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Proposers:

Agenda item: 1. Formalities

Statutes

1 The founder institutes hereby the Statutes for the Association and that in the
2 following manner:

3 **Title 1: Basic Act**

4 **Article 1 – Form -Denomination**

5 The form of the Association is an international association with none lucrative
6 objective (with international benefits), in compliance to the laws and is being
7 named as the Cooperation and Development Network of Eastern Europe, in short the
8 CDN.

9 In all acts, bills, announcements, publications and other pages issued by the
10 International Association having none lucrative objective a designation of the
11 Association must be mentioned with above or further added wording “International
12 Association without a lucrative objective” or the abbreviation IALO (AISBL) as
13 well as its’ seat address.

14 **Article 2 – Social Seat**

15 The social seat of the Association is to be set in the Brussels-Capital Region.

16 The administration body has the power to move the seat of the association within
17 Belgium, provided that such a move does not require a change in the language of
18 the statutes by virtue of the applicable language regulations. In case of
19 transfer of the seat to another Region, the administration body has the power to
20 modify the statutes.

21 **Article 3 Objective – Activities**

22 As non-profitting Association with none lucrative objective, it has the following
23 strategies of international benefit:

- 24 • Promotion of ecology (in its broad sense: environment, social and
25 political ecology) and the stability with the young Europeans, using all
26 non-violent means at the disposal.
- 27 • Encouragement for realization of ecology studies and reflections in
28 various forms (in its broad sense) with the young democrats of the whole

29 Europe, accentuating Eastern Europe (European countries non-members of
30 European Union).

- 31 • To unite the young people of various European nations, to establish and
32 favour dialogues on regional and national differences
- 33 • To coordinate joint actions of organisations members towards development
34 and cooperation of young people and groups in Europe, aiming to bring
35 together European nations
- 36 • To promote objectives of joint “green” actions at the international level
- 37 • To defend rights of men and women, rights of minorities, equality of
38 genders and the democracy, as well as the means for democratic action
- 39 • To promote long lasting development in Eastern Europe.

40 The objectives quest shall specifically be executed through following
41 activities:

- 42 1. Activities in exchanging
- 43 2. Seminars and reunions for studies
- 44 3. Training programs
- 45 4. Campaign on sensitiveness efforts
- 46 5. Meetings
- 47 6. Study visits
- 48 7. Support to organisations members

49 The Association can execute any act relating directly or indirectly to its
50 objectives. It can namely assist and get involved in all activities following
51 objectives being similar to own ones.

52 Article 4 – Members

53 The Association is open to Belgian and foreign persons.

54 The Association is composed of factual members only, who are legal entities. The
55 members are divided into two categories: EU-members and non-EU members. EU-
56 members are organisations whose headquarters are located in the European Union
57 and which have a double right to vote in the General

58 Assembly. Non-EU members are organisations whose headquarters are located
59 outside the European Union and which benefit from a double triple right in the
60 General Assembly.

61 Number of members is not limited, while the minimum is set to be five(5).

62 Article 5

63 Admission of new members is conditioned through following clauses:

- 64 1. 1. To be a member of the CDN, an organisation should send a recommended
65 letter to the Secretariat with enclosed Statutes of their
66 organisation, with all useful information referring namely to their
67 juridical ranking, to number of members, age limit and activity
68 type.
- 69 2. The admission of a new member requires a two-thirds majority vote of
70 the General Assembly in favour of their admission.
- 71 3. The members must respect the Statutes, decisions taken by the
72 General Assembly and the CDN political program.
- 73 4. The members of the CDN have equal right to participate to events
74 organized by the CDN.

75 Members can give their resignation under following conditions:

76 The members are free to withdraw at any time from the Association by presenting
77 their written request to the President. The members having resigned have none
78 right relating to CDN property, nor can they request refunding of any of their
79 contribution fees. Administration Council can propose expulsion of an
80 Association member. The expulsion Decision can be pronounced by the General
81 Assembly, after having heard the defence of the person concerned, by a two-
82 thirds majority of the votes cast, not counting abstentions in the numerator or
83 denominator.

