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Definitions

Terms given below donate the following:

1. **FFTL**: Federação Futebol de Timor-Leste.
2. **FIFA**: Fédération Internationale de Football Association.
3. **AFC**: Asian Football Confederation.
4. **AFF**: Asean Football Federation.
5. **Association**: a football Association recognized by and a Member of FIFA.
6. **League**: an organization subordinate to an Association.
7. **Regional Association**: an organization subordinate to an Association.
8. **Confederation**: a group of Association recognized by FIFA and belonging to the same continent (or similar geographic area).
9. **Club**: Member of a football Association (that is itself a Member of FIFA).
10. **Officials**: all board members, committee members, coaches, referees and attendants as well as other people responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters at FIFA, a Confederation, Association, League or Club.
11. **Player**: a football player registered with an Association.
12. **Congress**: the supreme body of FFTL.
13. **Executive Committee**: the Executive body of FFTL.
14. **Member**: a legal or natural person that has been admitted into membership of FFTL by the Congress.
15. **Association Football**: the game controlled by FIFA and organized in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
16. **IFAB**: the International Football Association Board.
17. **Ordinary Court**: state court which hear public and private legal disputes.
18. **Arbitration Tribunal**: private court of justice acting instead of an Ordinary Court.
19. **NDRC**: National Dispute Resolution Chamber.
20. **CAS(TAS)**: Court of Arbitration for Sport (Tribunal Arbitral du Sport) in Lausanne (Switzerland).

NB: References to natural persons include both genders. The singular case applies to the plural and vice-versa.

I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Name, Headquarters, Legal Form

1. FFTL is a private organization of an associative nature in compliance with the legislation of the Republic Democratic of Timor-Leste (RDTL) and registered in Dili. It is formed for an unlimited period.
2. The headquarters are in the Capital of Timor-Leste, Dili at the Bairro Formosa (GRICENFOR) Dili, Timor-Leste.
3. FFTL is a Member of FIFA, AFC, and AFF.
4. The flag of FFTL is round shaped, back grounded on green and blue with a football and the national flag colours of Timor-Leste in the middle.
5. The emblem of FFTL is designed as the flag including the name of FFTL
6. The logo of FFTL is Federação Futebol de Timor-Leste.
7. The abbreviation of the Federação Futebol de Timor-Leste is FFTL
8. The flag, emblem, logo and abbreviation are legally registered with the Ministry of Justice of Timor-Leste, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.

Article 2 Objectives

The objectives of FFTL are:

- a) To improve the game of football constantly and promote, regulate and control it throughout the territory of FFTL in the light of play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmer;
- b) To organize competitions in Association Football in all its forms at a national level, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority conceded to the various Leagues of which it is composed;
- c) To draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement;
- d) To respect the interests of its member;
- e) To respect and prevent any infringement of the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, AFC, AFF and FFTL as well as the laws of the Game to ensure that these are also respected by its Members;
- f) To prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardize the integrity of matches or competitions or give rise to abuse of Association Football;

- g) To control and supervise all friendly football matches of all forms played throughout the territory of Timor-Leste;
- h) To manage international sporting relations connected with Association Football in all its forms;
- i) To host competitions at international and other levels.

Article 3 Neutrality and non-discrimination

- 1 FFTL is neutral in matters of politics and religion
- 2 Discrimination of any kind a country, private person or group of people on account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics, or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion

Article 4 Promoting friendly relations

- 1 FFTL shall promote friendly relations between its Members, Clubs, Officials and Players and in society for humanitarian objectives.
- 2 Every person and organization involved in the game of football is obliged to observe the statutes, regulations and the principles of fair play as well as the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.
- 3 FFTL shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between Members, Clubs, Officials and Players of FFTL.

Article 5 Players

- 1 The status of players and the provisions for their transfer shall be regulated by the Executive Committee of FFTL in accordance with the current FIFA Regulations of the Status and Transfer of Players.
- 2 Players shall be registered in accordance with the regulation of FFTL.

Article 6 Laws of the Game

FFTL and each of its Members Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game

Article 7 Conduct of bodies and Officials

The bodies and Officials of FFTL must observe the statutes, regulations, directives, decisions and the Code of Ethics of FIFA, of AFC, of AFF and FFTL in their activities.

Article 8 Official languages

- 1 The official languages of FFTL shall be Tetum, Portuguese and English. Official documents and texts shall be written in these languages. In the event of any divergence between the interpretations of texts in different languages, the text written in Portuguese shall be regarded as authoritative.
- 2 The official languages at the Congress shall be Tetum, Portuguese and English.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Article 9 Admission, suspension and expulsion

- 1 The Congress shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a Member.
- 2 Admission may be granted if the applicant fulfils the requirements of FFTL.
- 3 Membership is terminated by resignation or expulsion. Loss of membership does not but leads to cancellation of all rights in relation to FFTL.

