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# NGO accreditation ICH-09 - Form

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# **REQUEST BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO BE** ACCREDITED TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE

# DEADLINE 30 APRIL 2019

Instructions for completing the request form are available at:

https://ich.unesco.org/en/forms

# 1. Name of the organization

#### 1.a. Official name

Please provide the full official name of the organization, in its original language, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

World Crafts Council AISBL

## 1.b. Name in English or French

Please provide the name of the organization in English or French.

World Crafts Council AISBL

# 2. Contact of the organization

## 2.a. Address of the organization

Please provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled (see section 8).

Organization:	World Crafts Council
Address:	Crafts Council, 44a Pentonville Road, Islington, London, N1 9BY
Telephone number:	020 7806 2523
Email address:	wccinternational@craftscouncil.org.uk
Website:	https://www.wccinternational.org
Other relevant information:	



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**United Nations Iducational**, Scientific and Cultural Organization .

Intangible Cultural Heritage

## 2.b Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request.

Title (Ms/Mr, etc.):	Ms
Family name:	Greenlees
Given name:	Rosy
Institution/position:	Crafts Council/ Executive Director
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Telephone number:	+44 (0)20 7806 2523
Email address:	r_greenlees@craftscouncil.org.uk
Other relevant information:	WCC President

## 3. Country or countries in which the organization is active

Please identify the country or countries in which the organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, please indicate which country. If its activities are international, please indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and please list the primary countries in which it carries out its activities.

national
⊠ international (please specify: )
🔀 worldwide
Africa
Arab States
Asia & the Pacific
Europe & North America
Latin America & the Caribbean
Please list the primary country(ies) in which it is active:
India, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Thailand, Kazakstan, Chile, Ireland, UK, Norway, Spain, Slovakia, Georgia, France, Holland, Iran, Kuwait

## 4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence

Please state when the organization came into existence, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

The WCC was established in 1964 with support from UNESCO and was formerly constituted as an AISBL in Belgium in 2012.

# 5. Objectives of the organization

Please describe the objectives for which the organization was established, which should be 'in conformity with the spirit of the Convention' (Criterion C). If the organization's primary objectives are other than safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, please explain how its safeguarding objectives relate to those larger objectives.

Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information

The aim of the WCC organisation is to foster, help and advise men and women skilled in arts and crafts all over the world and to promote knowledge and recognition of their work on account of cultural differences and training and national traditions of each of its members.

It coordinates, at the international level, the action of its members with the aim of promoting arts and crafts, improving the living conditions of the creators and the dissemination of information.

It develops a contemporary research spirit and acts as the spokesperson of the creators while dealing with international cultural bodies, public authorities, media and the public.

It ensures the cultural and economic promotion of the creators and offers them advice, information and moral support in their activities and their development.

# 6. The organization's activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

Sections 6.a to 6.d are the primary place for establishing that the NGO satisfies the criterion of having 'proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding (as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention) intangible cultural heritage belonging, inter alia, to one or more specific domains' (Criterion A).

## 6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, please tick 'other domains' and indicate which domains are concerned.

oral traditions and expressions

performing arts

social practices, rituals and festive events

knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe

Itraditional craftsmanship

other domains - please specify:

## 6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the organization's primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, please tick 'other safeguarding measures' and specify which ones are concerned.

identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)

preservation, protection

promotion, enhancement

transmission, formal or non-formal education

revitalization

other safeguarding measures – please specify:

## 6.c. Description of the organization's activities

Organizations requesting accreditation should briefly describe their recent activities and relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, including those demonstrating the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee. Relevant documentation may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

Not to exceed 550 words; do not attach additional information

At the international level WCC has two key programmes Craft Cities and the Award of Excellence. Craft Cities

The Craft Cities programme aims to

- highlight the reputation and assets of a craft city;
- strengthen the potential for innovation and tourism;
- promote the exchange of experience and best practice; and opportunities for partnership.

There are currently 36 cities across the Middle East, Asia Pacific, Europe and Latin America and they range from Horse hair work in Rari in Chile, to Mudmee in Khon Kaen, Thailand and from crafts in Tripoli, Lebanon to needlework in Cuba. Each city or region must apply with the support of their local government and are visited by a jury comprising members of regional Board and other experts in the relevant field of craft. The WCC is currently developing pages of its website to promote the initiative and encourage networking and information between the cities.

#### The WCC Award of Excellence for Handicrafts

The award was established in 2001 by UNESCO and since 2014 has been run by WCC. primarily in the Asia Pacific and Latin America regions. It aims to encourage artisans to produce handicrafts that use traditional skills, patterns and themes in an innovative way, to ensure the continuity and sustainability of these traditions and skills so as to set quality standards, raise international awareness and strengthen the promotional potential for handicraft products to enable them to compete in the global market and automatically increase the welfare of the craftsmen.

