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Dear Office of the International Secretary,

The resolutions included in this report were adopted by the DPCA on May 22, 2022. In several cases, there were amendments to the texts in our report of May 14, 2022. Those amendments, including the clerical correction of the previously-titled “Resolution to Establish a Special Committee on Legal Compliance Strategies”, are reflected in this report.

Appendices, footnotes, links, and lists of co-sponsors – all compiled by this committee – are available on the DA Wiki in the space dedicated to resolutions. As noted throughout the process, these aids to discussion are not integral to the resolutions as adopted.

For reference, the following resolutions were not considered during the Global Meeting. They “fell to the floor” as in past Global Meetings and as noted during the Global Meeting. We see no technical impediments to re-submission for a future meeting or adoption prior to that meeting by the International Executive Committee. The resolutions submitted in early 2022 but not considered and not adopted at the Global Meeting:

- Resolution directing Democrats Abroad (DA) to Include Veterans and Military Family Members under Representation Goals when Electing Delegates under Future Delegate Selection Plans (DSPs)
- Resolution to Keep the Pershing Hall Collection and the Time Capsule in France as part of its Cultural Patrimony and as a Memorial to American Veterans of World Wars I and II; and that its Oversight be Transferred from the DVA to the ABMC
- Resolution in Support of Establishment of Democrats Abroad Global Gender-Based Violence Task Force
- Resolution in support of Getting Information on Democrats Abroad and the Wealth Tax
- Resolution Supporting the Repeal of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any way that we can assist you in documenting the results of the Global Meeting. Thank you for your personal support in the voting process and for your management of the team that presented these resolutions to the DPCA.

DPCA Resolutions Committee: Will Bakker (chair), Carol Adamson, Farid Ben Amor, Kent Getsinger, Beverle Lax, Susan Vaillant, and Rick Wicks

Resolution to Catalogue Our “Standing Resolutions”

This resolution was adopted by the DPCA on May 22, 2022. It was one of five resolutions considered and adopted as a group by a single motion. Although motion to amend the text was offered at the meeting, it was not adopted. Therefore, the text was adopted as distributed on May 14, 2022.

Primary sponsor: Ada Shen (DA France)

Whereas Resolutions concerning internal governance of the DPCA often have a lasting effect or relevance to the DPCA beyond any given year or election cycle;

Whereas, as the organization grows and changes over time, Democrats Abroad (DA) leaders will increasingly rely upon such vital shared knowledge resources as the DA Wiki, where all Resolutions history currently resides — but such resources are themselves a product of our collective volunteer care, attention, and processes;

Whereas the current Resolutions section of the DA Wiki, while as comprehensive as possible in its organization of previous Resolutions thanks to the admirable work of the Wiki and Resolutions teams, requires new leaders to read through all previous Resolutions in order to try to find Resolutions which might be considered “Standing”, or as having a lasting effect or relevance currently;

Whereas concurrent to our monumental organizational growth with many new volunteers who would benefit from historical documentation and context, creating a problem of greater dependency on past leaders to remember whether something was passed or not in previous years, what it said, and/or where to find “that resolution that did that thing we thought it did”;

Whereas mortality and humility remind us that depending on individuals to remember things about stuff can also be fallible for us as an institution with the passing of time;

Whereas Resolutions concerning internal governance of the DPCA often have a lasting effect or relevance to the DPCA beyond any given year or election cycle;

Therefore Be It Resolved

Standing Resolutions shall be defined as those resolutions designed or intended to have a lasting effect on how the DPCA governs itself;

Past Standing Resolutions shall be identified by a volunteer Standing Resolutions archive team*, reporting to and under the purview of the International Secretary themselves throughout the course of their work including relaying achievement milestones, to review past resolutions and separately list those which meet this definition;

All Standing Resolutions so listed should then be numbered uniquely and consecutively, with new Standing Resolutions added accordingly, also uniquely and consecutively, as they are passed, in a manner consistent with Section 4.8 of the Charter (Responsibilities of the International Secretary);

The Standing Resolutions list shall be maintained in its own section of the DA Wiki (or whatever knowledge base or platform being used by Democrats Abroad), in such a fashion that future DPCA leaders and Wiki users can easily find them;

As this project is not urgent and 2022 is an election year, the aforementioned should simply be completed by the next Annual General Meeting, in time to accommodate the 2023 Resolutions process;

This resolution is itself a Standing Resolution and if passed should also be uniquely and consecutively numbered as such.

Resolution in Support of Statehood for Washington, D.C.