Article 10 Admissions

- 1 The Member of FFTL are:
 - a) Municipality Associations;
 - b) Referees' association (Associação Arbitragem de Timor-Leste);
 - c) Coaches' association (Associação Treinadores de Timor-Leste);
 - d) Women's football association or Committee.
- 2 The Municipality Associations are 14 :
 - 1) The Municipality Associations of Aileu;
 - 2) The Municipality Associations of Ainaro;
 - 3) The Municipality Associations of Baucau;
 - 4) The Municipality Associations of Bobonaro;

- 5) The Municipality Associations of Covalima;
 - 6) The Municipality Associations of Dili Leste;
 - 7) The Municipality Associations of Dili Weste;
 - 8) The Municipality Associations of Ermera;
 - 9) The Municipality Associations of Liquica;
 - 10) The Municipality Associations of Lospalos;
 - 11) The Municipality Associations of Manatuto;
 - 12) The Municipality Associations of Manufahi;
 - 13) The Municipality Associations of Oe-qusse;
 - 14) The Municipality Associations of Viqueque.
- 3 Any legal or natural person wishing to become a Member of FFTL shall apply in writing to the general secretariat of FFTL.
- 4 The application must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:
- a) A copy of its legally valid statutes and regulation
 - b) A declaration that it will always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of FFTL, of FIFA, of AFC and of AFF and ensure that these are also respected by its own Members, Officials and Players;
 - c) A declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game in force;
 - d) A declaration that it recognizes the Arbitration Court of FAFTL and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, as specified in these Statutes;
 - e) A declaration that is located and registered in the territory of FFTL;
 - f) A declaration to that it will play all official home matches in territory of FFTL;
 - g) A declaration to the effect that the legal composition of the applicant guarantees that it can make decisions independently of any external entity;
 - h) A list of officials, specifying those who are authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
 - i) A declaration that it undertakes to organize or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of FFTL;
 - j) A copy of the minutes of its last congress or constitutional meeting;

Article 11 Request and procedure for application

- 1 The procedure for admission shall be regulated by special regulations approved by the Executive Committee of FFTL
- 2 The Executive Committee shall request the Congress either to admit or not to admit an applicant. The applicant may state the reasons for its application to the Congress.
- 3 The new Member shall acquire membership rights and duties as soon as it has been admitted. Its delegates are eligible to vote and be elected with immediate effect.

Article 12 Members' rights

- 1 the Members of FFTL have the following right:
 - a) to take part in the Congress of FFTL, to know its agenda in advance, to be called to the Congress within the prescribed time and to exercise their voting right;
 - b) to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;
 - c) to nominate candidates for all bodies of FFTL to be elected;
 - d) to be informed of the affairs of FFTL through the official bodies of FFTL;
 - e) to take part in competitions [if applicable] and/or other sports activities organized by FFTL;
 - f) to exercise all other rights arising from the statutes and regulations of FFTL.
- 2 The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable regulations.

Article 13 Members' obligations

- 1 The Members of FFTL have the following obligations:
 - a) To comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, AFC, AFF and FFTL at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members;
 - b) To ensure the election of its decision-making bodies;
 - c) To take part in competitions [if applicable] and other sport activities organized by FFTL;
 - d) To pay their membership subscriptions;
 - e) To respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by IFAB and to ensure that these are also respected by its members through a statutory provision;

- f) To adopt statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relating to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, of AFC, AFF, FFTL or the League (s) shall come solely under the any recourse to Ordinary Courts is prohibited;
 - g) To communicate to FFTL any amendment of its statutes and regulations as well as the list of its Officials or persons who are authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
 - h) Not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognized or with Members that have been suspended or expelled;
 - i) To observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behavior as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision;
 - j) To observe the mandatory items specified under article 10 paragraph 3 for the duration of their affiliation;
 - k) To administer a register of members which shall regularly be updated;
 - l) To comply fully with all other duties arising from the statutes and other regulations of FIFA, of AFC, of AFF and FFTL.
- 2 Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions provided for in these Statutes.

Article 14 Suspensions

- 1 The Congress is responsible for suspending a Member. The Executive Committee may, however, suspend a Member that seriously and repeatedly violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next Congress, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime.
- 2 A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Congress by three-quarter of the votes taken. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.
- 3 A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights. Other Members may not entertain sporting contact with a suspended Member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.
- 4 Members that do not participate in the sports activities of FFTL for 2 consecutive years shall be suspended from voting at the Congress and their representatives shall not be elected appointed until they have fulfilled obligations in this respect.

Article 15 Expulsions

- 1 The Congress may expel a Member if:
 - a) it fails to fulfill its financial obligations towards FFTL;
 - b) it seriously violates the statutes, regulations, directives of FIFA, AFC, AFF and FFTL;
- 2 The presence of an absolute majority (50% + 1) of Members entitled to vote at the Congress is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a three-quarter of the valid votes cast.

