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Annex 4

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From: Chair of Parliament of Asgardia, Mr. Lembit Öpik
To: Head of Administration, Ms. Lena de Winne
CC: Chair of Justice Committee, Mr. Salvos Mouzakis
Ref: PARL-019-06/0004/INTERNAL
Subject: **MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AGE OF CANDIDATURE IN ELECTIONS TO PARLIAMENT**

Dear Head of Administration,

I'm writing to confirm the judgement of our Chair of Justice, Mr Salvos Mouzakis, regarding the acceptable minimum and maximum age for a candidature for Parliament in the by-election to be held in 0004 (2020).

As you will see, the Chair of Justice regards the intention of the constitutional condition to be the key determinant here – the principle of 'ratio legis.' His judgement is that anyone born in the earth calendar year 1980 (36 Years Before Asgardia, or '36 B.A.') is eligible to stand as a candidate.

He also notes that in some cultures age is calculated in a different way, with birth defined as occurring at the age of 'one.' I am personally aware that in some cultures such a system is known as 'Lunar Age,' 'nominal age' or 'East Asian Age Reckoning.' According to that methodology, and according to another system in India, the rigid adherence to age as defined in, for example, the United Kingdom, is not appropriate.

As a condition of qualification in regard to age, Mr Mouzakis clearly concludes that it is reasonable to permit anyone born in the earth year 1980 (36 B.A.) to stand as a candidate for Parliament. By the same reasoning, he also judges that anyone elected in the year 1939 (77 B.A.) should also be entitled to stand as a candidate. I recommend we use these criteria for age in the by-election of 0004; and in future elections.

I am very grateful to the Chair of Justice Committee for his insightful evaluation and compelling conclusions.

I remain, as always, in your service and in the service of Asgardia,

Lembit Öpik
Chair of Parliament, Asgardia