

## Statutes

### Vision Hope International e. V.

#### §1 Name, location, fiscal year

- (1) The association holds the name "Vision Hope International". After the registration in the record of associations it uses the addition "eingetragener Verein" (translated: registered association) in short "e. V."
- (2) Its location is in Herbolzheim, Breisgau.
- (3) The fiscal year is the calendar year.

#### §2 Purpose of the association

- (1) The purpose of the association is: the advancement of development aid and the support of people in need in developing countries.

The association pursues its non-profit purposes in accordance with the German General Tax Code, especially through the advancement of development aid, public health care, training and education, youth assistance and environmental protection.

The association pursues its charitable purposes by assisting people in acute distress and the support of persons who are dependant on the assistance of others due to their physical, mental or inner condition.

The purpose of these statutes is reached through:

- Informing the public and advancing activities that build awareness of the problems of developing countries. For this purpose the association can produce, acquire and distribute media of all kinds (books, CD's, audio, video etc.).
- Carrying out initiatives and projects with a non-profit and charitable purpose (for example in the areas of healthcare, social work with children, youth and adults, people with special needs, measures for improvement of living conditions and infrastructure, acquisition of aid supplies and its transport).
- Providing help in natural disasters, famine, crop failure etc.
- Assisting self-help projects and the advancement of self-initiatives (for example in the area of income generation)
- Implementing the rights of children as documented in the relevant UN-convention.
- Acting as a mediator for child and project sponsorships.
- Advancing measures for the protection of the environment through consulting the population and through project development (for example reforestation, measures against soil-erosion, biotope and species protection, waste management, development and utilization of alternative energy sources).
- Promoting a sustainable supply of drinking water and an environmentally friendly waste water disposal.
- Construction of sanitary facilities, accompanied by counseling in hygiene.

- Teaching projects for the transfer of knowledge and skills for specific trades (e.g. for Prisoners and Orphans)
- Measures which make it possible for women, in particular, to participate in the national, guaranteed school education system.
- Occupational education (e.g. Computer courses, training courses for tradesmen, etc.) which improve the income of the native people.
- Further training to assist teachers to improve the quality of teaching.
- Courses to instruct the basics of preventative health care and hygiene.
- Training of health personnel, e.g. Basic health workers and medical birth assistants.

(2) This purpose can also be reached through the acquisition of resources to support other tax-exempted corporations, which facilitate the same goals and purposes.

### **§3 Selflessness**

- (1) The association pursues only and directly non-profit and charitable purposes according to the paragraph “tax-deductible purposes” of the German general tax code.
- (2) Revenues of the association can only be used for purposes according to these statutes. The members will not receive any wages from the funds of this association. No person can be favored by expenditures not in accordance with the purpose of the association, through disproportionate high allowances, or through disproportionate high compensation of expenses.
- (3) The association is acting selfless; it is not pursuing primarily purposes of income generation.

### **§4 Acquisition of membership**

- (1) Any person, who is 16 or older, as well as each legal entity, can be a member of the association.
- (2) The board of directors decides, who will acquire membership after receiving written application. In case of rejection by the board of directors the assembly of members makes the decision.
- (3) All members are obligated to energetically support the association in achieving its goals.

### **§5 Termination of membership**

- (1) The membership is terminated by death, exclusion or withdrawal from the association.
- (2) The withdrawal occurs by written declaration to the board of directors; a cancellation term of four weeks to the end of the year has to be kept.
- (3) A member can be excluded by resolution of the board of directors, if he/she offends the interests of the association in a significant way. The member has to be given a chance for justification, and respectively has the right to comment before the passing of the resolution. An objection can be lodged against the resolution of exclusion made by the board of directors; it must be lodged within four weeks of notification. The assembly of the members makes the final decision on exclusion.

## **§6 Membership fees**

The association finances itself from voluntary donations und public grants and does not charge a membership fee.

