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Auditor's report on the accounting year 2020 of the Progressive Alliance

The Progressive Alliance

The Progressive Alliance (PA) is a network of more than 140 social democratic, socialist and progressive parties and partner organizations from all over the world. Since its founding conference on 22 May 2013 in Leipzig it organizes regularly seminars and conferences in Africa, America, Asia and Europe.

The governance structure

On its convention on 12-13 March 2017 in Berlin the Steering Committee approved the Guiding Principles of the Progressive Alliance adopted by a working group on 1 December 2016. Furthermore, the Steering Committee adopted a Charter for progressive politics and a working agenda, and it elected the Board.

The actual Board was elected by the Steering Committee on 15 November 2019 in Stockholm, Sweden for three years. It also nominated a new coordinator and reaffirmed the auditor for three years.

The Auditor's task is to check the annual accounts and report the result to the Financial Committee every year.

All parties which make financial contributions to the Progressive Alliance are represented in the Financial Committee. Every three year the Financial Committee submits its report to the Board.



Auditor's report

As the auditor, I reviewed the annual accounts of the Progressive Alliance as of 31 December 2020. All documents necessary for the revision were presented to me in full. I was readily furnished with all the information, explanations and evidence I requested.

The bookkeeping is handled by Office Consult GmbH, Berlin and has been properly conducted. The journals, account statements, receipts and bank statements needed for the audit were presented in full.

There were revenues of EUR 161,902.26 – exclusively voluntary contributions of member parties – against expenditures of EUR 34,127.99.

Due to the surplus of incomes of EUR 127,774.27, the net assets increased from EUR 71,758.63 as of 31 December 2019 to EUR 199,532.90 as of 31 December 2020.

The Progressive Alliance has no fixed assets and no provisions.

On the expenditure side, the Covid crisis led to a massive decrease since less physical meetings could take place. Part of applied costs are expenses to improve the design of the website and for the organization of events as reimbursement of travel and translation costs. The following missions, seminars and conferences can be mentioned: the real missions to Ivory Coast (January 2020) and to Chile (March 2020), the real forum meeting in the Dominican Republic (March 2020), the virtual board meeting (September 2020), the Africa Week Webinar (October 2020) and the virtual Conferences on the Recovery in the Americas (November 2020) and in Asia (December 2020).

Organizing parties and cooperation partners have partly incurred considerable costs in these events, have additionally organized their own meetings autonomously at regional level as well as directly funded the coordination work of the PA. Among the cooperation partners are the Arab Social Democratic Forum (ASDF), Central African Progressive Alliance (CAPA), the Network of Social Democracy in Asia (SocDem Asia), the Progressive Alliance of the Americas and the Party of European



Socialists (PES) and the Group of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D Group).

My audit gave no cause for complaint. The bookkeeping has been properly conducted and the business transactions reflected therein are factually correct. The assets and liabilities have been verified by correct and proper documentation.

Based on the report of the auditing company, the submitted documents which were checked on a random basis, and talks with the coordinator, the auditor declares that the executive management was done in conformity with regulations and the funds were used in accordance with the intended objectives of the statutes, and he therefore asks the Board to thank the coordinator for his great and successful work and requests a discharge of the coordinator.

The Auditor points out that the great interest in a political participation in the Progressive Alliance is not yet matched with the same level of willingness to also make financial contributions with the aim to achieve the planned objectives.

Bern, 6th July 2020

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