Representativeoftheparty'sgoverningbodyshallparticipateintheprocessof party's registration.

(7)Political party becomes legalentity on the date of registration of its statute and is entered into the Register of Political Parties.

ARTICLE 9. Declaring the Decision on the Registration of a Political Party null

Decisiononthepoliticalparty's registration maybedeclared null by a decision of the competent law court.

<u>ARTICLE</u>10. Registration of Amendments and Completions to the Political Party's Statute and Program

(1)Amendmentorcompletion of political party's statute and programs hall be made in compliance with the procedure set forth in the political party's statute.

(2)TheMinistry ofJusticeisinformedofanyamendmentstothepoliticalparty'sstatute or programwithin a period not longer than 30 days from the date of its adoption.

(3)Registrationofamendmentsandcompletions to the political party's statute or program isperformedbytheMinistryofJusticeincompliancewithprovisionsofarticle8, paragraph (3)-(6), applied correspondingly.

ARTICLE 11. Political Parties' Record

(1)TheMinistryof JusticeholdstheRegister of Political Parties, which is a legal instrument for keeping record of political parties in the Republic of Moldova.

(2) The Ministry of Justice is the only institution authorized to introduce amendments in the Register of Political Parties.

(3) Information from the Register of Political Parties is available to the public.

(4)Informationonregistrationofpolitical parties or the index of the Register of Political Parties, on a mendments and completions to their statutes is published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova and on the Ministry of Justice's web site. The Ministry of Justice is responsible for publishing this information.

Chapter 4

ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITYOF POLITICAL PARTIES

SECTION 1: Organization of political parties

ARTICLE 12. Grounds for organization and activity of political parties

(1) Every political party is founded and acts on the basis of its statute and program.

(2)Thepolitical party's statute and program is approved by its bodies authorized by the

statute.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 13. Statute of a Political Party

(1) The statute of a political party shall include the following:

a) the party's full name and abbreviation;

b) description of permanent symbols;

c) the white-black and colored permanent symbol in a graphic form, as annex;

d) a short statement on the objectives pursued by carrying out political activity;

e) terms and procedure for appointingdelegates to the general assembly.

f) members' rights and obligations;

g)disciplinarysanctions,proceduresforapplyingthem tothemembersoftheparty,as well as the competent body to apply sanctions;

h) executive bodies, procedure for their election, their mandate and tasks;

i)thecompetentbody toinitiateparty'sreorganizationor determineitsaffiliationtoa political alliance or another formofparties'association;

j)thecompetentbodytodesignatecandidates for elections to local public administration authorities and to Parliament, procedure of candidates' designation, as well as procedure of amending the candidates' list;

k) the way ofceasing party's activity;

l)party'ssourcesoffinancingandthewayitspropertyismanaged,inaccordancewith the law;

m) parties' structures responsible for bookkeeping;

n) the way of carrying out the internal financial control;

o)thebodyauthorized to represent the party in relations with public authorities and other individuals and legal entities;

p) other compulsory provisions according to the present law.

(2) The statute of a political party shall clearly stipulate its organizational legal form political party.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 14. Structure of a Political Party

(1) Political party hascentral bodies and territorial organizations.

(2) The governing bodies, such as the General Assembly of the party's members or delegates, and the executive body, are compulsory for each political party, regardless of the name set forth in the party's statute. They function both at the central level of party's administration and at the level of its territorial organizations.

(3)Political parties' territorial organizations are instituted according to the principle of administrative – territorial organization of the Republic of Moldova.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 15. The Party's General Assembly

(1) At the national level, the General Assembly of the members of the party or its delegatesistheparty'ssupremedecision-makingbody.Itmayhaveanothername,pursuantto the party' statute. The procedure and the sequence of convening this body are defined in political party's statute.

(2) Only members of the party may participate delegates at the sessions of the General Assembly of the respective party.

SECTION 2: Activity of the PoliticalParty

<u>ARTICLE</u> 16. Rights of Political Parties

(1)AllpoliticalpartieshaveequalrightstoparticipateintheelectionsofParliamentand of local public administration authorities.

(2) During election campaign, all political participatingin electioncampaignand their candidates running for elective positions are offered free and fair airtime, as established by law, on public TV and radio channels.

(3)Political parties are entitled to hold meetings, demonstrations and other activities, as established by law.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 17. Activity of political parties

(1)Partiesfunctioninordertofulfilltheirpoliticalwill,whichisexpressed in the statutes and programs, registered in the established way in compliance with the law.