This resolution was adopted by the DPCA on May 22, 2022. It was one of five resolutions considered and adopted as a group by a single motion. There were no amendments to the text distributed on May 14, 2022.

Primary sponsor: Adrienne Johnson (DA United Kingdom)

Authors: Adrienne George (DA Sweden), Alan Cheilek (DA United Kingdom)

Whereas – under the District Clause of the Constitution (Article 1, Section 8, Clause 17) – the Residence Act of 1790 approved the establishment of the capital district that became Washington, D.C.;¹ and

Whereas inhabitants of that area already had the constitutional right to voting representation in Congress as part of Maryland or Virginia (out of which the District of Columbia was carved); and

Whereas the Organic Acts of 1801 and 1871 disenfranchised residents of the District by eliminating their voting representation in Congress and the Electoral College as well as their voice in Constitutional amendments and their right to home rule including control over local courts; and

Whereas Congress continues to exercise authority over local affairs, reviewing, modifying, or even overturning the District’s democratically enacted laws and budgets, sometimes imposing new and unwanted laws;² and

Whereas – with the passage of the 23rd Amendment in 1961 – District residents regained the right to vote for President and Vice President and to have those votes count in the Electoral College, followed by the addition of a single non-voting representative in the House of Representatives in 1971, but they have yet only an unrecognized shadow “representative” in the Senate;³ and

Whereas District residents have defended the United States in every war and share all the responsibilities of U.S. citizenship including service on federal juries and paying more federal taxes in total than their counterparts in 22 states;⁴ and

Whereas American democracy systematically overrepresents White voters at the expense of Black and Brown voters, while the District is historically a majority Black city and Black people still make up 47% of the population;⁵ and

Whereas the District has over 700,000 residents, comparable to Alaska and North Dakota, more than Vermont or Wyoming; and

Whereas the District – while also performing the functions of a city and a county – operates as a state and is treated as such in more than 500 federal laws;⁶ and

Whereas the District is the only political entity on U.S. soil whose residents have been continuously denied the right both to self-governance and participation in the national legislature; and

Whereas D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and the New Columbia Statehood Commission decided to pursue statehood through the “Tennessee Plan” – in which the prospective state’s electorate votes on statehood and ratifies a constitution, without an enabling act from Congress, and then uses this as a basis to petition Congress for admission – a path that has previously been used successfully by Michigan, Iowa, California, Oregon, Kansas, and Alaska;⁷ and

Whereas District voters established borders including only residential and commercial areas while excluding a smaller federal district⁸ constituting the seat of the U.S. Government,⁹ protecting the status of the federal government – as required by the U.S. Constitution – as existing outside any state, and countering arguments that the 23rd Amendment prohibits the admission of D.C. as a state;

Whereas – prior to filing an enabling act with Congress – District voters:¹⁰

- Affirmed their desire to become a state when the Washington, D.C. Statehood Referendum passed with 86% of the vote in 2016;¹¹ and
- Ratified a constitution committed to a republican form of government for the “State of Washington, D.C.” (D.C. meaning Douglass Commonwealth), also approved by the D.C. Council in 2016;¹² and

Whereas the House passed H.R. 51, the Washington D.C. Admission Act, in April 2021, and President Biden has strongly supported the proposal;¹³ and

Whereas the Senate is yet to pass S. 51, the Washington D.C. Admission Act, introduced in January 2021 by Sen. Thomas R. Carper (D-DE);

Therefore Be It Resolved that DA supports the admission of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth as the 51st state into the United States of America; and

Be It Further Resolved that DA urges the Senate to pass S. 51, the Washington D.C. Admission Act, or to enact other federal legislation granting autonomy and statehood to the District of Columbia; and

Be It Further Resolved that DA calls on its leaders

- to educate our members about the District’s lack of democratic representation and local autonomy;
- to provide resources enabling them to contact their Senators in support of D.C. statehood; and
- to encourage them to activate their U.S. networks to support D.C. statehood; and

Be it Further Resolved that Democrats Abroad stands in solidarity with our members who currently vote in the District, that we demonstrate that we are on the right side of justice, aim to extend voting, and thus human rights to all Americans, and otherwise reduce the number of 2nd class citizens. D.C. statehood transcends the proposed Douglas Commonwealth. The right to full and equitable voting representation in Congress for the people of the United States is an issue that can move and inspire DA constituents to action; and

Be It Further Resolved that the DA International Chair is hereby authorized and directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Democratic National Committee and the majority and minority leaders of the Senate.

