



CONFEDERAÇÃO MAÇÔNICA INTERAMERICANA - CMI

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**PROPOSAL FOR SPECIFIC REFORM
OF THE STATUTE OF THE CMI**



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1. Introduction

Within the work plan “**Building Bridges of Union**” for the period 2024-2027, the need to evaluate the specific reforms of the Statute of the Inter-American Masonic Confederation was established, as result of the considerations of different confederated Grand Lodges that make up the Zones to which they belong.

In this sense, the Executive Council appointed through Resolution No. 003 / CMI – 2024 – 2027, a special commission, with a member from each of these Zones, to analyze the points previously defined by the Council, with the development of the update study that generates balance and equity.

Formulating proposals for analysis by the Council, which, once received, I analyze, even considering suggestions from the working group on the topic of “Freemasonry and Society” for the preamble part and at the end, if I prepare this consolidated proposal for analysis by the confederated Grand Lodges, for deliberation at the Assembly in April 2025.

2. Schedule:

The Executive Council forwarded and received, through the Executive Secretariat, until 15/11/2024, proposals from the Great Confederate Powers to change, eliminate or add through the presentation of proposed amendments.

3. PROPOSALS FOR REFORMS TO THE STATUTE

3.1. In the “IDEALS AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE STRUCTURE OF UNIVERSAL FREEMASONRY”:

1. Freemasonry is an active, universalist and humanitarian philosophical movement, which includes all **POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS, RACIAL and other** orientations that aim at the material and moral improvement of humanity on the basis of respect for the human personality. (adding and excluding)

2. ...

3. Freemasonry recognizes the possibility of ~~indefinite~~ **CONSTANT** improvement of man and humanity, in a higher, ideal principle, called "The Great Architect of the Universe." Such recognition of an original ~~principle and a primary cause~~ **CREATIVE PRINCIPLE** leaves to each ~~Masons~~ of **ITS ADEPTS** their particular points of view on the nature of the same, abstaining from any confessional act. Therefore, it does not prohibit or impose any religious dogma on its members, and rejects all fanaticism. (adding and excluding)

4. Freemasonry establishes that work is **THE GREATEST** of the duties and rights of man and demands it **AMONG** its followers as an indispensable contribution to the improvement of the community. It ~~advocates,~~ **PROPAGATES** and defends the postulates of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity and, consequently, combats the exploitation of man by man, privileges and intolerance. (adding and excluding)



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5. Freemasonry recognizes that it is possible to achieve peace between men and nations in a definitive way, **DENYING AND** overcoming violence and using reason. That, for the advent of peace, it is necessary to be actors and participate in history by assuming an intelligent and ethical commitment. (adding)

6. ...

3.2. We “FOUNDATIONS FOR A MAÇÔNIC INTER POTENTIAL DIRECTION”:

Reword these items:

1. The Jurisdictions...:

...

a) ...

b) Recognition of a **CREATIVE PRINCIPLE**, generally designated under the name of The Great Architect of the Universe. (reformulando)

c) Exclusive integration of the Fraternity by free men and **GOOD MORALS**. (agregando)

d) ...

e) ...

f) Prohibition of sectarian and **PARTISAN** discussions about politics or religion. (agregando)

g) ...

h) ...

i) ...

3.3. In the “PACIFIST POSITION OF FREEMASONRY”:

Freemasonry, as a universalist humanitarian institution, aspires to peace **BETWEEN** men and peoples. Its lofty ideals of fraternity and tolerance lead it to condemn **international** wars and the nationalist prejudices that engender them. (adding and excluding)

La Francmasonería, como institución humanitaria universalista, aspira a la paz **ENTRE** de los hombres y de los pueblos. Su elevado ideario de fraternidad y tolerancia le hacen condenar las guerras **internacionales** y los prejuicios nacionalistas que los engendran. (agregando y excluyendo)

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3.4. In “CHAPTER I – NAME AND ADDRESS”:

I. Reword **Article 3** with the following text: “The administrative headquarters of the Inter-American Masonic Confederation will be in the jurisdiction to which the Executive Secretary belongs, and the legal and fiscal headquarters must be established in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay.”



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Proposal of the Executive Secretariat: Sole paragraph: "The administrative headquarters of the Inter-American Masonic Confederation will be in the jurisdiction to which the Executive Secretary belongs, and the legal and fiscal headquarters must be established by a Civil Association in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay".

3.5. Reform of Article 6:

I. The members of the CMI are the Regular Great Jurisdictions of America, Spain, Portugal, France and **Italy** that have been admitted as such, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations of Affiliation and Membership.

Proposal received from the Gran Logia Nacional de Colombia, headquartered in Barranquilla: The Great Regular Powers of America, Spain, Portugal, France, Italy and any other country that has been admitted as such, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations of Affiliation and Membership, are members of the CMI.

Proposal from the Executive Secretariat: The Great Regular Powers admitted as such in accordance with the Statute and the Regulations of Affiliation and Membership are members of the CMI.