(2) To achieve their goals and tasks set forth in their statutes and programs, political parties are entitled to:

a) disseminate freely, through the available means, information about their activities;

b)participatebyputtingforwardtheircandidatestoelectionsheldaccording to the electoral legislation;

c) set up and have at their disposal their own mass-media, and to carry out editorial activities pursuant to thelaw;

d) carry out any other activities not prohibited by law.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 18. Duties and Liabilityof Political Parties

(1)Political parties are obliged to observe the legislation of the Republic of Moldova and provisions of their statute.

(2)Incase of legislative amendments, or incase of revealing that statutes or programs of the parties are not in compliance with the legal provisions, parties will adjust their documents to the legal norms, by amending and completing them in accordance with the established procedure.

(3) Political parties are liable for the assumed obligations with their own patrimony.

(4)Politicalparties are not liable for the obligations of the respective parties.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 19. Decisions of the Political Parties

Decisions of the political parties and their territorial organizations are adopted by majority of votes, as stipulated by the statute.

Chapter 5

REORGANIZATIONANDTERMINATIONOF POLITICAL PARTY'SACTIVITY

ARTICLE 20. Reorganization of Political Parties

Political parties, according to the decision of their supremebodies, may be reorganized by merging (fusion and absorption), by breaking up (division and separation) and by transformation, in compliance with the law.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 21. Limitation of political party activities

(1)Activity of apolitical party can belimited if its actions bring serious prejudices to political pluralismor fundamental democratic principles.

(2) In case of revealing actions mentioned in the first paragraph, the Ministry of Justice will request, in written form, the governing body of the respective political party to take measurestoterminatesuchactions within maximum amonthand to inform the Ministry about the results.

(3)If the governing body of the political party will not fulfill there quirement of the Ministry of Justice, the activity of the political party will be limited for a period of up to six months, through a decision of the Chisinau Court of Appeal, at the request of the Ministry of Justice, which shall be submitted within 5 days after the terms et according to the provisions of paragraph (2) expires.

(4)Decision of the Court of Appeal can be challenged to the Supreme Court of Justice with appeal in cassation, within 10 days. The appeal in cassation will be examined within 15 days.

(5)Duringtheperiodoflimitationofitsactivity,thepoliticalpartyisnotallowedto found massmedia outlets, to hold assemblies, meetings, demonstrations, pickets and other public actions,tousedifferenttypesofbankdeposits,exceptcaseswhenclearingwiththecontracting partiesisnecessary,dueclearingforcarryingoutindividuallaborcontracts,clearingofthe repair of damages caused by the activities of the political party, clearing of taxes, fees and fines.

(6)Aftereliminatinginconsistencies, whichledtolimitationofpoliticalparty's activity, thepartywillinform inthissense the Ministry of Justice, which will authorize the resumption of the party's activities within 5 days.

(7)If,duringtheperiodoflimitationofthepoliticalparty'sactivity,theactionswhich ledtothelimitationof theparties'activityarerepeated,orif,duringthefirstyearafterthelast limitationoftheparty'sactivity,thepartycommitssimilarinfringements;theMinistry ofJustice will request Chisinau Court ofAppeal to dissolve the respective party.

(8)Politicalparty's activity cannot be limited one month prior to the parliamentary elections or general local elections, as well as during these elections.

ARTICLE 22. Termination of the political parties' activity

(1) Political party shall terminateits activity through:

a)reorganization,accordingto theprovisionsofthepresentlaw,andlosingofthelegal status as a result of reorganization;

b) self-dissolution, by decision of its supreme body;

c)dissolutionbydecisionoftheChisinauCourt of Appeal, at the requestoftheMinistry of Justice;

d) declaration of the party's unconstitutional ity by the decision of the Constitutional Court.

(2)MinistryofJusticeshallinitiatelegalproceedingsattheChisinauCourtofAppeal,in order to dissolve political party,in case if at least one of the following reasons is present:

a)thepartyisactingaccordingtoitsstatuteandprogram,whentheamendmentsand completions to these documents werenot registered in compliance with the law;

b)withinoneyear,sincethedecisionoftheChisinauCourtofAppealonthelimitationof the party's activity became final, the party carries out actions similar to those which led to the limitation of the parties' activity;

d)party'sactivityiscarriedoutthroughillicitwaysormeansorbycommittingsomeacts of violence;

e) the party was declared unconstitutional bythe decision of the Constitutional Court.

(3)ThefinaldecisionoftheChisinauCourtof Appealonthepoliticalparties'dissolution issenttotheMinistryofJustice,whichshallrecordthebeginningoftheparty'sliquidationin the Register ofPolitical Parties.