Memorial Resolution Honoring Jim Christiansen of DA France

This resolution was adopted by the DPCA on May 22, 2022. It was one of five resolutions considered and adopted as a group by a single motion. There were no amendments to the text distributed on May 14, 2022.

Primary sponsor: Ada Shen (DA France)

On April 8, 2022, Democrats Abroad France lost our dear friend and longtime local activist Jim Christiansen.

Jim was 69 years of age. He had been diagnosed with colon cancer two years ago, but nevertheless continued to be very active and engaged in the things that mattered to him.

Jim had lived in Paris since 1989, traveling frequently as a management consultant specialized in innovation and change management. His background and experience made him well-suited to grasping complex issues quickly while driving towards concrete, pragmatic actions that could make a difference. Most recently, Jim was working to develop a method for large-scale removal of methane from the atmosphere — methane being 80 times more powerful as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.

We in Democrats Abroad France were fortunate to have had Jim’s passionate, tireless support in environmental, energy, and climate-policy issues, as well as in economics, healthcare, and social justice — in short, the kinds of transformational change synonymous with progressive politics that many of us fight to make mainstream. He was an early supporter and advocate for the policies of Senator Bernie Sanders, being active as well with France for Bernie and Our Revolution France. A warm, kind, and compassionate internationalist, he will be dearly missed.

Since 2008, Jim was active in DA France’s environmental policy group — along with Connie Borde, Diana Powers, Barbara Tucker, Cara Maesano and others — which sought to influence U.S. political opinion and policy dialogue on climate change mitigation and adaptation, from France.

Jim’s experience helped DA France leaders shape their political response to the 2016 and 2020 elections. He also generously contributed his expertise and energy as part of the 2020 Global Platform Committee, where Jim served as lead editor of the Environment and Climate Crisis policy planks.

In the last two years, Jim became a DPCA Voting Representative for DA France and also served on the steering committee for the newly formed DA Global Environment & Climate Crisis Council, as well as supporting the relaunch of the DA France Environment, Energy, and Climate policy group. He also helped found DA Paris’ “Walk n Talk” group which continues to meet regularly to explore on foot the magnificent city he called home.

Jim was equally able to deal with the profound, the complex, and the political, while still being present for the simplest of joys — observing the changing of the seasons, sharing familiar paths with friends new and old. His passion for progressive change, his wise counsel, and his kindness and compassion will be missed but not forgotten.

He is survived by his daughter Gwen, his son-in-law Kevin, and granddaughter Enora who live in Toulouse, and his brother Ken and extended family in the USA.

Our deepest sympathies go out to his friends and family around the world.

Resolution on the Climate Emergency

This resolution was adopted by the DPCA on May 22, 2022. It was one of five resolutions considered and adopted as a group by a single motion. There were no amendments to the text distributed on May 14, 2022.

Primary sponsor: Dana Freling (DA Finland)

Authors: Inge Kjemtrup (DA United Kingdom), Dash Nesbitt (DA Germany), Angela Fobbs (DA Germany), Bruce Murray (DA Austria)

Whereas the issue of the climate crisis affects Americans abroad and everyone on the planet, as detailed in the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report¹, which states that global warming, exceeding 1.5°C above pre- industrial levels by 2025, would cause unavoidable increases in multiple climate hazards and present manifold and irreversible risks to ecosystems and humans²; and

Whereas Democrats Abroad mission statement mentions “raising the awareness of issues that concern Americans abroad” as a way to grow membership³; and

Whereas Democrats Abroad members and potential members live all over the planet and personally experience all facets of the growing climate crisis; and

Whereas many young people, in particular, consider climate change the most critical issue facing the world today; and

Whereas there has been a call for a national climate emergency in Congress, Climate Emergency Act (H.R.794) [2/4/2021]; and

Whereas Senator Cory Booker’s Environmental Justice Act of 2021 (S.2630) [08/05/2021]⁴, would require agencies to address and mitigate the disproportionate impact of environmental and human health hazards on communities of color, indigenous communities, and low-income communities resulting from agencies' programs and policies⁵; and

Whereas a growing number of Americans understand the urgency of the climate crisis and support policies that address climate change⁶ through mitigation and adaptation by curbing carbon emissions and contributing financial resources to the developing world to alleviate energy poverty and adapt to the impacts of climate change, as affirmed in the Paris Climate Accord⁷; and

Whereas the Democrats Abroad website currently lists as priorities Covid-19, Diversity, Equal Rights Amendment, Medicare Portability, Reparations, Taxation, Voting; and

