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1. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these Regulations on the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors OJSC Promsvyazbank (the “Regulations”) the following terms and definitions have been set:

The Bank – Open Joint-Stock Company Promsvyazbank.

The Committee – the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Bank.

The Internal Control Bodies – the Bank’s corporate bodies responsible for the internal control within its powers stipulated by the Bank’s internal documents:

- Internal Control and Audit Department;
- Service for Controlling Activities on the Financial Markets;
- Financial Monitoring Service.

2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is created by the resolution of the Board of Directors and in accordance with these Regulations.
- 2.2 These Regulations shall stipulate the Committee’s status, composition, and competence, as well as the authority, principles and working procedures of the Committee, including the process of interaction with the auditors, management, and employees.
- 2.3 The goal of the Committee shall be to assure the control of the Board of Directors over the financial and business activities of the Bank.
- 2.4 The Committee’s activities shall be in compliance with:
 - The legislation of the Russian Federation;
 - The Bank’s Charter;
 - The Bank’s Regulations on the Board of Directors;
 - Resolutions of the Board of Directors;
 - These Regulations;
 - Other the Bank’s internal documents approved by the General Meeting of Shareholders and the Board of Directors.
- 2.5 The Committee shall be headed by the Chairman and reports to the Board of Directors.
- 2.6 The Committee acts within the powers stipulated by these Regulations approved by the Board of Directors.
- 2.7 In the event of changes in the names of divisions and positions of Bank associates who perform within the framework of these Regulations, provided their functions defined herein are retained and if said functions are transferred to the other divisions and Bank associates, the work hereunder is to be performed by the relevant divisions and Bank associates until such time as these Regulations are amended.

3. GOALS AND COMPETENCE OF THE COMMITTEE

- 3.1. The primary goals of the Committee shall be as follows:
 - preliminary consideration and providing recommendations to the Board of Directors on the most important issues of the Bank’s financial and business activities;
 - to control over the quality and integrity of the financial statements of the Bank;
 - to control over the performance of the Bank’s independent auditor;;

- to control over the activities of the Internal Control Bodies;
- to control over the Bank's compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, regulations of the Bank of Russia and other state authorities mandatory for the credit organizations in the Russian Federation.

3.2. The Committee shall assist in ensuring that the members of the Board of Directors play an active role in its supervisory capacity and that each member is personally aware of the Bank's activities.

3.3. The following matters shall fall within the competence of the Committee:

3.3.1. Provides for the Bank's relationships with the auditor and review of the financial statements:

- to monitor the integrity of the financial statements of the Bank, and any formal announcements relating to the Bank's financial performance, reviewing significant financial reporting judgments contained in them;
- to make recommendations to the Board of Directors, for it to put to the shareholders for their approval in general meeting, in relation to the appointment of the auditor;
- to make recommendations to the Board of Directors on the remuneration and terms of engagement of the auditor;
- to review and monitor the auditor's independence and objectivity as well as the effectiveness of the audit process, taking into consideration relevant professional and regulatory requirements and to assess the potential conflicts of interest;
- to monitor of the implementation of auditor's recommendations by the Bank's management and employees;
- to review the financial statements and audit results, and to discuss them with auditor and Bank's management thereon prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors;
- to prepare an assessment of the Bank auditor's report to be included in the materials for the Bank's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders; and
- to develop and implement policy on the engagement of the auditor to supply non-audit services, taking into account relevant ethical guidance regarding the provision of non-audit services by the auditor.

3.3.2. Evaluation of the efficiency of the Bank's internal audit and control procedures, facilitation of the effectiveness of the internal control system and interaction between auditor and Internal Control Bodies:

- to monitor and review the effectiveness the Bank's internal financial controls and internal audit function;
- to interact with the Bank's Audit Commission and the Bank's Internal Control Bodies;
- to monitor the implementation of the Audit Commission and Internal Control Bodies' recommendations by the Bank's management and employees;
- to provide recommendations to the Board of Directors on priority issues for the audit by the Internal Control Bodies carried at the request of the Board of Directors;
- to provide recommendations on amendments to the Bank's internal documents governing the activities of the Internal Control Bodies;
- to monitor the Internal Control Bodies by review of their activity reports;
- to approve the annual plan of actions of the Bank's Internal Control Bodies.