(4) Todissolve apolitical party, the Ministry of Justice, in order to execute the final decision of the Chisinau Court of Appeal, shall set up a commission for liquidation of the

political party. Apolitical partyce as esits existence only after the liquidation procedure ends and party is deleted from the Register of Political Parties.

(5)Aftertheterminationofthepolitical party's activity, its assets are transferred, free of charge, to the state property in order to be used for charity purposes.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 23. Liquidation Procedure of a Political Party

(1) Dissolution of a political party, pursuant to article 22 paragraph (1) letter b), is done, withparticipationoftheMinistryofJustice, byitscollegialgoverningbodyorbyotherpersons assigned by the General Assembly of the party.

(2)The decision on liquidation of the political party, adopted by the General Assembly of the party, sets the procedure and period of liquidation, destination of assets which remain after liquidation, as well as dead line force ditors to present their claims. This period shall a state ast 30 days and starts with the date of publication of this decision in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova.

(3)Incaseliquidationofapoliticalpartyiscarriedoutpursuanttoarticle22paragraph (1) letters c) and d), the liquidators shall be appointed by a decision on liquidation adopted by the respective court.

(4)Oncetheliquidators are appointed, the mandate of the political parties' bodies is terminated. The liquidators shall carry out all the requirements set for they the present law regarding the publication of the notice on the party's liquidation. The notice shall include:

a) name of liquidators and headquarters of the party;

b)procedureandperiodofcarryingouttheliquidationprocess,deadlineforsubmitting the claims by the creditors;

c)invitation of thecreditorstosubmitevidence on their claims. Knowncreditorswillbe invited via individual notifications.

(5)Aftertheirappointment, liquidators shalldrawupan inventory of political party's goods without delay, indicating precisely party's assets and debts. Inventory will be signed by liquidators and leaders of theparty's permanent governing body.

(6) Liquidators are obliged to pursue the ongoing operations, to satisfy the creditors' claims, and, if cashis insufficient to clear all the debts, goods. For the damages caused by the liquidators' fault, they are liable to both political party in the process of liquidation and to third parties.

(7)Afterterminatingtheliquidationprocedureofthepoliticalparty, the liquidators must drawuptheliquidationbalanceandsubmititforapprovalof theMinistryofJusticeandFiscal Inspectorate,aswellaspublishitintheOfficial GazetteoftheRepublicofMoldova.Theassets remainingaftersatisfyingallthecreditors'claimsbecomestatepropertyandareused forcharity purposes. (8)Inallcasesofpoliticalparty'sliquidation,liquidators shallsubmitthefollowing documentstotheMinistryofJustice,inorderforpoliticalpartiestobedeletedfrom theRegister ofPolitical Parties:

a) request on deletion of the political party from the Register of Political Parties;

b) registration certificate (original);

c)documentthatconfirmspaymentofallduepaymentstothestatebudget,issuedby the Fiscal Inspectorate;

d) documents on the party's constitution (original);

e)documentonhandingoverthestampstobedestroyed, issued by the authorized police body;

f)copyofthenotificationonthepoliticalparty'sliquidation,publishedintheOfficial

Gazette of the Republic of Moldova.

(9) Duties of the liquidators cease when allfinancial-banking operations are terminated.

Chapter 7

PATRIMONY OF POLITICAL PARTIES

<u>ARTICLE</u> 24. Patrimony of political parties

(1)Politicalparties are entitled to own, as property, buildings, equipment, publishing and printing houses, transport means, and other assets not prohibited by law. Political parties' assets may not be used for other goals than for fulfilling the tasks set forth in their statutes.

(2)Therighttoownershipofthepolitical partiesisregulated by the norms of civil legislation, with exceptions stipulated by the present law.

(3)Politicalpartyisentitled to carryouteditorialactivities, activitiesdirectlyrelated to themanagementofitsproperty, as well as other economic activities that directly result from the purpose defined by the statute.

(4)Politicalpartiescannothave intheirpossession, at their disposalorinuse, we apons, explosives or other materials dangerous for life and health of the population, nor can they accept them for depositing or holding.

(5)Politicalparties'patrimony, includingits revenue, cannot be distributed among their members.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 25. Financial Sources of the Political Parties

(1) Political Parties may have the following financial sources:

a) membership dues;

b)donations, including those collected during the entertainment, cultural, sport and other mass activities organized by the party;

c)subsidies from the statebudget, according to the provisions of the present law annual budget law;

d) other revenues legally obtained according to article 24, paragraph (3).

(2)Political parties shall not use other financial sources than those stipulated in paragraph (1).

