

MODEL STATUTES

Articles of Association of the Association of Honorary Consuls in

NAME AND SEAT

Article 1

1. The Association bears the name
2. The association has its registered office in
3. The association was established and has been entered into for an indefinite period of time.

ASSOCIATION'S YEAR

Article 2

The Association's year is concurrent with the calendar year.

PURPOSE AND MEANS

Article 3

The association aims at:

1. Promoting the interests of its members;
2. Encouraging a good co-operation of the Association with the Government of..... in general and with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and his staff in particular.
The Association endeavours to achieve this goal by holding meetings, assemblies and lectures.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Article 4

1. Only those who have been accredited Honorary Consul with the Government of, may be members of the association.

2. Membership is obtained by application of the person entitled thereto, to the Committee that decides on the admission.
3. Upon applying, the official documents of appointment by the sending state concerned and the grant of the exequatur (Receiving State), shall be submitted.

TERMINATION MEMBERSHIP
Article 5

1. Membership shall end by:
 - a. death of the member;
 - b. cancellation by the member;
 - c. cancellation by the Association;
 - d. disqualification (expulsion)
 - e. withdrawal of the exequatur by the sending or the receiving State
2. The member may at all times cancel his membership. Cancellation of the membership by the Association may solely take place in case the member ceases to comply with the membership requirements.
3. Disqualification from the membership may solely be pronounced in case a member acts in contravention of the articles of association, the regulations or the decisions of the association or in case a member injures the association in an unreasonable manner. Disqualification is done by the Executive Committee that as soon as possible notifies the member concerned of the decision in writing and this by registered letter, stating the reasons thereto. The party concerned is entitled within 1 (one) month following the receipt of said notification, to appeal to the General Meeting. During the appeal period and pending the appeal, the member shall remain suspended.

FUNDS
Article 6

The funds of the association consist of the membership fee of the members, donations and other income. Each member is indebted an annual membership fee to the association, the amount of which shall be established by the meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT
Article 7

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of a Dean, a Secretary General and a Treasurer. The dean shall ever act as chairman. The meeting shall elect the Secretary General and the Treasurer for a term of 3 (three) years.

2. The Executive Committee is in charge of managing the association, implementing the decisions of the meeting and ensuring the compliance with the articles of association.
3. The Executive Committee represents the association judicially and extrajudicially.
4. The Executive Committee may be advised by one or more experts.

MEETINGS

Article 8

General Assembly Meetings shall be held at least once a year and furthermore as often as the Committee deems such necessary or at least one tenth of the members entitled to vote, submit to the Committee a request in writing, stating the reasons thereto. The Executive Committee shall be obliged to convene a general meeting within fourteen days following the receipt of said request.

In the event the Committee fails to convene the general meeting within the stipulated period, the members who submitted said request shall be entitled to do so themselves.

At said General Assembly Meeting legally valid decisions may be taken.

Within 6 months after the end of each fiscal year, the Committee shall report as to the management conducted and shall render an account to the general meeting. Approval of said annual report shall be deemed to grant the Committee a discharge from liability for its management. General Assembly meetings shall be announced at least eight days in advance by means of signed letters to the addresses designated thereto by the members to the association.

VOTING

Article 9

Upon exercising their right to vote at the General Meeting, each member shall cast one (1) vote.

Unless these articles of association stipulate a qualified majority, decisions at the general meeting are taken by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. Business matters will be decided verbally, matters concerning persons will be voted on by unsigned ballots with the exception of amendments to the Articles of Association and dissolution of the association, which business matters shall ever be voted on by ballot.

In the event of a tie of votes concerning business matters the resolution shall be deemed to have been rejected. In case of a tie of votes concerning persons, within fourteen days there shall be a second ballot between the two persons who obtained most votes with the first ballot. The one, who obtains most votes during the second ballot, shall have been elected. In case of a tie with the second ballot, lots shall be drawn.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Article 10

Resolutions to amend these articles of association may solely be done at a General Assembly Meeting especially convened thereto, by a two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast, while at least half of the members has to be present at the meeting. If at this meeting the required minimum number of members is not present, within a month a second general meeting shall be convened, at which the resolution to amend the articles of association may be taken with a majority of two-thirds of the number of valid votes cast, irrespective of the number of members then present at the meeting.

DISSOLUTION

Article 11

The resolution to dissolve the association may be taken at a general meeting especially convened thereto, at which at least two-thirds of the number of members entitled to vote are present, by a majority of at least three-fourths of the number of valid votes cast. If at said meeting the minimum required number of members is not present, within a month a second meeting is convened, which has the power, irrespective of the number of members present at said meeting, to take the decision to dissolve the association by at least three-fourths of the valid votes cast.

WINDING-UP

Article 12

In case of winding-up of the association, the Committee shall be charged with the winding-up, unless the general meeting decides otherwise. The winding-up shall be done with due observance of the provisions laid down in the Civil Code.

STANDING ORDERS

Article 13

The standing orders shall be laid down or amended by the general meeting. They may not include provisions contrary to these articles of association.

FINAL PROVISIONS
Article 14

In all cases not provided for by these articles of association or the standing orders or in case of a difference of opinion as to the interpretation of one or more provisions of these articles of association, the Committee shall decide, subject to affirmation of this decision in the subsequent general meeting.

Laid down, approved and adopted at the General Assembly Meeting of
.....