Article 16 Resignations

- 1 A Member may from FFTL with effect from the end of the calendar year. Notice of resignation must reach the general secretariat no later than 6 months before the end of the calendar year.
- 2 The resignation is not valid until the Member wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligations towards FFTL and the other Members of FFTL.

III HONORARY PRESIDENT AND HONORARY MEMBER

Article 17 Honorary President and honorary member

1. The congress may bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member upon any persons for meritorious service to football.
2. The Executive Committee shall make these nominations.
3. The honorary president or honorary member may take part in the congress. They may join the debate but are not entitled to vote.

IV ORGANISATION

Article 18 Bodies of FFTL

1. The Congress is the supreme and legislative body.
2. The executive committee is the executive body.

3. Standing and ad-hoc committee shall advise and assist the executive committee in fulfilling its duties. Their duties, composition and function are defined in these Statutes and/or special regulation drawn up by the Executive Committee.
4. The general secretariat is the administrative body.
5. The judicial bodies are the disciplinary bodies (Disciplinary committee and appeal committee) and the club licensing bodies (Club Licensing Committee and the Appeal Licensing Committee).
6. The bodies of FFTL shall be either elected or appointed by FFTL itself without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in these Statutes.

PART I CONGRESS

Article 19 Definition and composition of the congress

1. The Congress is the meeting at which all the members of FFTL regularly convene. It represents the supreme and legislative authority of FFTL. Only a congress that is regularly convened has the authority to make decision.
2. A congress may be an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress.
3. The President shall conduct the Congress business.
4. The congress may appoint observers who take part in the Congress without the right to debate or to vote.
5. The honorary president and honorary member may take part in the congress. They may join the debate but are not entitled to vote.
6. The clubs and leagues which are not member of FFTL may take part in the congress as observers.

Article 20 Delegates and votes

1. The congress is composed of 3 delegates of each member. The 3 delegates of each member represent the delegation of the member.
2. Delegates must belong to the member that they represent and be appointed or elected by the appropriate body of that Member. They must also be able to produce evidence of this upon request.
3. Each Regional Association has one vote in the Congress. The other members shall have one vote each. Only the President of the Member or someone appointed by the Presidents of the Members are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.

4. The Executive Committee and the General Secretary shall take part in the Congress without voting rights. During their terms of office, members of the Executive Committee may not be appointed as delegates for their association.

Article 21 Areas of Authority

The congress has the following authority:

- a) Adopting or amending the statutes;
- b) Appointing three delegates of different Members to check the minutes and approving the minutes of the last meeting;
- c) Electing the President and the vice-presidents and members of the executive committee;
- d) Electing the members of the electoral committee and the appeal electoral committee;
- e) Appointing the scrutinizers;
- f) Approving the financial statements;
- g) Approving the budget;
- h) Approving the president activity report;
- i) Appointing the independent auditors upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;
- j) Fixing the memberships subscriptions;
- k) Deciding upon the nomination of the Executive Committee, whether to bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member;
- l) Admitting, suspending or expelling a member;
- m) Revoking the mandate of one a number of members of a body of FFTL;
- n) Passing decisions at the request of a Member in accordance with these Statutes;
- o) Dissolving FFTL.

Article 22 Quorum of the Congress

1. Decision passed by the congress shall only be valid if the absolute majorities (50% +1) of the Member who are entitled to vote are represented.
2. If a quorum is not achieved, a second Congress shall take place 24 hours after the first, with the same agenda.

3. A quorum is not required for the second meeting unless any item on the agenda proposes the amendment of the Statutes of FFTL, the election of the President and election of the vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee, the dismissal of one or a number of members of a body of FFTL, the expulsion of a member of FFTL or the dissolution of FFTL.

Article 23 Decision of the Congress

1. Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, a simple majority of the Members entitled to vote is sufficient for a vote to be valid. The number of valid votes counted shall decide the majority. Spoiled or blank voting slips or any other forms of abstention are disregarded in calculating the majority.
2. A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favor of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order.

Article 24 Election

1. Election should be conducted by secret ballot.
2. For a person to be elected, an absolute majority (50% +1) of the votes recorded and valid is necessary in the first ballot. In the second and any other requisite ballot, simple majority of the votes recorded is sufficient.
3. If there are more than two candidates for one available position, the candidate that obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated as from the second ballot until only two candidates are left.

Article 25 Electoral Committee and Electoral Code

1. The congress shall elect the members of the electoral committee to supervise the elections and ensure the application of the democratic principles such as separation of powers and transparency. Free election should be granted and any external political interference in any election is a violation of the principles of democracy.
2. The Executive Committee of FFTL shall draw up an electoral code to regulate the election proceedings in accordance with the FIFA electoral Code.

3. The election of the members of the Electoral Committee shall not take place at the same Congress of the elections of the members of the Executive Committee. The members of the Electoral Committees will be elected for five years.