3.6. Reform of Article 16 – The President:

I. Inserting after the article caput:

a) If the term of the Grand Master of the Confederated Grand Jurisdiction presiding over the CMI ends before completing three years, the new Grand Master elected in his Grand Lodge will assume the presidency to complete the period, with re-election being prohibited.

b) In the event of a vacancy, the Executive Council elects one of its Vice-Presidents on a pro tempore basis, until the election of the Grand Master of the Confederate Grand Jurisdiction that presides over the CMI.

c) The Presidency shall be exercised by the different geographical zones of the CMI in an equitable manner, ensuring that no zone holds the Presidency for consecutive terms.

d) Zones that have held the Presidency may only present new candidates after nine years from the end of the last term, and their respective Confederated Grand Jurisdictions after eighteen years from the end of the last term. Except at any time if there is no other candidate, respecting precedence.

e) A succession list shall be maintained with records of the Zones that held the office of President, ensuring a clear and transparent succession.

f) In the event of there being no candidates, the presentation of candidates by Zones with temporary impediments is permitted.

g) The office of President of the CMI belongs to the Confederate Grand Jurisdiction and not to the person, being represented by its Grand Master in regular exercise of functions.



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h) The Confederated Grand Jurisdictions, in order to present candidates, must be in line with the CMI treasury and thus remain so, being elected.

3.7. Reform of Article 17 – On Zone Vice-Presidencies, with new items:

I. Adding:

a) Each of the Vice-Presidencies of the Confederation shall be elected by vote of the Great Zonal Assembly by the Grand Jurisdiction that make up the respective Zones, for a term of three years, and one of these cannot be held by the Great Power to which the President of the Confederation belongs.

b) The Vice-Presidencies shall be exercised among the Confederated Grand Jurisdictions that make up the geographical Zones of the CMI, guaranteeing that each Grand Jurisdiction has the opportunity to exercise the Vice-Presidency, and re-election is prohibited, unless there is no other candidate.

c) In the Zones made up of countries with several Great Jurisdictions and, simultaneously, by countries with only one Grand Jurisdiction, the distinctions must be rotated by country and by the number of Grand Jurisdiction that the countries that make up the Zone have. In the event that a country where there are several Grand Jurisdictions, during the period in which it is to have representation, it must choose between one of them.

d) The Confederated Grand Jurisdiction who wish to present their candidacy must be in line with the treasury of the CMI and, if elected, must remain so.

e) The office of Vice-President of the CMI falls to the Confederated Grand Jurisdiction and not to persons, being represented by its Grand Master in the regular exercise of functions.

f) It is the function of the Vice-Presidency in its respective Zone to represent the CMI before the Confederated Grand Jurisdictions that compose it.

g) The Vice-Presidencies must collaborate with the Permanent General Secretariat so that the Grand Jurisdiction that compose it comply promptly with the payment of the established annual contributions and present a report on the treasury of the CMI, so that they can do a better job stimulating payments.

3.8. Reform of Article 18 – Executive Secretary:

I. To amend the chapter of the article: “The Executive Secretary and the Deputy Executive Secretary shall be past Grand Masters nominated by their respective Confederated Grand Jurisdictions and elected jointly for a period of three years by direct vote of the Inter-American Grand Assembly, and shall be prohibited from re-election under any circumstances. The Executive Secretary shall exercise the leadership of the Permanent General Secretariat, and shall be replaced by the Deputy Executive Secretary in his impediments.”

II. To insert the items:



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- a) The nominations with the names of the candidates for Executive Secretary and Deputy Executive Secretary, being from different Zones, shall present their formula with proposed work plans to the Executive Council and the Confederated Grand Jurisdictions within 180 days before the date of the Inter-American Grand Assembly in which the new administrations will be elected.
- b) The offices of Executive Secretary and Deputy Executive Secretary shall be exercised in an equitable manner, ensuring that each Zone has the opportunity to present candidates.
- c) Zones which have held the office of Executive Secretary may only present new candidates after nine years from the end of the last term and their respective Confederated Grand Jurisdictions after eighteen years from the last term. Except at any time if there is no other candidate, respecting precedence.
- d) A succession list shall be maintained with records of the Zones which held the office of Executive Secretary and Deputy Executive Secretary, ensuring a clear and transparent succession.
- e) In the event of there being no candidates, the presentation of candidates by Zones with temporary impediments is permitted.
- f) The Confederated Grand Jurisdictions, in order to present Candidates, must be in line with the CMI treasury and remain so, being elected.

3.9. Reform of Article 20 – Executive Secretary:

- I. Adding the creation of Zone 7: Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada.

3.10. In “CHAPTER VI – THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL”:

- I. Insert in the wording of Article 15: “The Executive Council, **promoting decisions for zonal balance and fraternity**, is the highest authority of the CMI, ...

