

2018 CHARTER AMENDMENTS

PROPOSITION 12:

**Amend Charter to Establish Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised as the Parliamentary Authority for Democrats Abroad**

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WHEREAS, the language of the Democrats Abroad Charter (the “Charter) purporting to adopt Robert’s Rules of Order as the parliamentary authority for the organization is embedded as the final sentence of Section 3.3, a paragraph narrowly focused on notice and agenda requirements for meetings of the Democratic Party Committee Abroad (“DPCA”);

WHEREAS, adopting a new article on parliamentary authority would clarify that the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall, where applicable, govern all matters of parliamentary procedure that arise under any and all provisions of the Charter;

WHEREAS, the new article clarifies that Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall not supersede the Charter or any standing rules of order adopted by the DPCA;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the last sentence of Section 3.3 (Notice and Agenda) of the Democrats Abroad Charter shall be struck;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the current Article Ten on amendments shall be re-designated as Article Eleven;

BE IT RESOLVED, that a new Article Ten on parliamentary authority shall be inserted, as follows:

**“Article Ten: Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Charter and any special rules of order that the DPCA may adopt.”