3.3.3. Evaluation of the efficiency of the Bank's risk management system:

- to monitor the risk management and control system, including the appraisal of the methodology and procedures in place, taking into consideration relevant professional and regulatory requirements;

- to provide recommendations on amendments to the Bank's internal documents governing the risk management system.

3.3.4. Making reports to the Board of Directors, identifying any matters in respect of which it considers that action or improvement is needed and making recommendations as to the steps to be taken.

4. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

- 4.1. The Committee shall be determined by the Board of Directors but in any case not less than three members.
- 4.2. The Committee may only consist of independent members of the Board of Directors. If it's impossible due to the objective reasons the Committee at least shall be chaired by the independent director and consist of the non-executive directors. The independence criteria are set in the Bank' Corporate Governance Code. The Committee may engage persons (with no voting power) who are not members of the Committee and who have the required professional expertise as experts to assist it in its work.
- 4.3. The Committee's Chairman shall be elected to supervise the work of the Committee and to coordinate with the Board of Directors. The Committee Chairman's primary objective shall be to ensure that the Committee's recommendations to the Board of Directors are based on objective criteria.
- 4.4. The Committee's Chairman may sit on other committees of the Board of Directors, but may not chair any other committee.
- 4.5. The Bank's President, members of the Board of Directors, the Audit Commission, and the Management Board, the auditor, the heads of the Internal Control Bodies, and other officers and employees of the Bank may be invited to attend Committee's meetings if required.

5. FORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

- 5.1. The members of the Committee shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among the independent Board members on the nomination of any member of the Board of Directors at the first meeting following election of a new Board of Directors and shall remain in office until the appointment of a new Board of Directors.
- 5.2. In accordance with the resolution of the Board of Directors the Committee's membership may be ceased for all or some members as follows:
 - 5.2.1. The cessation of the membership by own wish.

The member of the Committee may cease his/her membership by sending a written note to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Chairman of the Committee by registered mail or provide it to the Secretary of the Committee in one month to the proposed date of the cessation of the membership.

In such case the Board of Directors at the next meeting elect the new Committee member or reduce the composition of the Committee. Till that date the Committee member shall carry all his/her responsibilities in full.

- 5.2.2. The Board of Directors may resolve to cease the membership of the Committee member(s).

In such case the Board of Directors at the same meeting elect the new Committee member or reduce the composition of the Committee.

- 5.3. When electing the members of the Committee, education, professional skills, experience in matters relating to the activities of the Committee, ability to work with financial documentation, as well as other specialized knowledge required for Committee members to exercise their authority, should be taken into account.
- 5.4. The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected among Committee's members by the majority vote of the Committee's members at their first meeting. The Secretary of the Committee shall be elected among Bank's employees by the majority vote of the Committee's members at their first meeting.

5.5. The Committee's Chairman shall organize the Committee's work:

- to provide the overall governance over the Committee's activities;
- to approve the agenda of the Committee's meetings;
- to resolve to hold the Committee's meetings;
- to convene and chair the Committee's meetings and to facilitate the discussion of the agenda issues;
- to organize the drafting of the forthcoming Committee's meetings plan taking into the account the Board of Directors' meetings plan and the proposals from other Committee's members.
- to present the Committee's results at the Board of Directors' meetings;
- to provide other functions stipulated by these Regulations.

6. THE COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS

6.1. The Committee's meetings shall be held in accordance with the meetings' schedule and extraordinary. The meeting's schedule shall be adopted by the Committee. If the issue brought to the attention of the Committee is an important one and/or requires urgent decision the extraordinary Committee's meeting shall be held.

6.2. The agenda for the meeting shall be approved by the Committee's Chairman.

Agenda items may be proposed by any Committee's member before the approval. Amendments to the agenda is allowed upon the simultaneous agreement of the Committee's members.

Members of the Board of Directors who are not the Committee's members, the Bank's President, the heads of the Internal Control Bodies, members of the Audit Commission and the Management Board, the auditor, and experts engaged to assist the Committee may provide the proposals to the Committee's Chairman for consideration of any matter falling within the competence of the Committee. Such item may be considered either at the next scheduled Committee meeting or, if the matter is of particular importance and requires consideration without delay, at a specially convened Committee's meeting.

6.3. The final decision to convene the Committee's meeting shall be taken by the Committee's Chairman.

6.4. The notification of the Committee's members and invitees on the date and place of the meeting shall be made by the Committee's Secretary not later than in three calendar days before the meeting (the voting deadline date) by e-mail with the delivery reports.