Article 26 Ordinary Congress

1. The ordinary congress shall be held every year.
2. The executive Committee shall fix the place and date. The members shall be notified in writing at least 60 days in advance.
3. The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least one month before the date of the Congress. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the president's activity report, the financial statements and the auditors' report and any other relevant documents.

Article 27 Ordinary Congress Agenda

1. The general secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposal from the Executive Committee and Members. Any proposal that a member wishes to submit to the Congress shall be sent to the general secretariat in writing, with a brief explanation, at least 45 days before the date of the Congress.
2. The Congress agenda shall include the following mandatory items:
 - a) A declaration that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes of FFTL;
 - b) Approval of the agenda;
 - c) An address by the president;
 - d) Appointment of delegates from different Members to check the minutes;
 - e) appointment scrutinizers;
 - f) Election of the president, vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee (if applicable);
 - g) Election of the members of the electoral committee and the electoral appeal committee;
 - h) Suspension or expulsion of members (if applicable);
 - i) Approval of the minutes of the proceeding Congress;
 - j) President's activity report (containing the activities since the last Congress);

- k) Presentation of the consolidated and revised balance sheet and the profit and lost statement;
 - l) Approval of the financial statements;
 - m) Approval of the budget;
 - n) Admission for membership (if applicable)
 - o) Votes on proposals for amendments to the Statutes;
 - p) Discussion of proposals submitted by the Members and the executive committee;
 - q) Appointment of independent auditors (if applicable) upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;
 - r) Dismissal of a person or a body (if applicable);
 - s) Any further items proposed by the Members or Executive Committee of FFTL.
- 3. The agenda of the Ordinary Congress may be altered provided three-quarters of the Members present at the Congress and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.
 - 4. The Congress shall not make a decision on any point not included in the agenda.

Article 28 Extraordinary Congress

- 1. The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time.
- 2. The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Congress if one-third of the members of FFTL make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items for the agenda. An Extraordinary Congress shall be held within three months of receipt of the request. If an Extraordinary Congress is not convened, the members who requested it may convene the Congress Themselves. As a last resort, the member may request assistance from FIFA.
- 3. The member shall be notified of the place, date and agenda at least one month before the date of an Extraordinary Congress.
- 4. When an Extraordinary Congress is convened on the initiative of the Executive Committee, it must draw up the agenda. When an Extraordinary Congress is convened upon the request of Members, the agenda must contain the points raised by those Members.
- 5. The agenda of an Extraordinary Congress may not be altered.

Article 29 Amendments to the Statutes

- 1. The Congress is responsible for amending the Statutes;

2. Any proposal for an amendment to the Statutes must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the Executive Committee. A proposal submitted by a Member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least ten other members.
3. For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes to be valid, an absolute majority (50% +1) of the Members eligible to vote must be present.
4. A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted only if three-quarters of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

Article 30 Minutes

The General Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the Congress. The minutes shall be checked by those Members designated and finally approved at the next Congress.

Article 31 Effective date of decision

Decision passed by the Congress shall come into effect for the Members 30 days after the close of the Congress, unless the Congress fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

PART II EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 32 Composition

1. The Executive Committee consist of 11 members:
 - 1 President
 - 3 vice-presidents
 - 7 members
2. The president, the vice-presidents and the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Congress. Every candidate in the election of Executive Committee members must be proposed by at least three Members.

3. The mandate of the President, vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee is for four years. They may be re-elected.
4. The members of the Executive Committee shall be no younger than 25 years. They shall have already been active in football *minimum one term*, must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence and have residency within the territory of FFTL.
5. Candidates must be sent to the general secretariat of FFTL. The official list of candidates must be passed to the Members of FFTL along with the agenda for the Congress at which the Executive Committee will be elected.
6. A member of the Executive Committee may not at the same time be a member of a judicial body of FFTL.
7. If a position should become vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill that position until the next Ordinary Congress, when a replacement will be elected for the remaining term of mandate.

Article 33 Meeting

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in two months.
2. The President shall convene the Executive Committee meetings. If 50% of the Executive Committee members request a meeting, the President shall convene it within 15 days.
3. The President shall compile agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda. The members of the Executive Committee must submit the points they wish to be included in the agenda for the meeting to the general secretariat at least 14 days before the meeting. The agenda must be sent out to the members of the Executive Committee at least five days before the meeting.
4. The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee in a consultative role.
5. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall not be held in public. The Executive Committee may, however, invite third parties to attend. Those third parties shall not have voting rights, and may only express an opinion with the permission of the Executive Committee.