In 2018 the range of submissions for Asia Pacific was highly diversified including woven and embroidered textiles, natural fibers, ceramics, wood carvings and inlay, metal work, stone carving, glass and other materials. The total of 510 submitted products originated from the five sub-regions of WCC- Asia Pacific Region, namely : West Asia (Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia), Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan), South Asia (Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka), South East Asia (Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand), and East Asia (China).

At a regional level each WCC delivers activities including projects, seminars and events for example the Jogjakarta international Batiq Biennale, the World Ikat Textile Symposium, an online encylopeadia of craft skills; a showcase of Latin American and European crafts in Kuwait and a delegation of African countries led by the President of WCC Africa to China's arts and creative centre in Shenzhen

## 6.d. Description of the organization's competence and expertise

Please provide information on the personnel and members of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage, in particular those that demonstrate the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee, and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such competences may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

Not to exceed 200 words; do not attach additional information

The WCC International comprises five regions - Africa, Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America and North America and totalling 130 national entities as well as associate and individual members.

Each region's members must demonstrate eligibility as NGO's, craft charities, professional craft and design associations or membership bodies. All members are professionally engaged in craft with a collective expertise in all disciplines and in both contemporary and heritage craft. There are over 200 members representing countries across the globe.

The International Board comprises the Presidents and Vice Presidences of the Boards of each of the five regions. For example, the WCC International President is the Executive Director of the British Crafts Council and the President of Asia Pacific is Dr Ghada Hijjawi-Qaddumi an academic and writer on craft; the President of WCC Europe is Louise Allen, Head of Innovation and Development at the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland, the President of Latin America is Barbara Velasco, State Co-ordinator for Crafts in Chile.

Expertise for the WCC's key projects is drawn from within the organisation and beyond. For example, the jury for the Award of Excellence for the West Asia sub region included Ms. Marzieh Torkamanian - Director General of Development and Promotion Bureau in the Department of Handicraft and Traditional Arts of Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts & Tourism Organization (ICHTO); Dr. Ali Saleh Alnajadah - Member of WCC-APR & Associate Professor of Interior Design at College of Basic Education-Public Authority for Applied Education and Training from Kuwait, and Dr. Anying CHEN - Associate Professor & Supervisor Chair of Department of Art History in Academy of Arts & Design, Tsinghua University from China

# 7. The organization's experiences in cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners

The Committee will evaluate whether NGOs requesting accreditation 'cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, practise and transmit intangible cultural heritage' (Criterion D). Please briefly describe such experiences here.

Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information

Each member organisation works directly with craftspeople and artisans through their own programmes of support and development. They have professional development support schemes, exhibitions, showcases and fairs for selling work as well as occasional conferences and events. The Craft Cities and Award for Excellence are both aimed at supporting and working directly with craftspeople and communities.

Support has included providing opportunities for craftspeople to travel internationally to showcase their work. For example, artisans from Latin America have been supported to present work in Kuwait as part of the annual festival of handicrafts. In each case the craftspeople were supported to attend and in many cases gave demonstrations as well sold their work.

Those craftspeople who received the WCC Award of Excellence were invited to show their work in Qingdao China as part of a major craft fair and received professional support.

In Europe craftspeople are invited to attend professional development seminars and events. The International Charter of Craftsmanship was launched by organisations in France and Italy and the WCC has worked with countries such as Georgia to develop their support to craftspeople

The encyclopedia of craft in the Asia Pacific region is an online initiative which enables craftspeople and orgnisations to share knowledge of endangered crafts and to gather this information in a single place.

In each of the craft cities the applicant must demonstrate commitment to training provision, pay and working conditions as well as the support of the local government. For example in Korashad, Iran a network of women trainers has been established to support women's co-operatives in the area. In Lalitpur, Nepal craft makers are supported by the Federation of Handicraft Associations of Nepal established in 1972.

## 8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization

The Operational Directives require that an organization requesting accreditation submit documentation proving that it possesses the operational capacities listed under Criterion E. Such supporting documents may take various forms, in light of the diverse legal regimes in effect in different States. Submitted documents should be translated, whenever possible, into English or French if the originals are in another language. Please label supporting documents clearly with the section (8.a, 8.b or 8.c) to which they refer.

#### 8.a. Members and personnel

Proof of the participation of the members of the organization, as requested under Criterion E (i), may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, a list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of the members; a complete membership roster usually need not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.a'.