6.5. The necessary materials on items included in the agenda shall be provided to the Committee's members not later than in one working day before the meeting (the voting deadline date).

6.6. Committee meetings shall be conducted either by way of meeting or by Committee members' absentee voting (by ballots).

A meeting may be held using telecommunications equipment (conference call, etc.). Persons invited to attend the meeting, including Committee members, if they are unable to attend, may provide their opinions on agenda items in writing.

The meetings shall be chaired by the Committee's Chairman.

6.7. A quorum for the Committee's meeting shall be considered constituted if more than half of the Committee members are present.

6.8. The quorum is determined by the Committee's Secretary at the beginning of the meeting and recorded in the minutes. If there is no quorum, the recurring Committee's meeting with the same agenda shall be held.

6.9. In the quorum determination the written opinions of the absent Committee's members shall be taken into consideration provided in accordance with the Clause 6.6. The written opinion is valid if:

- it's been provided in the written form;

- it's been delivered prior to the beginning of the voting on the agenda items;
- it's been signed by the Committee's member;
- it contains the obvious opinion of the Committee's member (FOR, AGAINST, or ABSTAIN).

The written opinion shall be attached to the minutes of the Committee's meeting.

- 6.10. The Committee's resolutions shall be taken by the open (or absentee) voting. Each of the Committee's members as well as the Chairman has one vote. The voting powers could not be delegated to any other Committee's member or the Chairman.
- 6.11. Apart from the Committee's members the invitees and the Committee's secretary may attend the Committee's meetings. These persons may participate in the discussions and make suggestions on the agenda items but have no voting powers.
- 6.12. The minutes of the Committee's meeting shall be in a written form and signed by the Committee's Chairman and Secretary.
- 6.13. The minutes shall contain the following information: place, date and time of the meeting, attendees, agenda items, voting results and adopted resolutions, written opinions of the absent members of the Committee. The personal opinion of the Committee's member voted AGAINST or ABSTAIN on the agenda item may be recorded in the minutes at this member's request.
- 6.14. The minutes of the Committee's meetings and the Committee's recommendations ("Recommendations") shall be made in one copy and kept by the Committee's Secretary.
- 6.15. At the Committee's meeting any information on the personal conflicts of interest of the Committee's member on agenda items shall be disclosed to the other Committee's members.
- 6.16. As a result of the meeting the Committee's Recommendations may be approved. Recommendations shall reflect the opinion of the Committee as a whole and shall be approved by the Committee. If the opinions of the Committee's members are not identical, dissenting opinions, if asked, may be recorded in the minutes.

Recommendations shall be signed by the Committee's Chairman and Secretary. Recommendations may include as appendices the materials considered at the Committee's meeting. The Committee's Chairman shall be responsible for members of the Board of Directors being timely and fully apprised of the Recommendations.

- 6.17. The Recommendations shall be presented by the Committee's Chairman to the Board of Directors. It may be considered by the Board of Directors' members at the discussion of the respective issues at the Board of Directors' meeting.

The Committee's members and other members of the Board of Directors shall have access to the minutes of the Committee's meetings, Recommendations, and materials provided to the Committee.

7. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERS

- 7.1. The members of the Committee shall:
- participate fully and thoroughly in the work of the Committee;
 - maintain good attendance at the Committee's meetings and be active in discussion on the agenda items;
 - study all documents provided at or for the Committee's meeting;
 - inform the Committee promptly of any conflict of interest in any decisions to be taken; and
 - avoid any actions that might compromise the Committee in fulfilling its mandate or question its members' professional integrity.
- 7.2. Committee members shall have the right to request the information or documents falling within the competence of the Committee from the Board of Directors, President, Management Board, Audit Commission, auditor, and Internal Control Bodies.

- 7.3. The Committee may authorize a member of the Committee to scrutinize any particular matter falling within the competence of the Committee in greater detail and report back on the results of such scrutiny.

8. APPROVAL AND AMENDMENTS TO THESE REGULATIONS

- 8.1. These Regulations shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Amendments to these Regulations shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 8.2. The Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors amendments to these Regulations reflecting the changes of legislation, normative acts, and the Bank's needs.
- 8.3. If in the event of changes in the legislation of the Russian Federation, the Bank's Charter, Regulations on the Board of Directors some articles of these Regulations become to contradict them such articles shall not be deemed valid and applicable by the Committee's members until the necessary amendments will be introduced to the Regulations.