Article 34 Powers of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee:

- a) Shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the Congress or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes;
- b) Shall prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress of FFTL;
- c) Shall appoint the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of the standing committees;
- d) Shall appoint the treasurer, who is deputy-chairmen of the Financial Committee;
- e) Shall appoint the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of the judicial bodies;
- f) May decide to set up ad-hoc committees if necessary, at any time;
- g) Shall compile the regulation for the organization of standing committees and ad-hoc committees;
- h) Shall appoint or dismiss the General Secretary on the proposal of the President. The General Secretary shall attend the meetings of all committees ex officio;
- i) Shall propose the independent auditors to the Congress;
- j) Shall decide the place and dates of the number of teams participating in the competitions of FFTL;
- k) Shall appoint the coaches for the representative teams and other technical staff;
- l) Shall approve regulations stipulating how FFTL shall be organized internally;
- m) Shall ensure that the Statutes are applied and adopt the Executive arrangements required for their application;
- n) May dismiss a person or body or suspend a Member of FFTL provisionally until the next Congress;
- o) May delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of FFTL or third parties.

Article 35 Decisions

- 1. The Executive Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless 6 of its members are present.
- 2. The Executive Committee shall reach decisions by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tied vote, the President shall have the casting vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
- 3. Any members of the Executive Committee must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interests.
- 4. The decision taken shall be recorded in the minutes.
- 5. The decision taken by the Executive Committee shall come into effect immediately, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise

Article 36 Dismissal of a person or body

1. The Congress may dismiss a person or body. The Executive Committee may place the dismissal of a person or body on the agenda for the Congress. The Executive Committee may also dismiss a person or body provisionally. Any Executive Committee member may submit a proposal to place such a motion for dismissal on the agenda of the Executive Committee or Congress.
2. The motion of dismissal must be justified. It will be sent to the members of FFTL along with the agenda.
3. The person or body in question has the right to speak in his or its own defense.
4. If the motion for dismissal is upheld, the Congress or Executive Committee shall reach a decision by means of secret ballot. For the motion to be past, a majority of two-thirds of the valid votes is required.
5. The person or body dismissed must be relieved of his or its functions with immediate effect.

PART III PRESIDENT

Article 37 President

1. The President represents FFTL legally.
2. He is primarily responsible for:
 - a) implementing the decision passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee through the general secretariat;
 - b) ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of FFTL in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes;
 - c) supervising the work of the general secretariat;
 - d) relations between FFTL and its Members, FIFA, AFC, political bodies and other organizations.
 - e) Signing the cheques together with the treasurer.
3. Only the President may propose the appointment and dismissal of the General Secretary.
4. The President shall preside over the Congress, the Executive Committee and Emergency Committee meetings and those committees of which he has been appointed chairman.
5. The President shall have an ordinary vote on the Executive Committee and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.

6. If the President is absent or unavailable, the longest serving vice-president available shall deputize.
7. Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the internal organization regulations of FFTL.

Article 38 Candidate for the office of the President

1. The president shall be elected by the Congress for a period of four years. His mandate shall begin after the end of the Congress which has elected him. A President may be re-elected.
2. For the election of the President, two-third of the votes recorded and valid are necessary in the first ballot. In the second and any other requisite ballot, an absolute majority of the votes recorded (50% +1) is sufficient. If there are more than two candidates, the candidate that obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated as from the second ballot until only two candidates are left.
3. Only members of FFTL may propose candidates for the office of President. Members shall notify the general secretariat in writing of the name of a candidate for the presidency of FFTL at least 45 days before the date of the Congress.
4. The General Secretariat shall notify the members of the names of the proposed candidates at least one month before the date of the Congress.
5. If the President is permanently or temporarily prevented from performing his official function, the longest serving vice-president shall represent him until the next Congress. This Congress shall elect a new President, if necessary.

Article 39 Representation and signature

The President represents FFTL legally and is entitled to sign for FFTL. The Executive Committee may set up internal organization regulations regarding the joint signature of officers, in particular, in case of the President's absence and concerning all important business of FFTL.

PART IV EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Article 40 Emergency Committee

1. The Emergency Committee shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee. The Committee shall consist of the President of FFTL and

5 Executive Committee members and appointed by the Executive Committee at its first meeting after the election for a period of 4 years.

2. The President shall convene the Emergency Committee meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decision may be passed through other means of communication. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect. The president shall notify the Executive Committee immediately of the decisions passed by the Emergency Committee.
3. All decisions taken by the Emergency Committee shall be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
4. If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the longest serving vice-president available shall deputize.

PART V STANDING COMMITTEE

Article 41 Standing Committee

1. The Standing Committee of FFTL are:
 - a) Finance Committee;
 - b) Internal Audit Committee;
 - c) Organizing Committee for FFTL competitions;
 - d) Technical and Development Committee;
 - e) Referees' Committee
 - f) Legal Committee;
 - g) Women's Football Committee;
 - h) Youth Football Committee;
 - i) Futsal Committee
 - j) Sports Medical Committee;
 - k) Players Statutes Committee;
 - l) Committee for Ethics and Fair Play;
 - m) Media Committee;
 - n) Football Committee;
 - o) Strategic Studies Committee;
 - p) Marketing and Television Advisory Board;

2. The chairmen and deputy chairmen of the standing committees shall be members of the Executive Committee with the Exception of those for the Internal Audit Committee, who may not belong to the Executive Committee. The members of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the members of FFTL or the President of FFTL. Chairmen, deputy chairmen and the members of the standing committees shall be designated for a term of office of four years.
3. Each Chairmen shall represent his committee and conduct business in compliance with the relevant organization regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.
4. Each chairman shall fix the dates of meetings in collaboration with the General Secretary, ensure that all tasks are carried out and report back to the Executive Committee.
5. Each Committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee.

