

# Statutes of the association “SoliSoli”

## **Article 1**

“SoliSoli” is an independent and non-profit association governed by the present statutes. As an association governed by Article 60 and following the Swiss Civil Code, the SoliSoli association has legal personality. It has no political or religious affiliations.

## **Article 2**

The association does not pursue any commercial purposes and is not for profit. Its governing bodies perform their function on a voluntary basis. The headquarters of the association “SoliSoli” is in Zurich. The association shall be of unlimited duration.

## **Article 3**

The goal of the association “SoliSoli” is to defend the legal and human rights of vulnerable and marginalised groups such as migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, or otherwise structurally disadvantaged groups through financial support to established associations and similar structures in Switzerland and abroad.

The role of the association “SoliSoli” shall be in particular:

- Fundraising through donation or other means to support associations or similar structures addressing aforementioned issues.
- The associations and similar structures supported by “SoliSoli” along with specific donation goals are clearly communicated to the donors before any donations.
- For the same purpose, “SoliSoli” organises diverse solidarity events to collect funds, create visibility and raise awareness to the aforementioned causes.

## **Article 4**

The association's resources are derived from:

- Donations and legacies
- Sponsorship
- Public subsidies
- Any other resources authorized by the law

The funds shall be used exclusively in accordance with the associations’ social aims; any and all funds will be transferred in full to specified third parties for which donations were prior received. In particular, the association will not use any funds for any necessary personal costs or activities arising from acting on behalf of the association.

## **Article 5**

Any physical person or legal entity may become a member if they have demonstrated their dedication to the goals of the Association through their commitments or actions.

Requests to become a member must be addressed to the Committee. The Committee admits new members and informs the General Assembly accordingly.

The Association "SoliSoli" may elect honorary members. The association does not charge membership fees.

Membership ceases:

- On death
- By written resignation thereby notifying the Committee at least six months before the end of the financial year
- By exclusion ordered by the Committee, for just cause, with a right of appeal to the General Assembly. Appeals must be lodged within 30 days of the Committee's decision being notified

Only the Association's assets may be used for obligations/commitments contracted in its name. Members have no personal liability.

## **Article 6**

The Association shall include the following organs:

- General Assembly
- Executive Committee
- Auditor

## **Article 7**

The General Assembly is the Association's supreme authority. It is composed of all the members.

It shall hold an Ordinary Meeting once each year. It may also hold an extraordinary session whenever necessary, at the request of the Committee or at least of one-fifth of its members. The General Assembly shall be considered valid regardless of the number of members present.

The Committee shall inform the members in writing of the date of the General Assembly at least six weeks in advance. The notification, including the proposed agenda, shall be sent to each member at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

## **Article 8**

The General Assembly:

- Shall decide about the exclusion of a member should this member appeal the decision taken by the Committee
- Appoints the members of the Committee and elects, at a minimum, the President and the Treasurer
- Notes the contents of the reports and financial statements for the year and votes on their adoption
- Approves the annual budget
- Supervises the activity of other organs, which it may dismiss, stating the grounds therefore
- Appoints an auditor for the Organization's accounts
- Decides on any modification of statutes
- Decides on the dissolution of the Association

## **Article 9**

The General Assembly is presided over by the President or the Treasurer of the Association.

## **Article 10**

Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a majority vote of the members present. In case of deadlock, the President shall have the casting vote.

Decisions concerning the amendment of the Statutes and the dissolution of the Association must be approved by a two-third majority of the members present.

## **Article 11**

Votes are by a show of hands. Voting can also take place by secret ballot, if at least five members request it.

## **Article 12**

The agenda of the ordinary annual session of the General Assembly must include:

- Approval of the Minutes of the previous General Assembly
- Approval of the Committee's annual Activity Report
- Approval of the report of the Treasurer and of the Auditor
- Approval of the budget
- Approval of reports and accounts
- Election of Committee members and Auditor
- Miscellaneous business

**Article 13**

The Committee is authorized to carry out all acts that further the purposes of the Association. It has the most extensive powers to manage the Association's day-to-day affairs.

**Article 14**

The Committee is composed of at least two members elected by the General Assembly.

Each member's term of office shall last for one year and is renewable for maximum three consecutive years. The Committee meets as often as the Association's business requires.

**Article 15**

The Committee members work on a volunteer basis and as such can only be reimbursed for their actual expenses and travel costs. Potential attendance fees cannot exceed those paid for official commissions. For activities beyond the usual function, each Committee member is eligible for appropriate compensation.

**Article 16**

The functions of the Committee are:

- To take the appropriate measures to achieve the goals of the Association;
- To convene the ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies;
- To take decisions with regard to admission of new members as well as the resignation and possible expulsion of members;
- To ensure that Statutes are applied, to draft rules of procedure, and to administer the assets of the Association.

**Article 17**

Each year the General Assembly appoints two auditors. It may also entrust this task to a fiduciary company.

The auditors shall check the operating and annual accounts prepared by the committee and present a written and detailed report to the annual ordinary general meeting.

**Article 18**

The Association is legally bound by the President or the Treasurer.

**Article 19**

The financial year shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December of each year.

## **Article 20**

Should the Association be dissolved, the available assets should be transferred to a non-profit organization pursuing public interest goals similar to those of the Association and likewise benefiting from tax exemption. Under no circumstances should the assets be returned to the founders or members. Nor should they use a part or a total of assets for their own benefit.

## **Article 21**

The Assembly may revise the present Statutes at any time. Revision shall be the subject of discussion at two separate meetings, on the agendas of which it shall be an item.

The Statutes may be amended only if so decided by a final two-thirds majority vote of the Members present and constituting at least half of the full membership of the "SoliSoli" association.

## **Article 22**

The present Statutes have been approved by the Constituent General Assembly of the 21st of December 2020 and entered into force on that date.

Zurich, the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2020

The President



Alexandre Gaeng

The Treasurer



Stefan Stojanovic