Whereas the issue of the climate crisis was woven into multiple strands of the 2020 DA Platform but not emphasized in a separate plank⁸; and

Whereas the creation of the Democrats Abroad Environment and Climate Crisis Council (DA ECCC) acknowledges the concerns of the leaders and members of Democrats Abroad about this crucial issue;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the “Climate Emergency” be added to the Democrats Abroad list of priorities (both online and in fact)⁹; and

Be It Further Resolved that the National Climate Emergency Petition [*link available on DA Wiki*] 2022- drafted by Democrats Abroad Environment & Climate Crisis Council- will be disseminated to DA’s membership with results submitted to the Biden-Harris Administration (offices of the President, Vice President) as well as Congress by June 30th, 2022; and

Be It Further Resolved that the 2024 Democrats Abroad platform should have an updated and strengthened climate crisis and environmental justice plank.

Resolution to Establish a Standing Voter Protection Committee

This resolution was adopted by the DPCA on May 22, 2022. It was one of five resolutions considered and adopted as a group by a single motion. One motion to amend the text was successful, while another motion failed. Therefore, the text as adopted is altered from May 14, 2022.

Primary sponsor: Martha McDevitt-Pugh (DA Netherlands)

Authors: Adrienne George (DA Sweden), Maya Buchanan (DA United Kingdom)

Introduction

With voter suppression on the rise, the votes of Americans abroad are increasingly at risk. Since 2018, Democrats Abroad has developed voter protection strategies and processes to ensure that overseas voters are able to access and vote their ballot. A standing Global Voter Protection Committee would ensure that DA is prepared in each election cycle to protect overseas voters in the face of egregious efforts to undermine voting, and would forward a robust and inclusive democracy.

- A. **Whereas** key indicators show that democracy is in decline around the world, and has always been under siege and in need of protection¹;
- B. **Whereas** Democrats Abroad (DA) fulfills its core mission through providing support to American citizens living abroad to vote, and is the only global organization with a full spectrum of support for voters abroad, from ballot request to the counting and curing of ballots by local election officials;
- C. **Whereas** the millions of Americans living abroad who can vote can face challenges in exercising that vote because of the unique aspects of overseas voting, no matter which state they vote in, including purging of voter rolls², unresponsiveness of local election officials, difficulty accessing ballots, being given incorrect information, postal issues causing ballots to be lost, delayed or returned to sender, and geoblocking of voter information and ballot download websites³;
- D. **Whereas** laws to restrict or suppress voting have flourished since the 2013 Shelby County v. Holder decision⁴, manifesting as canceling the votes of minority communities who have been denied the rights of citizenship and existence, as well as the votes of women, poor people, youth, students, the elderly and the disabled;
- E. **Whereas** the aim of voter suppression is for a minority of the electorate to prevail by selectively denying democratic access to the majority, canceling enough votes to win elections or make them close enough to challenge in court and overturn;
- F. **Whereas** it is up to the Democratic Party and its voters to safeguard and preserve American democracy, as President Biden warned in July 2021: “We’re going to face another test in 2022: a new wave of unprecedented voter suppression, and raw and sustained election subversion. We have to prepare now.”⁵

- G. **Whereas** the Democratic Party established a Civic Engagement and Voter Protection department in 2018 to respond to the organized suppression of the right to vote, and in 2021 encouraged all state parties to establish a dedicated Voter Protection function;
- H. **Whereas** In 2018, in response to issues reported by voters following the general election, Democrats Abroad mobilized its first global Voter Protection team to
- track voter protection issues impacting voters abroad;
 - survey the voting experience of Democrats Abroad members in voter suppression states (GA, FL and AZ);
 - work with state parties, the DNC, and civil society voting rights groups in the United States to protect the vote of US citizens abroad.
- I. **Whereas** in 2020, the Democrats Abroad Global Voter Protection team⁶
- assisted overseas voters who had failed to access their ballots, handling more than 500 cases;
 - surveyed members and assisted those voters experiencing issues to follow through to obtain a ballot, rather than give up;
 - reported on emerging issues and trends impacting those who vote from abroad;
 - supported DA Voter Assistance and GOTV teams⁷;
 - engaged DA members to fight voter suppression, demand voting rights and mitigate voter disenfranchisement;
 - implemented an effective escalation process to obtain assistance from state party Voter Protection teams;
 - provided testimony that contributed to a 2020 injunction on USPS Postmaster DeJoy⁸;
 - contributed to Amicus briefs in support of the rights of overseas voters in Pennsylvania in 2020, leading to upholding additional drop-off sites, lifting of signature-matching requirement, rescinding of a ban on out-of-county poll workers⁹.
- J. **Whereas** a globally coordinated DA Voter Protection function that works to resolve voter issues with local election officials and state elections boards, consults with the FVAP and, where needed, escalates to Democratic State Parties, has enabled DA to be efficient and play a coordinating role across jurisdictions, thus minimizing the burden on Democratic State Parties, contributing to strong and effective state party relationships;
- K. **Whereas** a dedicated global Voter Protection function would support State Teams in resolving cases, identifying and responding to trends, as well as provide Voter Protection support to voters in states where DA does not have a State Team;

