

# **ASSOCIATION FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS CONSTITUTION**

## **SATATUTES**

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### **I. GENERAL DISPOSITIONS**

#### **Article 1 Name**

The "Association for the fight for the respect of human rights" is constituted a non-profit association, governed by the present statutes and articles 60 and according to the Swiss Civil Code.

#### **Article 2 Headquarters**

The headquarters of the association is at 1212 Grand-Lancy.

#### **Article 3 Duration**

The duration of the association is unlimited.

#### **Article 4 Objectives**

1. The purpose of the association is to « fight for the respect of human rights in all the regions where these rights have been violated ».
2. On this note, it serves as a speaker for concerned people and organizations affected by this fight, with the mission of informing the general public regarding the situations of human rights violations while collaborating with the institutions and organizations for the preservation of human rights.

#### **Article 5 Activities**

The Association has notably the following tasks:

- to identify cases of human rights violations;
- to compile records of these cases of human rights violations;
- to organize conferences to keep the public aware of cases regarding human rights violations;

### **II. MEMBERS**

#### **Article 6 Admission: Active and Supporting Members**

Active member: any person, without distinction of origin, race, sex and religion and morally fulfilling to the aims of the association, who makes the request and who pays his/her annual subscription, becomes a member.

Supporting member: any person, without distinction of origin, race, sex and religion; and moral,

wanting to support the association through financial, material, skills or relational, becomes a member.

### **Article 7 Resignation**

Each member can withdraw from the association by warning the committee per mail or e-mail at any time. In all cases, the contribution due is prorated for the period as a member of the association.

### **Article 8 Exclusion**

On the proposal of the committee, the General Assembly may pronounce the exclusion of a member for a "just cause ».

## **III. ORGANISATION**

### **Article 9 Organs**

The Association is composed of the following:

- a) The General Assembly
- b) The Association Committee

### **Article 10 Skills of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly (GA) is the supreme organ of the association and has the following skills:

- adopt and amend the statutes
- elect the members of the Association Committee
- read and approve the minutes of the previous GA
- approve the annual report and accounts for the past year
- approve the budget for the current year
- approve objectives
- set the annual contributions
- dissolve the association according to article 17

### **Article 11 Operation of the General Assembly**

- The General Assembly is composed of active members who pay their annual subscription.
- The General Meeting (AG) usually meets at least once a year, at the latest six months after the end of the financial year.

- An Extraordinary GA may be convened, in writing, at any time by the Association Committee, or if at least one-fifth of the Active Members so request by mail or email to the Committee.
- Ordinary or extraordinary GAs are convened by the Committee; the convocation and the agenda are sent no later than three weeks before the GA.
- The GA only votes on items on the agenda of the day.
- The GA is chaired by a member of the Committee or a representative appointed by the Committee.
- Members wishing to put a specific item on the agenda may inform the committee of their proposals no later than two weeks before the GA.

### **Article 12 Voting Rights**

All active members have the right to vote. Each and every person, active member is entitled to one vote.

Each organization active member may delegate a representative, a legal person, entitled to a single vote to the GA.

### **Article 13 Committee**

- The committee is composed of a minimum of five members and a maximum of 10 members.
- All members of the committee are elected by a majority of the voters for three years by the GA and are eligible for re-election. In case of vacancy, the members of the committee are chosen by cooptation subject to an election at the GA.
- The members of the committee divide the activities among themselves.
- The Committee meets at least once every two months.
- Decisions are taken by majority.
- The association is validly engaged by the collective signature of two members of the committee.

### **Article 14 Competencies of the committee**

The committee is in charge of:

- taking the necessary steps to achieve the objectives
- convening ordinary and extraordinary GAs

- taking provisional decisions on the admission and resignation of members and their possible exclusion by the GA
- ensuring the application of the statutes, to draw up the by-laws and to administer the property of the association
- submitting the objectives to the GA
- the committee is responsible for keeping the accounts of the association.
- with the agreement of the entire committee, each member of the committee can validly represent the association as spokesperson
- the committee may hire / dismiss any employee or volunteer employee of the association. It may entrust a specific mandate to any person of the association or outside of it.

#### **IV. FINANCES**

##### **15 Financial Responsibility**

The financial responsibility is limited to the fortune of the association. The financial responsibility of the committee and members is limited to the amount of their annual dues.

##### **16 Financial Resources**

The financial resources of the association come from:

- annual membership fees decided by the General Assembly;
- income or revenue shared resulting from the association activities;
- grants, sponsorships, partnerships, donations and legacies;
- any other source of income.

#### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **Article 17 Dissolution**

The dissolution of the association is decided by the GA with the majority of two thirds of all the active members of the association. The contingent assets will be allocated to a non-profit, tax-exempt organization with similar goals. In no event may the property be returned to the physical founders or members, or used for their benefit in whole or in part and in any manner whatsoever.

### **Article 18 Unforeseen Cases**

All cases not planned by these statutes, are then decided by the Committee in accordance with Articles 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code and submitted to the AG for approval.

### **Article 19 Final Prescription**

The present statutes enters into force on the day of their acceptance by the constitutive assembly of the association of February 22, 2019.