## 8.b. Recognized legal personality

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing documents, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, the organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.b'.

#### 8.c. Duration of existence and activities

If it is not already clearly indicated in the documentation provided under section 8.b, please submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Please provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in section 6.c. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs, DVDs or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.c'.

## 9. Signature

The application must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.

Name: Rosy Greenlees Title: President World Crafts Council Date: 25.03.2019 Signature: WWHMM.

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Siège d'exploitation: Crafts Council, 44a Pentonville Road, Islington, London N1 9BY, United Kingdom

## World Crafts Council International Board 2019

President, WCC International: Rosy Greenlees, Crafts Council, London, United Kingdom

President, WCC Asia Pacific: Dr. Ghada Hijjiawi-Qaddumi, Kuwait

Vice-President, WCC Asia-Pacific: Kevin Murray, Garland Magazine, Australia

President, WCC North America: Dr Andrew Wang, USA

Vice President, WCC North America, Maegen Black, Canadian Crafts Federation, Fredricton, Canada

President, WCC Europe: Louise Allen, Design & Crafts Council of Ireland, Ireland

Vice-President, WCC Europe: Laura Miguel Baumann, FUNDESARTE EOI., Spain

President, WCC Africa: M. Otunba Segun Runsewe, National Council for Arts and Culture, Nigeria

Vice-President, WCC Africa: Janet Nkubana, Rwanda

President, WCC Latin America: Barbara Velasco, State Co-ordinator for Craft, Santiago, Chile

Vice-President, WCC Latin America: Roxanna Amarilla, MATRA Mercado de Artesanías Tradicionales de Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Secretary General: Victoria Rice, Crafts Council, 44a, Pentonville Road, London N1 9BY



## "WORLD CRAFTS COUNCIL" OR "CONSEIL MONDIAL DES MÉTIERS D'ARTS"

## In short "WCC"

International Non profit Organization governed by Belgian Law

7000 Mons (Belgium) - Rue de la Trouille 17/02

## **CONSTITUTION – BYE LAWS – NOMINATIONS**

THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWELVE The eight of November At Soignies, in our Chamber, Before Us, Mr Xavier BRICOUT, Notary based at Soignies.

## PRESENTED THEMSELVES

Mrs Usha KRISHNA, born at Basavangudi, on the Thirteen of August nineteen thousand forty four, of Indian nationality, living at 600086 Tamil Nadu, Poes Garden, Chennai (India).

Mrs Sangeet CHOPRA; born at Una Punjab, on the twenty fourth of October nineteen thousand fourty four, living at 600085 Tamil Nadu, Ranjit Road Kotturpuram, Chennai (India).

The person(s) appearing before the court requested us to draw up the articles of the international non profit organization « WCC », that the person (s) wished to constitute according to the Law dated 27th June 1921 concerning non profit organizations, international non profit organizations and foundations as modified by the Belgian Law dated 2nd May 2001 about non profit organizations, international non profit organizations and foundations. (Hereinafter referred to as «the law»).

# **BYE LAWS**

# HEADING 1 - Name, head office, object

## Article 1

An international non profit organization of international utility named « WORLD CRAFTS COUNCIL » is constituted. It will be referred to hereinafter as the « WCC organization »

All acts, invoices, advertisements, and publications as well as other documents from the international non profit organization must mention its name preceded or immediately followed by the words « international non profit organization » or the acronym « AISBL » along with the head office address.

The World Crafts Council, AISBL is composed of five (5) regions: Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America and North America.

## Article 2

**2.1.** The organization's registered office is established in Belgium at WCC-BF, 17/02, rue de la Trouille, 7000 Mons.

The head office of the international non profit organization could be shifted to any other place in Belgium on a simple decision by the Executive Board.

Any shifting of the international non profit organization's office premises must be filed with the Registry of the Commercial Court of the place where the international non profit organization is situated and published in the Belgian Official Gazette's Annexes.

From the moment its head office is established in Belgium, the AISBL will come under the law on ASBL, as per heading III of the law dated 27th June 1921 concerning non profit organizations, international non profit organizations and foundations as modified by the Law dated 2nd May 2001 about non profit organizations, international non profit organizations, international non profit organizations and foundations. (Hereinafter referred to as « the law »).

**2.2.** Permanent or temporary operating offices of the organization can be set up in a country other than Belgium notably according to the nationality of the individual holding the post of President as well as for any reason connected to achieving the social objects of the organization Executive Board.

## Article 3

The aim of the WCC organization, which has no profit making motives, is to foster, help and advise men and women skilled in arts and crafts all over the world as well as to promote knowledge and recognition of their work on account of cultural differences and training and national traditions of each of its members.