Therefore Be It Resolved that Democrats Abroad shall establish a standing Global Voter Protection Committee with the mission to make all efforts to ensure that overseas Americans from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and territories are able to exercise their right to vote;

Be It Further Resolved that the Global Voter Protection Committee shall

- support Democrats Abroad State Teams to coordinate and deploy methods to address voter issues that are beyond the scope of DA's front line voter assistance volunteers;
- follow an effective and efficient central process to address issues with LEOs, state election boards and the FVAP, as well as escalate cases to state party Voter Protection teams when DA has exhausted its own means to support a voter to obtain and vote their ballot;
- survey Americans abroad about their voting experience, collect voter data and analyze and report on voter protection in accordance with DA data protection best practices and guidelines;

Be It Further Resolved that the Democrats Abroad Voter Protection Committee shall be comprised of

- a chair appointed by and reporting to the Democrats Abroad Chair;
- a steering committee appointed by the Voter Protection Committee Chair;
- volunteers and teams to carry out the activities of the Committee.

Be It Further Resolved that Democrats Abroad will promote the capabilities of the Voter Protection Committee among its members and the wider overseas American community to ensure that voters know where to turn if they experience voting problems which they are unable to address via standard channels.

Resolution to Establish a Special Committee on Country Committee Legal Compliance and Implementation Issues

This resolution was adopted by the DPCA on May 22, 2022. Over the course of several motions, both substantive and parliamentary, motions to amend the text were adopted. Therefore, the text as adopted is altered from May 14, 2022.

Primary sponsor: Julia Bryan (DA Czech Republic)

Authors: Dani Follett (DA France), Wen-Wen Lindroth (DA United Kingdom), Patti Shields (DA Ireland), Joseph Smallhoover (DA France)

Whereas Democrats Abroad recognizes that all those who participate in the organization, whether as leaders, members, or donors, are of one aim in seeking to achieve our mission, while complying with the legal obligations in all jurisdictions to which we are subject.

Whereas Democrats Abroad acknowledges that Country Committees and their leaders are subject to the laws that govern the country in which they and their members are located.

Whereas Democrats Abroad values and respects the grassroots volunteers who make up the leadership of each Country Committee, whose time is necessarily limited, and needfully focused on achieving our mission.

Whereas Democrats Abroad recognizes that the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and similar rules in many other jurisdictions, are an integral part of the privacy policies and operations of the DPCA and the several Country Committees, and must be taken into account when considering the applicable requirements for collecting and reporting the personal data of donors and handling personal data of our members.

Whereas Democrats Abroad acknowledges that the status of Country Committees under US federal campaign finance law and compliance obligations of the DPCA and the Country Committees under these laws are not simple questions, nor are they answered directly by the Federal Election Campaign Act, Federal Election Commission regulations, administrative decisions, or case law.

Whereas Democrats Abroad recognizes that the legal constraints and operational needs of Country Committees are significantly different depending on the size of the Country Committee, the scope of their activities, and the unique social and legal circumstances of their host countries, and that the creation of a successful legal compliance strategy must be founded on a working knowledge of these.

Whereas Democrats Abroad recognizes that the task of fashioning a series of inter-related legal compliance strategies for a multinational association is an extremely complex and time consuming task that threatens to distract us from our core mission and can be best addressed through the mechanism of a committee.

Whereas understanding the complex operational needs and legal constraints of our incredibly diverse body of chapters, country committees, and the global organization itself, requires a group of members with appropriate expertise and hands-on experience in these many different arenas.