II. Insert a Single Paragraph in Article 15: The Executive Council also has the mission of preserving the harmony and integration of all the Confederated Grand Jurisdictions and of sending the proposals considered in the statute and regulations for the Inter-American Grand Masonic Assembly, which will be approved by a qualified majority of two thirds of its members.

- III. Insert a new article dealing with the Fiscal Commission, being:

“The Fiscal Commission is an advisory body of the Executive Council, with the function of supervising and guaranteeing the transparency and legality of the financial and fiscal operations of the Confederation of Inter-American Masonry. Being integrated by a representative of each Zone, they must be Grand Masters duly accredited by the respective Vice Presidents and designated or replaced by Resolution of the Executive Council, identifying the Presidency, Secretary and Rapporteur.

First Paragraph: The functions of the Fiscal Commission are:



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- a) To review and audit the bank accounts, financial and fiscal situation of the Confederation of Inter-American Freemasonry on a quarterly basis.
- b) To monitor compliance with the budget approved by the Inter-American Grand Assembly and to ensure that the financial resources of the IMC are used efficiently and in accordance with the regulations established by the Executive Council.
- c) To request the Executive Council to hire external auditors when necessary to guarantee the independence and accuracy of the audits.
- d) To monitor the development and maintenance of the CMI financial policies and fiscal procedures, with all tax obligations.
- e) To provide ongoing advice on budget, financial and fiscal matters to the Executive Council.
- f) To recommend corrective actions in the event of observing problems with good practices and irregularities in budget, financial and fiscal operations.

Second Paragraph: The Fiscal Commission will meet, on an ordinary basis, four times a year and on an extraordinary basis whenever necessary, to review the finances and fiscal situation of the CMI.

- a) The meetings of the Fiscal Commission may be in person or virtual, guaranteeing the participation of all its members.
- b) Minutes of each meeting will be kept, with an opinion on the analysis, signed by all the members present and sent to the Executive Council.
- c) The Fiscal Commission will report quarterly to the Executive Council on its activities, objections and recommendations.
- d) All reports and minutes with opinions of the Fiscal Commission will be available to all the Confederate Great Powers, with publication in an official report, ensuring transparency and access to information.
- e) The members of the Fiscal Commission must act with diligence, impartiality and with the best interest of the CMI.

3.11. In “CHAPTER VIII – THE PERMANENT GENERAL SECRETARY”:

I. Complement in Article 24: “Under the responsibility and dependence of the Executive Secretary will be the **Inter-American Academy of Higher Masonic Studies** and the Historical Documentation Center...”

3.12. In “CHAPTER IX – OF THE CONFEDERATED GRAND JURISDICTIONS”

I. To add new articles:

1. Article xxx: A Grand Lodge or Grand Orient (Grand Jurisdiction) that has previously been a member of the CMI and wishes to rejoin must submit a formal application for re-entry to the Executive Council, explaining the reasons for its departure and its desire to rejoin, as well as:



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a) A letter of recommendation from at least three active Confederated Grand Jurisdictions supporting the applicant is required.

b) The applicant Grand Jurisdiction is required to be in good standing with the CMI Treasury, and must therefore pay any outstanding balance prior to consideration of re-entry.

c) The application for re-entry must be evaluated by the CMI Executive Council and its outcome ratified by the Grand Assembly.

2. Article xxx: In order for a Masonic Grand Jurisdiction to formally apply for admission to the CMI, it must comply with the Affiliation and Membership Regulations and also comply with the following:

a) Submit an application with the recommendation of at least seven Confederate Grand Powers that have at least five years of uninterrupted affiliation with the CMI;

b) Be established for at least ten years;

c) Have at least twenty recognition treaties with Confederate Grand Jurisdiction in the CMI;

d) Have at least twenty regular Lodges in its jurisdiction;

e) Have the application process admitted by two thirds of the Executive Council to the Commission for Information and Recognition, presenting its analysis and opinion for the continuation of the process in the regulatory form.

f) The application for admission must be evaluated by the Executive Council of the CMI and its result ratified by the Grand Assembly.

3. Article xxx: If the Grand Jurisdiction with headquarters in the geographic area of the CMI, has its application for admission approved by the Executive Council and by the Grand Inter-American Assembly, it will remain three years as an Official Observer, not being able to vote and be voted for, complying with a specific contribution and after this period, it may request the Grand Inter-American Assembly, which may approve by simple majority its status as a Confederated Grand Jurisdiction in the CMI with full rights and duties.

4. Article xxx: Those Regular Grand Jurisdictions that are not part of the CMI and do not have headquarters in the geographic zones described in article 20 of this Statute, may request to join as Special Members, not being part of the Zones and not being able to vote and be voted for, once they have fulfilled the formalities for entry and with unanimous approval of the Executive Council, through a favorable opinion of the Information and Recognition Commission and ratified by the Grand Inter-American Assembly.

Final - Art. xx: All provisions to the contrary, approved in this Assembly, are hereby revoked.