(3) The amount and the way of paying the membership dues is set by the statute of the political party.

(4) Payment and cash operations of the political parties are carried out in Moldovan lei and, in the cases stipulated by the currency legislation, foreign currency, via accounts opened in the banks based in the Republic of Moldova.

(5)Revenuesprovidedinparagraph(1)are exempted from taxes or are taxed according to the provisions of Fiscal Code.

(6)Publicorprivatefinancing ofthepolitical parties shall not have a sapurpose limitation independence.

(7) Violation of legal provisions concerning financing of political parties and the way thesefinancialmeans and material resources are used by the political parties is sanctioned according to the law.

(8) Political parties are not entitled to open bank accounts abroad.

<u>ARTICLE</u>26. Donations

(1) Donation is the patrimony transmitted free of charge and unconditionally to a political party and accepted by it.

(2)Annualincomeofapoliticalpartyresultedfrom donationscannotexceed the equivalent of 0,1% from the income, for eseen in the state budget for the respective year.

(3)Anindividualmaygrantdonationstooneormorepoliticalparties.Donations grantedbyanindividualtooneormorepoliticalpartiesduringone budgetaryyearmaynot exceed the amount of 500 average monthly salaries on the national economy set for the respectiveyear.Iftheindividualisamemberoftheparty,this sum alsoincludes theparty membership dues paid by him/her during a year.

(4)Donationsgrantedbyalegalentityto oneormorepartiesduringabudgetaryyear cannot exceed the amount of 1000 average monthly salaries on the national economy set for the respective year.

(5)Directorindirectfinancing, any form offinancial support granted topolitical parties by other states and international organizations, by enterprises, institutions and state-financed organizations orthose with state capital or foreign capital, by noncommercial organizations,

tradeunions, charity organizations or religious cults, by the citizens of the Republic of Moldova who are minors or are abroad, by individuals who are not citizens of the Republic of Moldova, by an onymous persons, as well as on behalf of third parties, are prohibited.

(6)Theshareofthedonations'value, received by a political party, which exceeds the established limit, as well as a mounts received with violation of paragraph (5) are transferred to the state budget on the basis of a court decision.

ARTICLE 27. Public Nature of Donations to Political Parties

(1)Eachpoliticalpartykeepstheregisterofreceiveddonations,wherethedonor's name, residence (headquarters) and the donated amount are mentioned.

(2) Political parties shall not receive anonymous donations or donations that exceed the limit set by the present law.

(3)Incasewhenreceivingofanonymousdonationsordonationsthatexceedthelimit set by the present law is established, political party must transfer the respective amounts in the state budget within 10 days.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 28. Financing of Political Parties from the State Budget

(1)Annualallocationsfromthestatebudgetforfinancingofpoliticalpartiesconstitute

0,2% from the incomes for essentiate budget for the respective year and are distributed as follows:

a) 50% - to political parties proportionally to the number of mandates obtained during parliamentary elections and validated at the moment of setting up the new legislature of the Parliament;

b)50%-topolitical parties proportionally to the number of votes accumulated at the general local elections, if they received not less than 50 mandates in the representative bodies of the second level territorial-administrative units.

(2) Political parties lose the right to allocations from the state budget in case if:

a) their activity was limited - for the whole period of activity limitation;

b)losetheirlegalstatus;

c) violate regulations on parties' financing or provisions stipulated in paragraph (3);

d) are in the process of liquidation.

(3)Politicalparties that during election campaignexceeded the maximum limit of expenditures provided by law, as well as parties, which were financed with violation of legal provisions, lose their right to receive financial allocations from the state budget.

(4)Politicalpartywhichlost therighttoreceivefinancingfrom thestatebudget,dueto exceeding thelimitofexpenditures fortheelectioncampaignorduetotheviolationoflegal provisions on financing electioncampaigns, may be reestablished in this right after the next elections, under the conditions of paragraph (1).

(5)Politicalpartythatlosttherighttoreceivefinancingfrom thestatebudget,dueto violationoftheprocedureofincomecollection, isreestablishedinthisrightafterremedyingthe violation that served as ground for suspending the financing.

(6)Themeansallocated for financing the political parties are transferred on their accounts by the Central Election Commission, under conditions and in amounts provided in paragraph (1), on the basis of data on the number of votes accumulated by the political parties.

(7)Allocationsfromthestatebudgetaremonthlytransferredtothepoliticalparties' accounts, inequalamounts, during the whole year.

(8)Incasethepoliticalpartylosestherighttoreceivefundsfromthestatebudget, underconditionsofthepresentlaw,thetransfer oftherespectiveamountsisceasedstartingwith the next month after the political party lost this right.

