**Resolution for the Global Nominations and Elections Committee to include Regional Vice Chair elections in their mandate and to include at least one member from each region**

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**Whereas** Regional Vice Chairs serve on the Global Executive Committee of Democrats Abroad and are representatives of DA at a global and regional level;

**Whereas** Regional Vice Chairs have significant responsibilities related to Country Committee development, compliance, and cooperation;

**Whereas** the Global Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC) is conducting a formal election process for all other Global Officers of DPCA;

**Whereas** it can be a challenge and drain on limited volunteer resources to recruit 9 additional volunteers for the three regional NECs;

**Whereas** each of these three NECs may individually require global support from IT, communications, Global Secretary (for conducting the actual voting), and Global Counsel (re: proxies, quorum etc);

**Whereas** there are currently 4 separate processes for nominations, candidate statements, and election of a single Global ExCom;

**Whereas** candidates for the five Global Officers are required to submit passport information and are screened for malpractice, arrest records, etc, and similar background check is not conducted for Regional Vice Chairs;

**Whereas** there are currently no restrictions against Country Committee Chairs and/or Vice Chairs serving on the NEC for the Regional Vice Chair position they will be voting on, creating a conflict of interest;

**Whereas** there is a desire to reduce the number of unnecessary or redundant emails to membership, and members receive a significant increase in emails during DA election seasons, and a single communications strategy could serve the election process for all eight global officers while decreasing the inbox pressure on general membership;

**Whereas** the 2019 Global NEC has no member from the Americas;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that starting in 2021 the Global NEC will have responsibility for conducting the nominations and election for all eight Global Executive Committee members, including the Regional Vice Chairs.

**Be it further resolved** that the Global NEC must have at least one representative from each region.