It coordinates, at the international level, the action of its members with the aim of promoting arts and crafts, improving the living conditions of the creators and the dissemination of information. At the international level, it ensures the promotion of arts and crafts, develops a contemporary research spirit and acts as the spokesperson of the creators while dealing with international cultural bodies, public authorities, media and the public. It ensures the cultural and economic promotion of the creators. It offers them advice, information and moral support in their activities and their development.

In order to fulfill and achieve its objectives, the organization appeals for financial support,, assistance or otherwise to governments, national and international institutions as well as to companies and individuals capable of helping in furthering its aims.

The pursuit of these aims is carried out notably by organizing the various activities not limited to: exhibitions, international conferences, seminars, training, legal permanence, study tours, meeting with artists and designers from different countries, publication of journals.

The WCC organization also participates in international fairs, competitions, symposiums and exhibitions.

It can accomplish all activities related indirectly or directly to its objectives. Notably, it can lend assistance and take an interest in any activity similar to its own objectives.

It is governed by a General Assembly.

It is administered by an Executive Board which works in close collaboration with the President of the Executive Board.

# **HEADING 2 - Members**

#### Article 4

**4.1**. The WCC organization is composed of 2 types of members, that is: ordinary members and associate members , all being classified in 3 categories

The ordinary members alone have the right to vote during the General Assembly and automatically enjoy the rights laid down by the Bye Laws of WCC organisation. They can file their candidature for becoming a member of the Executive Board.

The associate members do not have the right to vote or to apply to become board members of WCC organisation.

#### 4.2.

Ordinary member: a national legal entity under private or public Law

This concerns legal entities whose main objective is to encourage men and women skilled in arts and crafts and pursue the same objectives as those of the organization WCC.

The admission of a national effective member is possible only if his/her admission is accepted at the regional level.

An « ordinary member » means a legal entity under private or public law, including every group, community, company, association or foundation or any other organization, a State or a Government office, a ministry or an agency that best represents the interests of men and women skilled in the arts and crafts of such countries in the context of the activities of WCC organisation.

Each Ordinary Member has one vote and can select a national delegate to vote on its behalf at the General Assembly of the WCC organization.

The Executive Board will be informed in writing about the identity of the national delegate.

### Associate Member

An Associate Member may be an international or regional Non Government Organization or any other organization or individual with an interest in arts and crafts.

Their admission is accepted only if they are accepted first to the regional WCC organisation. Associate Members do not have the right to vote.

#### Honorary or Individual Associate Member

An Honorary or Individual Member may be recommended by an Ordinary Member and admitted by the General Assembly. An Honorary does not have the right to vote.

## Article 5

## 5.1. Admission of members

Admission of a new Ordinary and Associate Member is subject to the decision of the relevant regional Executive Board.

All members admitted in the composition of the Executive Board of WCC organization automatically hold all rights and privileges accorded to the WCC's Ordinary Members.

## 5.2. Suspension and limitation

The rights and privileges of a member who does not respect its obligations, including the payment of its annual contribution, could be suspended or restricted by the Executive Board till a definite measure is taken by the General Assembly.

### 5.3. Exclusion of members

The exclusion of members of the organization can be proposed by the General Assembly, after hearing the defense of the individual, and announced by the General Assembly with a two third majority of the members present or represented.

#### Article 6

The members pay a contribution fixed annually (for the category to which they belong) by the General Assembly on the suggestion of the Executive Board.

# **HEADING 3 - General Assembly**

## Article 7 Competence - composition

**7.1**. The General Assembly holds full powers that permit the achievement of the objectives of the WCC organization.

7.2. It comprises of all members who have the right to vote.

The Associate Members and Honorary Members can attend. They do not have the right to vote.

**7.3.** The following points are notably reserved for its jurisdiction:

approval of budgets and accounts established by the Executive Board in accordance with article 53 of the Law;

election and removal of the Executive Board ;

modification of the bye laws of the association;

dissolution of the organisation;

Communicating to the Executive Board the reports of regional elections of the 5 regional presidents and the 5 regional vice-presidents;

Determining the amount of annual contribution to be paid by the members, payable through bank transfer. Any bank charges related to their membership payment are covered and paid by the member;

Carrying out all business following the objectives of the WCC organisation;

Determination of any policy to be followed according to the recommendations of the Executive Board for the period preceding the next General Assembly; and

Election of the President of the General Assembly whose term of office is for four years.

The President of WCC organization presides over the General Assembly and the Executive Board and will have duties and responsibilities as determined by the General Assembly.

