

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM GENERAL SECRETARY

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#### CHAPTER 1: OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF APPLICATION

**Article 1. Nature and Objective.** The HSE (Health, Safety and Environment) Committee of the Board of Directors of ECOPETROL S.A. ("Ecopetrol" or the "Company"), hereinafter referred to as the "HSE Committee" or "Committee", is a body to assist the stewardship carried out by the Board of Directors, is permanent in nature, and is governed by these internal regulations, without prejudice to the provisions set forth in the Company's bylaws and applicable law.

The HSE Committee understands and analyzes, within the framework of its duties and beforehand, the matters that will be submitted for the consideration of the Board of Directors and, as appropriate, will issue its recommendations so that it can adopt the decisions that may arise.

**Article 2. Scope of application.** These regulations will be of general and mandatory application for the members of the HSE Committee. Additionally, in the fulfillment of their duties and responsibilities, the members of the Committee shall observe the operating principles contained in the Internal Regulations of the Board of Directors.

#### **CHAPTER 2: COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

**Article 3. Structure.** The HSE Committee will include at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors, who will be appointed thereby for periods of two (2) years.

The majority of its members must be independent. The members of the Committee must have training or experience in matters related to their duties.

The duties of the members of the Committee will cease, always, upon to the completion of the period for which they have been appointed, by decision of the member of the Board of Directors to not continue on the Committee or if they cease to be a member of the Board of Directors of Ecopetrol.

**Paragraph.** For the appointment of its members, in the case of members of the Board of Directors who have been re-elected, the Board will consider the results of the assessment made by the Board of Directors.

**Article 4. Chairman of the Committee.** The members of the Committee will elect its Chairman from among its members, who must be an independent member and will preside over the meetings. They will be elected for periods of two (2) years.

The Chairman of the Committee will act as a representative of the HSE Committee before the Board of Directors, and therefore will report thereto regarding the obligations assigned to the administration, the recommendations for the Board of Directors and the matters discussed within said Committee.

**Article 5. Secretary of the Committee.** The General Secretary of the Company will act as Secretary of the HSE Committee, or whoever acts in their stead, and will be in charge of convening the meetings, coordinating the logistics needed for the celebration thereof, the review and update of the commitments and the preparation of the corresponding minutes.

**Article 6. Committee Participants.** The Secretary, the President of Ecopetrol, or in exceptional cases and after informing the Committee a representative thereof, will participate in each Committee session, and shall have a voice but no vote. Members of the Board of Directors who are not members of the Committee may also attend under these same conditions.

Additionally, those individuals whose attendance the Committee deems necessary for the course of the meeting may attend as guests.



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#### **CHAPTER 3: COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Article 7. Meetings.** For the effective fulfillment of its duties, the HSE Committee will meet ordinarily at least two (2) times a year, and extraordinarily when convened by the Board of Directors, by any of the Committee members, by the President of the Company or by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The meetings of the Committee may be held at the domicile of the Company or in the site established thereby, or in a remote manner, through the previously defined mechanism on the date and time it so determines.

When all the members of the Committee are gathered, in-person and/or remotely, they may constitute a session thereof, without a prior convening, if they so agree unanimously.

Minutes approved by the same Committee will be prepared after the meetings, which will be signed by hand or electronically. In the case of in-person meetings, said minutes will be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee. In the case of remote meetings or if other decision-making mechanisms were implemented, said minutes will be signed by the President of Ecopetrol and the Secretary of the Committee.

**Paragraph.** The Committee may hold private sessions during its ordinary or extraordinary meetings; the Chairman of the Committee will inform the Secretary who should be invited to such sessions, if applicable.

Additionally, the Committee may meet jointly with any other Committee of the Board of Directors.

**Article 8. Convening the Meeting.** The call to ordinary meetings will be done once a year, with the approval of the Board of Directors of the annual schedule of the meetings of the Board of Directors and its Committees, and will be ratified by the Secretary no less than five (5) calendar days in advance thereof. The extraordinary meetings will be convened by means of a communication sent to each of its members not less than five (5) calendar days in advance of the meeting date. Said communication may be sent through any suitable means.

**Article 9. Deliberative and Decisive Quorum:** The Committee may validly deliberate as long as at least two (2) of its members attend the meeting. The decisions are made by a majority of the votes cast by the members present. If the vote ends in a tie, the matter is submitted for the consideration of the Board of Directors.

### **CHAPTER 4: COMMITTEE DUTIES**

Article 10. Duties. The HSE Committee will have the following duties:

- 1. Appoint the Chairman and Secretary for those sessions where the incumbents of those position are absent.
- 2. Present to the Board of Directors, via the Chairman of the Committee, the report on matters discussed in the sessions, as well as their recommendations for the Board of Directors.
- 3. Prepare the annual management report of the Committee, to be included in the Integrated Sustainable Management Report.
- 4. Intervene in the undertakings related to their duties whose aim is, in their opinion, the best course of action for the Company. For this purpose, it may request the administration to provide reports and/or carry out special tasks.
- 5. Analyze, within the framework of its duties and beforehand, those matters for which the President of the Company requests the input of the Board of Directors as an advisory body and issue its recommendation on the matter.



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- 6. Review and recommend for the consideration and decision of the Board, when appropriate, the reports that the President of Ecopetrol must render on the work carried out by the Company in HSE matters.
- 7. Analyze and recommend for consideration and resolution by the Board of Directors the proposed objective(s) and annual target(s) related to HSE of the Ecopetrol Group; as well as the determination of the strategic business risk(s) associated with this subject.
- 8. Evaluate and present recommendations for consideration and resolution by the Board of Directors on measures that impact the HSE performance of the Ecopetrol Group companies.
- 9. Study and monitor the HSE strategy defined for the Ecopetrol Group.
- 10. Review and monitor the HSE management model of Ecopetrol and the Ecopetrol Group.
- 11. Consider and present to the Board of Directors progress reports on actions resulting from serious and/or high-probability events that could seriously impact the results, strategic objectives and annual targets of the Ecopetrol Group.
- 12. Any other task entrusted to it by the Board of Directors and, in general, all other duties that relate thereto in accordance with the legal regulations applicable to the Company in view of the nature and purpose of the Committee.

**Paragraph.** By decision of the Board of Directors, the duties of the Committee, in due course, may be exercised by the Board of Directors even if they have not been acknowledged and studied by the Committee.

#### CHAPTER 5: AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS AND PUBLICATION

**Article 11. Approval and amendment of the regulations.** These regulations will be unanimously adopted and amended by the Committee, after notifying the Corporate Governance and Sustainability Committee. Any initiatives on this matter that the Board and/or the HSE Committee may have will follow the same abovementioned procedure.

These regulations will be published on the website  $\underline{www.ecopetrol.com.co}$  or whichever acts in its stead.

#### LIST OF VERSIONS

	Previous Document					
Version	Date	Document Code and Title	Changes			
1	06/27/2018	RSE-R-005 Internal Regulations of the HSE Committee of the Board of Directors of Ecopetrol S.A.	Drafting of document.  This regulation becomes effective as of May 25, 2018, the date of its approval by the Board of Directors of Ecopetrol S.A.			
	New Document					
Version	Date	Changes				
1	09/23/2020	GOC-R-0 8 Internal Regulations of the HSE Committee of the Board of Directors of Ecopetrol S.A.	Updated regulations taking into account the amendment of the Bylaws of Ecopetrol S.A., approved by the General Shareholders' Meeting of March 27, 2020.  These regulations become effective as of September 18, 2020, date of approval by			



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