84 The Administration Council can reschedule the case of the member contender until
85 the Decision of the General Assembly. Member can be deferred for duration of a
86 year according to proposition of the Administration Council or upon proposition
87 of the majority of the General

88 Assembly, in case when member in question has not settled payment of annual fee
89 contribution.

90 A member can be expelled if he does not respect the CDN Statutes.

91 A member who stops participating in Association's activities (due to death or
92 otherwise), does not have any right to social funds.

93 Article 5bis

94 Members pay fixed contribution, being fixed annually by General Assembly upon
95 proposition of the Administration Council and pursuant to financial means of the
96 members.

97 Members must pay their contribution fee for the current year by the month of
98 September. In case of payment failure, rights of member in question will be
99 temporary suspended by the General Assembly, until payment of the contribution
100 fee is settled.

101 Title 2: organisation

102 Chapter 1 – Managing (Administration Governing – 103 Representation)

104 Article 6 – General Assembly (General Managing Body)

105 The General Assembly has full power enabling realization of objectives and
106 activities of the Association.

107 All members are its constituents.

108 Particularly, the following processes are essential for its functioning:

- 109 1. Approval of budget and accounts
- 110 2. Election, revocation, discharge of administrators and if required,
111 exclusion of accounts' supervisors or examiners
- 112 3. Statutes modifications
- 113 4. Approval of acts for interior order
- 114 5. Closing down of the Association
- 115 6. Exclusion of members
- 116 7. Approval of Annual Report of Administration Council

117 Article 7

- 118 1. General Assembly gathers every year, when suited at the social seat or at
119 other place as set in convocation, under presidency of the President of
120 Administration Council, or in case of his absence or prevention, under the
121 Secretary's presidency. Convocations for General Assembly are sent in
122 written form by the Secretariat in the sufficient time limit before the
123 General Assembly so that the participants can contribute to the Agenda
124 (submit propositions, functional points etc.), in order that accompanying
125 documents are at the disposal (via web site) to participants in such time
126 limit allowing its reading prior the meeting. Convocations are sent by
127 post, fax, electronic mail or other communication means at least 15
128 (fifteen) days before the General Assembly, with included Agenda.
- 129 2. Extraordinary General Assembly could be summoned upon request of the
130 Administration Council or by request of third of factual members under
131 hereinafter set conditions:
 - 132 ◦ Invitation to extraordinary General Assembly must be sent to all
133 members at least one month before General Assembly with enclosed
134 General Assembly Agenda.
- 135 3. The CDN will cover all costs relating to the General Assembly (voyage,
136 accommodation, meals and visas) for designated person of an organisation

137 member). If an organisation submits request to adhere, the CDN will cover
138 the same costs for one representative of such organisation requesting the
139 partnership, when financial conditions would allow it and if the report of
140 the Executive Committee is positive one. The CDN will preserve right to
141 cover costs of voyage within limits being specified in the convocation for
142 the General Assembly and in compliance to Decision of the Administration
143 Council. CDN is not obliged to cover costs of another designated person of
144 the organisation member or to cover costs of one designated person of an
145 EU-member organisation. CDN should try to ensure funds to provide for
146 costs of one designated person of the EU-member organisation and of
147 another designated person of the non-EU member organisation .

148 4. In case of lack of financial means to comply to articles 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3
149 of General Assembly organisation, the CDN Administration Council would be
150 then obliged to inform by written all organisations members about causes
151 of such situation and to request suggestions and propositions or a
152 postponement for a year.

153 5. The non-EU organisation members of the CDN have a triple voting right at
154 the General Assembly. As such, they have right to designate two members
155 with voting prerogatives during the General Assembly. An EU-member
156 organisation has the right to send a delegate with a double right to vote
157 to the general assembly.

158 6. The genders' equality should be assured.

159 Article 8

160 1. Excluding the stipulations that are contrary to the present Statutes, the
161 deliberation of the General Assembly will be valid only when half of
162 members or their representatives are present.