Article 42 Finance Committee

The finance Committee shall monitor the financial management and advise the Executive Committee on financial matters and asset management. It shall analyses the budget of FFTL and the financial statement prepared by the General Secretary and submit them to the Executive Committee for approval. It shall consist of a chairman, the treasurer as the deputy-chairman and 3 members.

Article 43 Internal Audit Committee

The internal Audit Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the external auditors' report at the request of the Executive Committee. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members

Article 44 Organizing Committee for FFTL competitions

The Organizing Committee for FFTL competitions shall organize the competitions of FFTL in compliance with the provisions of these Statutes and the regulations applicable to FFTL competitions. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article 45 Technical and Development Committee

The Technical and Development Committee shall primarily analyses the basic aspects of football training and technical development. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article 46 Referees' Committee

The Referees' Committee shall implement the laws of the game. It shall appoint the referees for matches in competitions organized by FFTL, organize refereeing matters within FFTL in collaboration with the administration of FFTL and monitor the education and training of referees. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article 47 Legal Committee

The Legal Committee shall analyses basic legal issues relating to football and the evolution of the Statutes and regulations of FFTL and its Members. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article 48 Women's Football Committee

The Committee for Women's Football shall organize women's football competitions and deal with all matters relating to women's football. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article 49 Youth Football Committee

The committee for Youth Football shall organize youth football competitions and deal with matters relating to youth football. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article 50 Futsal Committee

The Futsal Committee shall organize futsal competitions and deal with all matters relating to futsal. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article 51 Sports Medical Committee

The Sports Medical Committee shall deal with all medical aspects of football. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 2 members.

Article 52 Players' Statutes Committee

1. The player's Status Committee shall set up and monitor compliance with transfer regulations in accordance with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and transfer of players and determine the status of players for various competitions of FFFL. The Executive Committee may draw up special regulations governing the players' Status Committee's powers of jurisdiction. The players' Status Committee shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.
2. Players' Status disputes involving FFFL, its Members, and Players, Officials and match and players' agents shall be settled by a NDRC, unless expressly prohibited by the legislation in force in Timor-Leste.

Article 53 Committee for Ethics and Fair Play

The Committee for Ethics and Fair play shall deal with everything relating to ethics in football and the promotion of fair play. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Articles 54 Media Committee

The Media Committee shall deal with the working conditions for the media at FFFL events and maintain relations with media organizations. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article 55 Football Committee

The Football Committee shall deal with general issues in football but primarily with its structure as well as relations between Clubs, Leagues, Members, FIFA, AFC and AFF. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article 56 Strategic Studies Committee

The Strategic Studies Committee shall deal with global strategies for football and its political, economic and social status. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article 57 Marketing and Television Advisory Board

The Marketing and Television Advisory Board shall advise the Executive Committee with regards to drafting and implementing contrast between FFTL and its marketing/television partners and analyze marketing and television strategies that have been advised. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article 58 Ad-hoc committees

The Executive Committee may, if necessary, create ad-hoc committee for special duties and a limited period of time. The executive committee shall appoint a chairman, a deputy chairman and the members. The duties and function are defined in special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee. An ad-hoc committee shall report directly to the executive Committee.

PART VI GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 59 General secretariat

The members of the general secretariat are bound by the internal organizational regulation of FFTL and shall fulfill the given tasks in the best manner under direction of the General Secretary.

Article 60 General Secretary

1. The General Secretary is the chief Executive of the general secretariat.
2. He shall be appointed on the basis of an agreement governed by private law and shall have the necessary professional qualifications.
3. He shall be responsible for:

- a. Implementing decisions passed by the Congress and Executive Committee in compliance with the President's directives;
 - b. Attending the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and the standing and-hoc committee;
 - c. Organizing the congress and meetings of the executive Committee and other bodies;
 - d. Compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and standing and ad-hoc committees;
 - e. Managing and keeping the accounts of FFTL properly in accordance with the guidelines of the Executive Committee;
 - f. The correspondence of FFTL
 - g. Relations with the members, committee, FIFA, AFC and AFF;
 - h. Organizing the general secretariat;
 - i. The appointment and dismissal of staff working in the general secretariat;
 - j. Proposing managerial staff to the president.
4. The General Secretary may not be a Congress delegate or a member of any body of FFTL.

