**ACT Alliance General Assembly**

**Via registered mail – 1 to 28 February 2017**

**MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY**

**Geneva, 3 March 2017**

**Chair:** Olav Fykse Tveit, WCC General Secretary

**Secretary:** Pauliina Parhiala, ACT COO

**For decision: Amendments to Articles 8 and 15 of the ACT Alliance Statutes.**

**Proposal:** The General Assembly was asked to vote by registered mail on whether it approved thestatutory changes proposed by the Governing Board to articles 8 and 15 of the ACT Alliance Statutes. The amendments relate to the organisation of assemblies and their required decision-making methods, as indicated in Annex 1 (ACT Alliance Statutes with track changes) sent via registered mail on 30 November 2016 to all ACT Alliance member organisations with voting rights. The General Assembly voted in February 2017 on the proposed amendments to each article and all registered votes received before the closure of the General Assembly on 28 February 2017 were deemed valid.

Out of 142 member organisations, 120 organisations had voting rights, as 22 were suspended at the time of the vote. The required quorum of 61 voting members was reached, as well as the 2/3rds (or 41) positive votes required for the amendments to be passed.

**Results:** A total of 64 votes were received by 28 February 2017 by registered mail, out of which 61 were in favour of the proposed amendments to articles 8 and 15; 2 abstained from voting on both articles but gave explanations for their decision, and 1 voted against both article amendments.

***Decision:*** *The ACT Alliance General Assembly approves the proposed statutory changes to Article 8 and to Article 15 of the ACT Alliance Statutes with 61 votes in favour, 2 abstentions, and 1 against.*

It should also be noted that a total of 82 votes were received by email, of which only 64 arrived by registered mail by 28 February 2017 and, therefore, 18 votes were not considered valid and could not be taken into account. Had they arrived in time, the total count in favour of the amendments to articles 8 and 15 would have been: 78 in favour, 2 abstentions, 2 against.