163 2. Each member can be represented at the General Assembly by one or two
164 delegates or else by another member or by a third party, with assured
165 special authorization.

166 Article 9

167 Excepting cases previewed by these Statutes, simple majority presented or
168 represented members is sufficient to bring resolutions. All members are informed
169 by electronic mail about the brought resolutions.

170 Article 10 – Administration Council (Administration Body)

171 1. The Association is governed by a Council, referred to as the "Executive
172 Committee", composed of at least three Administrators. None maximum has
173 been foreseen. Administrators must come from at least three different
174 countries. However, no more than two Administrators can come from the same
175 country. The General Assembly has right to decide on exceptional cases.
176 Beside this, three quarts of Administrators must come from organisations

- 177 members, while at least 50% of Administrators must be of women* and at
178 least three quarters of Administrators must be younger than thirty.
- 179 2. The Council has at their disposal all governing and administrative
180 authorities as to contribute to the General Assembly.
- 181 3. The Council chooses from own members a President, a Secretary and a
182 Treasurer (and eventually a Vice-Presidents etc).
- 183 4. The Administration Council can, out of two-thirds majority, assign one or
184 several persons, members or not of the Administration Council, for daily
185 managing and representation of the Association in matters of the daily
186 managing.
- 187 • The person(s) responsible for day-to-day management shall act separately.
 - 188 • Such an arrangement is set as to face third persons in the conditions
189 previewed by the law.
- 190 5. The day-to-day management of the association includes both acts and
191 decisions which do not exceed the needs of the daily life of the
192 association and acts and decisions which, either because of the minor
193 interest they represent or because of their urgent nature, do not justify
194 the intervention of the administrative body. Any restriction relating to
195 the representation authorities, being accorded to the person in charge of
196 daily managing; for the daily managing functioning; can not be questioned
197 by third parties, even if published. The person in charge of daily
198 managing will have a title of "Secretary General".
- 199 6. The Administration Council can establish a whole consultative center or
200 any equivalent if evaluated as useful, whose role would be to counsel or
201 advise the Administration Council on issues of particular cases.
- 202 7. Identity of one or more delegates for daily managing shall be forwarded to
203 the Tribunal de l'entreprise Registry and should be published in the
204 Belgian official journal's annexes.
- 205 8. Beside this, the Council can, within its responsibilities, entrust special
206 and particular authorities to one or several persons.
- 207 9. The responsibilities of members of Administration Council shall be
208 specified by the regulations and internal procedures of the CDN. Members
209 of the Administration Council have no right to vote during the General
210 Assembly, except when they are in fact the only member of their
211 organisation who is member of the CDN, being present at the General
212 Assembly.

213 Article 11- Nominations

- 214 The Administrators are named by the General Assembly for a mandate that ends
215 during the next ordinary General Assembly, with a possibility of double renewal.

216 In case of vacation during their mandates, the Administration Council can assign
217 a replacement person who will act until mandate termination of the person he is
218 replacing. The Administrators can be revoked by the General Assembly in session
219 with two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

220 Article 12 - Meetings

221 The Council gathers twice a year or upon special convocation of two-thirds of
222 factual members.

223 The convocation is transmitted by post, fax, electronic mail and all other
224 communication ways.

225 One Administrator can be represented by another Administrator.

226 The Council can deliberate constructively only when at least two-thirds of its
227 factual or represented members are present. Its resolutions are brought with
228 simple majority of present or represented members. In case of voice divergences,
229 the vote of the President will be decisive.

230 Article 13 – Conflict of interests

231 If Administrator has directly or indirectly an opposing interest of patrimonial
232 nature towards a decision or an operation relating to the Administration
233 Council, he has to pass it to other Administrators before deliberation at the
234 Administration Council. His statement, as well as reasons justifying the
235 contrary interest of the head of the Administrator in question, should be stated
236 in the Minutes of the Administration Council who is to bring Decision. Beside
237 this, he should inform eventual supervisors about it. The Administration Council
238 describes in Minutes the disposition of Decision or operation with a
239 justification for the taken Decision as well as the patrimonial consequences for
240 the Association. The Managing Report should contain the complete Minutes. The
241 Administrator in question cannot deliberate on session of the Administration
242 Council relating to operation or Decision in question, nor can he take part in
243 the voting. This article will not apply when decisions of the Administration
244 Council relate to usual operations taken in normal conditions for the operations
245 of the same nature.