(9) In case of reorganization of somepolitical parties entitled to receive financing from the state budget, under the conditions of paragraph(1), the mentioned right is transferred to the legal successors – reorganized political parties.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 29. Use of Allocationsfrom the State Budget

(1)Political parties shall use state budget allocations, at the decision of their governing bodies, for the following purposes:

a) maintenance of premises;

b) expenditures for personnel;

c) expenditures for media and promotion materials;

d) expenditures for trips in the country or abroad;

e) expenditures for telecommunications;

f) expenditures for organizing political activities;

g) expenditures for receiving foreign delegations;

h) paymentofmembershipduestointernationalorganizations, the party is member to;

- i) investments in securities and real estate, necessary for the activity of the respective party;
- j) protocol expenditures;
- k) stationervexpenditures;

1) expenditures for election campaign.

(2)Allocations from the statebudget used for other purposes than those stipulated in paragraph (1) are returned to the statebudget on the basis of the final decision of the Chisinau Court of Appeal.

(3)Useofallocationsfromthestatebudgetisreflectedseparatelyinthebookkeeping of the political parties.

(4) Control of using allocations from the state budget shall be carried out by the competent bodies, according to the law.

Article 30. Financial Reports

(1)Political parties, according to the regulation approved by the Ministry of Justice, shall annually submit financial reports to the Court of Accounts, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Justice, until March 31. (2)Reportsmentionedinparagraph(1)onsubsidiesreceivedfromthestatebudgetshall be verified by the Court of Accounts, and reports on other income shall be verified by the Ministry of Finance, through its subordinated structures.

(3)Violationofprovisionsregardingfinancing of political parties or the use of assets in their possession leads to their liability according to the law.

ARTICLE 31. Public Nature of the Information on Financing Election Campaign

(1)The expenditures borne by the political parties during the election campaigns represent information of public interest.

(2)Onthedateof registrationof anelectoralcompetitor, and lateronevery two weeks until the endofelections, according to the regulation approved by the Central Election Commission, every political party that participates in elections shall submittoit there ports on the parties' financial resources, including the expenditures borned uring the respective election campaign and the sources of these means. Furtheron, similar reports for the entire election period shall be submitted to the Central Election Commission within a monthafter publication of election results.

(3)Incasewhenduringthecontrolcarriedout bythecompetentbodiesattherequestof theCentralElectionCommission,itis establishedthatthepoliticalpartyregisteredaselectoral competitorreceivedorusedfinancialmeanswith violationofprovisionsofthepresentlaw,the CentralElectionCommissionshalladdresstheSupremeCourtof Justicewitharequestof cancellation of its registration as electoral competitor. The Supreme Court of Justice shall examinetherequestandadoptadecisionwithin 5 days, but not later thanthedaypriorto elections.

(4)Incase the information submitted by a political party under the terms of paragraph (2)is incomplete, the Central Election Commission is entitled to request the respective party to provide additional data on each amount received on the party's account and on the origin of these funds.

(5)Withintwomonthsafterholdingthe elections,theCentralElectoralCommission shallpublish onitswebpagetheinvoicefortheelectioncampaignofeachpoliticalparty,onthe basis of information submitted by the political parties.

FINAL AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Article32

(1)Thepresentlawcomesintoforceonthedateofitspublication,exceptarticle28, which shall apply starting with 1 July 2017 forParliamentary elections and 1 July 2015 for the general local elections.

(2) On the date when the present law comes into force, the Law on Parties and other Social-PoliticalOrganizationoftheRepublic of Moldova, No. 718-XIIof17September1991 shall be abrogated.

Article33

(1)Regulationsonpolitical parties are also applied to social-political organizations with the status of legal entity of the citizens of the Republic of Moldova with the right to vote.

(2) Legal provisions that regulate the activity of non-commercial organizations are applied topolitical parties and socio-political organizations, unless the present laws tipulates otherwise.

Article34

(1) Government:

a) within 3 months:

shallelaborateandpresenttotheParliament,intheestablishedway,theproposalsonthe detailed procedure of declaring political parties unconstitutional;

shallsubmittotheParliamentproposalsonadjustinglegislationinforcetothepresent law;

b)shallforeseeinthedraftlawonstatebudgetfortheyear2009allocationsforfinancing political parties in accordance with the regulations of the present law.

(2)Until1October2008,politicalparties and socio-political organizations shall adjust the documents that are at the basis of their constitution and functioning, as well as their entire activity, in accordance with the present law.

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