## **§7 Bodies of the association**

Bodies of the association are the board of directors and the assembly of members.

## **§8 Board of directors**

- (1) The managing board of directors of the association consists of a minimum of three and up to seven members, who are elected by the assembly of members: The chairman, his deputy, the secretary, the treasurer and possibly other members. Persons over the age of 18 are eligible for election.
- (2) The board of directors is in charge of all matters of the association, as far as the statutes don't delegate these to the assembly of members. It has specifically the following tasks:
  - a) Preparing and convening the assembly of members as well as putting together the agenda
  - b) Planning the yearly budget
  - c) Passing resolutions about the admission of members
  - d) Appointing and dismissing of the manager as well as hiring of employees
  - e) Preparing the annual financial statement and the annual activity report
  - f) Concluding important contracts
  - g) Providing service instruction for the manager
  - h) Writing by-laws to govern the work of the board of directors
  - i) Maintaining minutes of board meetings as recorded by the secretary
  - j) Appointing committees for planning and carrying out association matters
  - k) Appointing two auditors who neither belong to the board of directors nor to a committee appointed by the board of directors and who are not employees of the association.
- (3) The chairman and his deputy represent the association judicially and non-judicially according to § 26 BGB.  
Each of them is authorized to represent the association alone.  
In regards to internal relations, the deputy is only authorized to represent the chairman in case of his absence. The chairman provides on demand (at least two times a year) the board meetings with an announcement of an agenda. Furthermore meetings have to be held whenever the integrity of the association is affected.

- (4) The chairman or one of his commissioners convenes in writing the board meetings with declaration of the agenda; the notice must be given two weeks in advance. Whereas the day of the dispatch and the day of the sitting are not counted.
- (5) The board of directors can appoint a manager for running the daily business. To his tasks belong, beside execution of the daily business according to the standard of the general business, the instruction and the compilation of the financial plan and the annual activity report. The manager takes part in board meetings with a consulting vote as well as in the assembly of the members.

### **§9 Term and resolutions of the board of directors**

- (1) The term of the board of directors is three years however; it remains in office until the election of a new board of directors.
- (2) The board of directors is able to make resolutions if at least three of its members are present, among them the chairman or the deputy. Resolutions are decided by simple majority of the given votes; at equality of votes the chairman's vote decides, in his absence the representative's one.
- (3) Re-election of the members of the board of directors is possible.
- (4) Resolutions of the board of directors can be submitted in writing or by phone if there is an urgent need.
- (5) Membership termination in the association terminates the membership in the board of directors as well. Expulsion can ensue only by a vote of mistrust of two thirds of members present in a meeting.

### **§10 Members' assembly**

- (1) Each member has one vote in the members' assembly.
- (2) The members' assembly is in charge of the following tasks:
  - a) Resolutions about the financial plan and the annual activity report
  - b) Discharge of the board of directors
  - c) Election of the board of directors and its dismissal for important reasons.
  - d) Rule on the statute changes and the association's dissolution.

### **§ 11 Convention and passing of resolutions of the members' assembly**

- (1) At least once a year a regular members' assembly takes place. The board of directors convenes it by giving a two weeks written notice including declaration of the agenda.
- (2) By written application of at least twenty-five per cent of the members and by declaration of the agenda, the board of directors can summons an extraordinary members assembly meeting within one month after the receipt of the application.
- (3) Resolutions of the members' assembly generally pass with a simple majority. Statute changes need a majority of 2/3 of the given valid votes of the present members. Resolutions for dissolution need a ¾-majority of the association's members.
- (4) Votes take place in public, unless there is an application for secret voting.
- (5) Resolutions of the members' assembly must be recorded in the minutes.

**§12 Dissolution and transfer of the associations' property**

At the associations' dissolution or at the omission of its tax-deductible purposes the association's assets will be transferred to the association Humedia e. V., Kaufbeuren which must use it exclusively and instantaneously for non-profit purposes.

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