246 Article 14 – Representation

247 With exception of special authorization, any act inducing the Association,
248 signed by a delegated Administrator or by Secretary General acting alone, or by
249 a member of the Administration Council having particular authorization, does not
250 have to be justified to third parties, not even if demanded through announce.

251 The juridical actions in demanding or defending cases are to be followed by
252 Administration Council being represented by a designated Administrator or the
253 Secretary General acting alone or by a member of the Administration Council
254 having special authorization.

255 Chapter 2: Book Keeping

256 Article 15 - Financial Year and Balance Sheets

257 The financial year terminates on the 31 st December.

258 The Administration Council is expected to submit Balance Sheets for the past
259 financial year and following Financial Year Budget for approval of the General
260 Assembly to convene during the next assembly.

261 Article 16 - Control

262 In the case previewed by the Law, the Administration Council will confer
263 financial control of the Association to one or several supervisors according to
264 own choice.

265 Title 3 : Modifications and Dissolution

266 Article 17

267 Without legal imposing, every proposition having for objective a modification of
268 statutes or dissolution of the Association should originate from Administration
269 Council or from at least (2/3) two-thirds of factual Association members.

270 The Administration Council is to inform members of the Association at least two
271 moths in advance prior to date of General Assembly which is to deliberate about
272 given proposition. Proposals for amendments to the statutes shall be
273 communicated in detail to the members at least fifteen days before the General
274 Assembly.

275 The General Assembly can properly perform only if two-thirds of members are
276 gathered, having deliberative, present or represented voting rights.

277 No decision shall be taken unless it is passed by a four-fifths majority of the
278 votes cast, not counting abstentions in the numerator or denominator.

279 Nonetheless, if that General Assembly does not gather two-thirds of the
280 Association members, a new General Assembly will be convoked in the same
281 conditions as above designated, which will then definitely and valuably decide
282 on the issue, with the same majority of four-fifths of votes, notwithstanding
283 number of present or represented members.

284 The decisions relating to vital issues such as social objective, attributions,
285 convocation ways, decision making of the general administration bodies, as well
286 as manner in which members are informed about the resolutions, conditions for
287 statutes modification, for dissolution, termination and assignment of
288 Association' social patrimony shall all be established by an authentic act.

289 Thus, in compliance with the Law, resolution on modification of Association
290 objective (objectives) would have effect only following approval of the King
291 that would equally be published in the Belgian official journal. Other Decisions

292 on modifications of statutory mentions do not have to be submitted for
293 acceptance to the Belgian minister having competence or to his delegate.

294 **Article 18 - Liquidation and pretension to assets**

295 In case of juridical or voluntary dissolution, the General Assembly will assign
296 one or more liquidators and will set liquidation of the Association.

297 After the liquidation, eventual net assets would be conferred to one juridical
298 person without a lucrative objective or private claims, being international or
299 not, in compliance to realization of an objective similar to the one of the
300 Association or at least not having a detrimental goal.

301 **General stipulations**

302 **Article 19 - Choice of quarters**

303 For the realization of these Statutes, all factual members or supporters,
304 administrator and liquidator, residing abroad, shall choose for residence the
305 social seat of the Association, where any communication for them can be properly
306 submitted.

307 **Article 20 – Common Law**

308 For everything not being covered by these Statues, it is through the Law that
309 the competence is to be sought, while the clauses being contrary to essential
310 stipulations are considered not written.

311 **Article 21 Judicial Competence**

312 For any dispute between Association, its members, partners, obliging persons,
313 Administrators, supervisors and liquidators relating to the Association's
314 affairs and to execution of present Statutes, exclusive competence is entrusted
315 to courts at region of the social seat, except if the Association has explicitly
316 renounced to that.