PART VII JUDICIAL BODIES

Article 61 Judicial bodies

1. The judicial Bodies of FFTL are:
 - a. The disciplinary bodies: The Disciplinary Committee and the appeal Committee;
 - b. The club licensing bodies: The Club Licensing Committee and the Appeal Licensing Committee.
 - c. The members of the judicial bodies may not belong to any other body of FFTL at the same time.
 - d. Decisions taken by the Judicial Bodies are final and shall only be referred to an arbitration tribunal to the exclusion of any ordinary court, unless expressly prohibited by the legislation in force in Timor-Leste.

Article 62 Disciplinary bodies

1. The disciplinary bodies shall consist of a chairman, deputy chairman and the number of members deemed necessary. The chairman and the deputy chairman shall have legal qualifications.

2. The disciplinary bodies shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of FFTL. They shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairman may rule alone in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of FFTL.
3. The disciplinary bodies may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the Disciplinary Code of FFTL on Members, Officials, Players, Clubs and match and player's agents.
4. These provisions do not affect the powers of the Congress and the Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.
5. The appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary Committee that are not declared final.
6. Moreover, the composition, responsibilities and functions of the disciplinary bodies shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of FFTL to be adopted by the Executive Committee, which shall comply with the FIFA Disciplinary Code

Article 63 Club licensing bodies

1. The Club licensing bodies shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and the member of members deemed necessary. At least one member of the Club licensing bodies shall be a chartered accountant and at least another one shall be lawyer.
2. Moreover, the composition, responsibilities and function of the Club licensing bodies shall be stipulated in the Club licensing regulations of FFTL to be adopted by the Executive Committee, which shall comply with the FIFA club licensing regulations.

Article 64 Disciplinary measures

1. For the natural and legal persons
 - a) A warning;
 - b) A reprimand;
 - c) A fine;
 - d) The return of awards;
2. For natural persons:
 - a) A caution;
 - b) An expulsion;
 - c) A match suspension;

- d) A ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;
 - e) A ban from entering a stadium;
 - f) A ban on taking part in any football-related activity.
3. For legal persons:
- a) a transfer ban;
 - b) playing a match without spectators;
 - c) playing a match on neutral territory;
 - d) a ban on playing in a particular stadium;
 - e) annulment of the result of the match;
 - f) exclusion from a competition;
 - g) a defeat by forfeit;
 - h) deduction of points;
 - i) demotion to a lower division.

Article 65 Arbitration

1. Any dispute arising from the implementation of a FFTL and club, a player of an official shall, to the extent legally permissible, be exclusively submitted to an independent and impartial arbitration tribunal.
2. A challenge before the arbitration tribunal may only be brought after FFTL's internal procedures have been exhausted.
3. The arbitration tribunal shall consist of three arbitrators. Each party designates his arbitrators. These two arbitrators shall designate the president of the panel.
4. The arbitration proceedings shall be governed by the procedural rules chosen by the parties and, in the absence of such a choice established by the panel itself.
5. The panel shall settle the litigation in accordance with the various regulations of FFTL and, additionally, with the law of Timor-Leste.

Article 66 National Dispute Resolution Chamber (NDRC)

FFTL shall set up a NDRC to resolve disputes between a Club and a player in relation to employment or contractual stability, as well as disputes between Clubs belonging to the same Association in relation

to training compensation and the solidarity mechanism. The composition, jurisdiction and procedural rules of this chamber shall be laid down in separate regulations issued by the executive Committee.

Article 67 Jurisdiction

1. FFTIL, its Members, Players, Officials and match and player's agents will not take any dispute to ordinary courts unless specifically provided for in this statutes and FIFA regulations. Any disagreement shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of FIFA, AFC, AFF or FFTL.
2. FFTL shall have jurisdiction on internal national disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to FFTL. FIFA shall have jurisdiction on international disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to different Associations and/or Confederations.

Article 68 Court of Arbitration for Sport

1. In accordance with the respective articles of the FIFA Statutes, any appeal against a final and binding FIFA decision shall be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. CAS shall not, however, hear appeals on violations of the laws of the Game, suspensions of up to four matches or up to three months, or decisions passed by an independent and duly constituted Arbitration Tribunal of an Association or Confederation.
2. FFTL shall ensure its full compliance and that of its members, players, Officials and match and player's agents with any final decision passed by a FIFA body or CAS.

V FINANCE

Article 69 Financial period

1. The financial period of FFTL shall be one year and shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December.
2. The revenue and expenses of FFTL shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. FFTL's major duties in the future shall be guaranteed through the creation of reserves.
3. The General Secretary is responsible for drawing up the annual consolidated accounts of FFTL with its subsidiaries as at 31 December.

Article 70 Revenue

The revenue of arises specifically from:

- a. Members annual subscriptions;
- b. Receipts generated by the marketing of rights to which FFTL is entitled;
- c. Fines imposed by the authorized bodies;
- d. Other subscriptions and receipts in keeping with the objectives pursued by FFTL.

