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**Statutes of Organisation Internationale pour les pour les pays les moins avancés
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Article 1 :

L'Organisation internationale pour les pays les moins avancés (OIPMA) - The International Organisation for LDCs (IOLDC) is a non-profit association governed by the present statutes and, secondly, by Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. It is neutral politically, and non-denominational. Its mandate focused on the SDGs, climate change and Human Rights in the LDCs. The Organization's headquarters are located in the State of Geneva.

Article 2: Goals:

OPIMA has the following missions:

1. To establish a network with non-governmental organizations (NGO) working in the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), with the intention to facilitate tools, to assist and to act as a bridge in order to ensure that the concerns of LDCs are considered at the United Nations level and by other International Organizations.
2. OIPMA is concerned with the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the fulfillment of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in LDCs.
3. The organization prioritize in its plans of action, the realization of the SDGs concerned with conflict prevention, post-conflict peacebuilding and promotion of durable peace, rule of law and governance, the protection of

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children, mainly children in armed conflict, empowerment of women, and counter-terrorism and climate change impacts in the crisis-affected LDCs;

4. Monitoring and reporting on the breach the respect of International Human Rights law and International Humanitarian Law in the crisis-affected LDCs.
5. Monitoring and reporting on climate action and the protection of the environment and people affected due to climate change, including health care in the LDCs.

Article 3 Members :

1. The subjects eligible to become a member of the Association are: Any physical person or legal entity that has demonstrated their dedication to the goals of the Association through their commitments or actions.
2. The Committee decides on the incorporation of new members.
3. The Committee can suggest the exclusion of one of its members who is attempting against the Organization's interests. The member excluded has the right to appeal before the General Assembly, presenting its appeal to the President of OIPMA in 30 natural days after the reception of the exclusion notification.
4. Each member, collective or individual, has the right to one vote.
5. Requests to become a member must be addressed to the Committee.
6. The Committee admits new members and informs the General Assembly in writing accordingly.
7. The admission of members is approved by the majority ($\frac{1}{2} + 1$) of the members present at the General Assembly.

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8. The resignation of a member must be notified to the Committee.
9. The members excluded are indebted of contributions of the year in course.
10. The members excluded or who have resigned do not have any right on the actives of OIPMA.
11. The members do not have any individual liability.
12. The Association could comprises:
 - founding members
 - active members
 - honorary members
 - associate members
13. 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;
 - For non-payment of dues for more than one year.

Article 4 Resources :

The Association's resources are derived from:

- donations.
- public subsidies;
- membership fees;
- any other resources authorized by the law.

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Article 5: Organs

The Association shall include the following organs:

- General Assembly,
- Executive Committee,
- Auditor.

Article 6 General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is the Association's supreme authority, which defines the politics and orientations of the Organization. It shall hold an Ordinary Meeting once each year.
2. Each member has one right to vote.
3. The 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.
4. The General Assembly may also hold an extraordinary session whenever necessary, at the request of the Committee or at least of one-third of its members .
5. The Committee shall inform the members in writing of the date of the General Assembly. The notification, including the proposed agenda, shall be sent to each member at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.
6. The General Assembly:
 - Appoints the members of the Committee, the President, and the Treasurer;
 - Appoints the General Director.
 - Appoints an auditor for the Organization's accounts;
 - Notes the contents of the reports and financial statements for the year.
 - Decides on any modification of statutes with the votes of the majority members present ($\frac{1}{2} + 1$)

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- Decides on the exclusion of the members of the Committee on reasonable grounds or decides on the exclusion of a member suggested by the Committee.
- Approves the annual budget;
- Supervises the activity of other organs, which it may dismiss, stating the grounds therefor;
- Decides on the dissolution of the Association and its actives;
- Fixes the annual membership fees.

Article 7 Committee

- The Committee is composed by 5-11 members with a renewable mandate.
- The Committee members work on a volunteer basis.

Article 8: Function of the Committee

The functions of the Committee are:

- The General Assembly is legally authorised the president to represent the organisation.
- To take the appropriate measures to carry out all acts that further the purposes of the Association. It decides on the organization of its duties and is responsible for all the topics analysed by the General Assembly. .
- The Director manages the affairs existing in the Organization under the name of the latter, having the most extensive powers to manage the Association's day-to-day affairs.
- The Committee convenes the ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies;
- The members of the Committee work on a voluntary 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.
- To ensure that Statutes are applied, to draft rules of procedure,

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and to administer the assets of the Association.

Article 9 Internal auditor

- The auditors shall check the operating and annual accounts prepared by the committee and present a written and detailed report to the General Assembly.
- The General Assembly appoints the auditors. It may also entrust this task to a fiduciary company.
- The internal audit is an independent function of the secretarial which reports to the General Assembly, using its operational and financial methods.

Article 10 External Auditor :

1. The external audit is independent to the function of OIPMA. It reports directly to the funders. Its methods are the same financial and operational as the internal audit.
2. Using the actives and the funds must be submitted to an independent and external accounting assessment by several entities.

Article 11 :

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

Article 12 Dissolution :

1. The Organization is dissolved under the decision of the General Assembly, with the vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members voting.
2. Should the Association be dissolved, the available assets should be transferred to a non-profit organization pursuing public interest goals

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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.

3. The members do not have any individual liability regarding the economic losses of the Organization.

Article 13 :

The present Statutes have been approved by the Constituent General Assembly of OIPMA-IOLDC at 17 December 2018 and will have effect from the 2nd of January 2019.

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