The Direction of the Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne hereby adopts the following:

**Article 1  Missions**

1. The Steering Committee for High Performance Computing, hereafter referred to as the CoPil HPC, acts as an advisory board to the EPFL Direction for matters related to scientific computing, either upon solicitation from the EPFL Direction or on its own initiative.

2. In general, the CoPil HPC promotes scientific computing by proposing a policy of development and organization for the High Performance Computing facilities in line with the EPFL standards of advanced research and high quality projects.

3. In accordance with the HPC Policy adopted by the EPFL Direction, the CoPil HPC ensures that all the researchers have a fair access to well suited scientific computing resources, hardware and personnel. Following the EPFL priorities, the CoPil HPC anticipates the evolution of the needs of these research groups in order to define the technical specifications of the future HPC resources. It establishes the usage policy of the computing resources.

4. It ensures the link with Professors whose research needs computing resources.

5. It establishes and maintains liaisons with CSCS, CADMOS and other similar HPC centers or with other partners.

**Article 2  Members**

1. The CoPil HPC is comprised of a maximum of twelve members (plus the president) whose global competences span all fields of scientific computing at EPFL.

2. At least eight members are professors, either full, associate, assistant tenure-track.

3. Members represent the researchers involved in the same domain of HPC and not their School or Institute.

4. Members respect the confidentiality of all matters that are dealt with by the CoPil HPC.

5. The Vice president of Information Systems (CIO), the Vice-president for Research (VPR) and the Academic Director for SCITAS are permanently invited to participate to the CoPil HPC meetings.

6. The Vice-president of Information Systems Delegate and the IT Strategic Projects Manager are permanently invited to participate in the CoPil HPC meetings.

7. The Vice-President for Finances (VPFI) is invited when budget issues are discussed. Depending on the agenda, the CoPil HPC may invite other experts to participate to its meetings.

**Article 3  Appointments**

1. The President of the CoPil HPC is a professor appointed by the EPFL Direction for a period of four years renewable once.

2. Members are appointed by the Dean of their respective Schools upon proposal of the President of the CoPil HPC for a period of two years renewable.
Article 4  Organisation of the CoPil HPC
The EPFL CIO of the Vice-President for Research makes available a scientific collaborator to serve as the Secretary of the CoPil HPC.

Article 5  Organisation of the work
1 The CoPil HPC decides independently on procedures for completing tasks. The CoPil HPC meeting is convened at least twice a year 2 weeks in advance with an agenda.
2 Minutes describing decisions are established by the Secretary of the CoPil-HPC for each meeting. A copy is forwarded to the EPFL CIO.
3 For assessing technology options and performing benchmarks based on computing software in use at EPFL, the CoPil HPC is establishing an ad hoc committee referred to as the HPC Tech, chaired by the Secretary of the CoPil HPC.

Article 6  HPC events and dissemination
1 The CoPil HPC actively participates in the organization of HPC events and the promotion of activities related to scientific computing.
2 It promotes communication on the CoPIL HPC activities.

Article 7  Other tasks
Upon request, the CoPil HPC may advise other groups within EPFL or at the Conseil des Ecoles polytechniques on matters related to HPC.

Article 8  Coming into force

On behalf of the EPFL Direction:

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