Article 71 Remuneration

1. The FFTL president is also the executive president will be given remuneration based on the level of responsibility and professionalism required.
2. Remuneration will also be given to FFTL employees based on responsibility and professionalism.
3. Remuneration referred to in clause (1) and (2) is salary, honorarium, fixed incentives, bonuses for achievement, severance and/or pension.
4. EXCO members and Committees will also be given remuneration in the form of allowance during the meeting.
5. For matters that have not been or are not mentioned will be decided through the EXCO meeting and will be ratified through the congress.

Article 72 Expenses

FFTL bears:

- a) The expenses stipulated in the budget;
- b) Other expenses approved by the Congress and expenses that the Executive Committee is entitled to incur within the scope of its authority;
- c) All other expenses in keeping with the objectives pursued by FFTL.

Article 73 Independent auditors

The independent auditors appointed by the Congress shall audit the accounts approved by Finance Committee in accordance with the appropriate principles of accounting and present a report to the Congress. The auditors shall be appointed for a period of 4 years. This mandate may be renewed.

Article 74 Membership subscriptions

- 1 Membership subscriptions are due on 1 January. The annual subscription for new members for the year in question shall be paid within 30 days of the close of the congress at which are admitted.
- 2 The Congress shall fix the amount of the annual subscription every two years on the recommendation of Executive Committee. It shall be the same for every Member and amount to no more than one million Riel's.

Article 75 Settlement

FFTL may debit any Member's assets to settle claims.

Articles 76 Levies

FFTL may demand that a levy be paid by its Members for matches.

VI COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS IN COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Articles 77 Competitions

- 1 FFTL organizes and coordinates the following official competitions held within its territory:
 - a. The FFTL U-14 Festival of Sport;
 - b. The FFTL U-17 Championship; / The FFTL U-15 Championship
 - c. The FFTL U21 Championship; / The FFTL U-18 Championship
 - d. The yearly Prime Minister Cup for Women Football;/ The FFTL U-15 Championship
 - e. The yearly President Cup;

- 2 The Executive Committee may delegate to FFTL's subordinate Leagues the authority to organize competitions. The competitions organized by the Leagues shall not interface with those competitions organized by FFTL. Competitions organized by FFTL shall take priority.
- 3 The Executive Committee may issue special regulations to this end.

Article 78 Club licensing

- 1 FFTL shall operate a club licensing system in accordance with the principles of the club licensing regulations of AFC and FIFA.
- 2 The objective of the club licensing system is to safeguard the regulations the credibility and integrity of club competitions, to improve the level of professionalism of FFTL, to promote sporting values in accordance with the principles of fair play as well as safe and secure match environments and to promote transparency in the finances, ownership and control of clubs.
3. The Executive committee of FFTL shall issue club licensing regulations governing the club licensing system. Inter alia, the club licensing regulations shall stipulate to which clubs the system applies. As a minimum, the club licensing system must be implemented in respect of top-division clubs which qualify for AFC club competitions on sporting merit. The club licensing bodies shall consist of the first-instance body and the appeals body. The members of these club licensing bodies shall be appointed by the Executive committee.

Article 79 Rights

- 1 FFTL and its Members are the original owners of all of the rights emanating from competition and other events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restriction as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal right such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law.
- 2 The Executive Committee shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilized and draw up special regulation to this end. The Executive Committee shall alone decide whether these rights shall be utilized exclusively, or jointly with a third party or entirely through a third party.

Article 80 Authorization

FFTL and its Members are exclusively responsible for authorizing the distribution of image and sound and other data carriers of football matches and events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and technical and legal aspects.

VII INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

Article 81 International Matches and Competitions

- 1 The authority for organizing international matches and competitions between Association teams and between Leagues and/or Club teams lies solely with FIFA. No match or competition shall take place without the prior permission of the FIFA Executive Committee. In addition, permission from the relevant Confederation may be required in accordance with the FIFA regulations.
- 2 FFTL is bound to comply with the international match calendar compiled by FIFA

Article 82 Contacts

FFTL shall not play matches or make sporting contacts with Associations that are not members of FIFA or with provisional members of a Confederation without the approval of FIFA.

Article 83 Approval

Clubs, Leagues or any other group of Clubs that are affiliated to FFTL cannot belong to another Association or participate in competitions on the territory of another Association without the authorization of FFTL and the other Association and of FIFA, except in exceptional circumstances.

VIII FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 84 Unforeseen Contingencies and Force Majeure

The Executive Committee shall have the final decision on any matters not provided for in the Statutes or in cases of force majeure.

Article 85 Dissolution

- 1 Any decision relating to the dissolution of FFTL requires a majority of two-thirds of all of the Members of FFTL, which must be obtained at a Congress specially convened for the purpose.
- 2 If FFTL is disbanded, its assets shall be transferred to FIFA. It shall hold these assets in trust as “bonus pater familiar” until FFTL are re-established. The final Congress may, however, choose another recipient for the assets on the basis of a two-thirds majority.

Article 86 Enforcement

These Statutes were adopted at the FFTL Congress on 25 May 2019 in Dili, Timor-Leste and come into force immediately.

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