Whereas due to the significant complexity and ambiguity of these various regulations, it is now recognized that it is incumbent upon the DPCA and the members of its Executive Committee to work together to develop appropriate and proportionate compliance and implementation strategies that maintain the health, vitality and legality of Democrats Abroad as an institution and protect its volunteers and leaders, while taking all reasonable efforts to minimize the resulting time burdens imposed upon the grassroots volunteers who are the backbone, heart, and soul of the organization.

Therefore Be It Resolved

The DPCA now establishes the “Special Committee on Country Committee Legal Compliance and Implementation Issues” composed of representatives from Country Committee leadership, global leadership, and subject matter experts to review such issues for Country Committees and their leadership, to seek and share solutions, and then report on these findings at regular intervals to the DPCA.

Committee membership

1. Every Country Committee may appoint a representative to the committee via their Country Committee chair. This appointment may be made in whatever manner the Country Committee Excom chooses to make this selection.
2. As well, the DPCA Chair and Excom are responsible for appointing:
 - a. an experienced legal practitioner in the field of US campaign finance law;
 - b. an experienced legal practitioner in the field of multinational data protection law;
 - c. an individual with deep familiarity with the technical operation and capability of the online and data management platforms of Democrats Abroad.
3. The committee shall include one representative appointed by the International Counsel and one appointed by the International Treasurer.
4. The International Chair is an ex-officio member with full voting power.

Scope of Authority

1. The committee is a working group of peers established to carry out the work program described below.
2. The committee may at its discretion request information from, and provide information to, the International Officers, the Country Committees, individual members, and external experts. Members of Democrats Abroad should use reasonable efforts to assist the committee in the production of such information.
3. The committee has no authority to adopt or impose rules upon Democrats Abroad, the DPCA, or any Country Committee, nor is it empowered to act as an agent of, or to make any representations on behalf of any of them.

Operating Rules

1. First meeting. The first meeting of the committee shall take place no later than 35 days following the adoption of this Resolution.
2. Second and Subsequent Meetings. Following the conclusion of the first meeting, subsequent regular meetings shall be convened as scheduled by the committee.
3. Quorum for the committee shall be 5, or 20% of all members (whichever is larger).
4. Chair. The chair of the committee shall be appointed by the International Chair (after consultation with the International Executive Committee).

Subject Matter

The committee's work should focus on matters relating to compliance with law and regulation that could materially limit or affect the manner in which Democrats Abroad is able to operate (the "Subject Matter") including:

1. US federal campaign finance law;
2. Host country data protection laws (including without limitation GDPR);
3. Host country laws concerning governance of Country Committee entities (whether or not recognized as a separate legal person);
4. Host country tax laws applicable to Country Committee activities (including VAT, GST, and similar taxes);
5. Host country banking rules and practices;
6. CC organizational capacity and needs, and;
7. Informal host country practices that create or ameliorate political or legal risk to Country Committee leadership or members.

Work Program

The committee should:

1. Review existing advice received by Democrats Abroad from counsel concerning the Subject Matter;
2. Survey the Country Committees to obtain information concerning their best understanding of their own host country Subject Matter laws and regulations;
3. Survey the Country Committees to obtain a better understanding of how host country Subject Matter laws and regulations limit their freedom of operation;
4. Survey the Country Committees to obtain a better understanding of how US Subject Matter laws and regulations limit their freedom of operation;
5. Review various strategies for compliance suggested by counsel with respect to the various Subject Matter laws and regulations;

6. Recommend to the DPCA a blend of compliance strategies with respect to the Subject Matter;
7. Recommend to the DPCA and to the several Country Committees such changes to the organization, activities, composition, and Charter of Democrats Abroad as may be desirable to carry out the recommendations above; and
8. Monitor the implementation of the compliance strategies and report to the DPCA with observations on the impact of these compliance strategies on the operational effectiveness of Democrats Abroad, along with its recommendations on adjustments that may be necessary or desirable.

Deliverables

1. First report. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the DPCA no later than 31 March 2023.
2. Second report. The committee shall report its second set of findings and recommendations to the DPCA no later than 30 November 2023.
3. Final report. The committee shall make a final report to the DPCA at the 2024 DPCA Annual meeting.
4. Additional Reports. The committee may make additional reports to the DPCA at its discretion, before or after the reports described above.
5. Minority reports. Members of the committee shall have the right to include written minority reports within any report submitted by the committee.

Conclusion of Committee

The committee shall cease to exist upon the closing gavel of the 2024 DPCA Annual meeting.

Transnational Committees

The use of the term “Country Committee” in this Resolution shall be interpreted to refer to both Country Committees and Transnational Committees (as defined in the Democrats Abroad Charter).