The post of the President should be rotated among the five regions (WCC Europe, Asia, Africa, North America and Latin America).

The post of the President is fixed for a period of four years.

The nomination is approved by the regional Executive Board based on the recommendation of its Regional General Assembly. After accepting the nomination, the Executive Board proposes his / her name to the international General Assembly.

**7.4.** The General Assembly is competent to handle all matters that are not formally attributed to the Executive Board by the Belgian law or the bye laws of WCC.

## Article 8 – Frequence - calling

**8.1.** The General Assembly meets, by right, once during a period of four years at a time and place decided by the Executive Board.

**8.2.** An extraordinary General Assembly meeting can be convened by the Executive Board or on a written request addressed to the said Board by at least a third of the Ordinary Members. This request must specify the points that call for such an extraordinary Assembly and must be held within a minimum of two months and a maximum of three months from the date of receiving such a request in writing.

**8.3.** All invitations to attend the General Assembly meeting are in writing - by letter, fax, email – 90 days before the General Assembly and 45 days before the extraordinary General Assembly. All invitations should include the agenda and be signed by the Executive Board or authorized person and sent to each Ordinary Member at the address indicated by the latter to the General Assembly.

## Article 9 Representation – quorum - majority

Ordinary Members may be represented at the General Assembly by another Ordinary Member as a proxy. Each member can have more than one proxy.

The General Assembly can have valid deliberations only if 1/4 of the Ordinary Members are present or represented. Decisions are adopted by majority vote of the members present or represented.

There cannot be deliberations on anything that does not figure in the agenda, except if voted by two thirds of the present or represented ordinary members at the General Assembly.

## Article 10 Modification of the Bye Laws

**10.1.** Without prejudice to the Belgian law dated 27th June 1921, any proposition whose aim is a modification of the bye laws or the dissolution of the organization must come from the Executive Board or at least two thirds of the Ordinary Members of the organization.

The Executive Board must inform the members of the organization at least 90 days prior to the date of the General Assembly which will give a ruling on the said proposition. No decision will be taken unless it has two thirds majority vote in its favour.

**10.2.** However, if this General Assembly is unable to secure a majority vote of the members of the organization (having voting rights), a new General Assembly meeting will be convened under the same conditions as mentioned above, which will have definite and valid deliberations on the proposition in question, with the same two third majority of votes, whatever be the number of members present or represented.

**10.3.** Modifications to the aims of the WCC organization will take effect only after approval by a Royal decree and published in accordance with article 50 of the Belgian law dated 27th June 1921.

**10.4.** The General Assembly will fix the mode of dissolution and liquidation of the organization as stipulated by points 10.2 and 10.3.

The dissolution of WCC organization can be announced at the request of the public prosecutor or of any of the interested parties in the following cases in accordance with article 55 of the law:

Use of capitals and revenues of the international non profit organization for purposes other than that for which it was constituted Insolvency Lack of administration Serious contravention of the articles of association or contravention of law and order

The assets remaining after the liquidation of the organization will be assigned to another registered body where the aims and objectives are the same as WCC.

# **HEADING 4 - Executive Board**

## Article 11

**11.1.** The WCC organization is governed by a Executive Board whose composition is as follows, as long as the number of Executive Members is equal or more than 13:

The International president of WCC

The 5 presidents of the 5 regional organizations

The 5 vice-presidents of the 5 regional organizations

The treasurer appointed and confirmed by the majority of the Executive Board

The secretary who is the International General Secretary of WCC organisation, who is appointed and confirmed by the majority of the Executive Board.

If the number of Executive members of the organization in less than 13, the Executive Board is composed at least of a President and a Secretary General.

**11.2.** Each Board member has the right to vote. In the case of a tie, the president has a casting vote.

A meeting of the Executive Board is convened immediately after the ordinary General assembly meeting.

When the President's post is vacant, the Executive Board will appoint an acting President till the next General Assembly meeting.

**11.3.** The Executive Board meets at least once a year at the time and place decided by the President, or at the request of one third of the members of the Executive Board

The invitation to such a meeting is addressed at least 45 days prior to the date fixed for convening the said meeting.

The Executive Board can have valid deliberations only if the quorum reaches the majority of the members present who have the right to vote.

The Executive Board takes resolutions based on the majority of the board members present or represented. In case of a tie, the President's vote is the casting vote.

**11.4.** The Executive Board is responsible for the management and administration of the affairs of the WCC organisation, and this is in accordance with the principles and policies laid down by the General Assembly.

The Executive Board proposes policies, programs, resolutions and all other measures to the General Assembly.

It establishes a report of activity following the previous General Assembly meeting.

The Board has all managerial and administrative powers subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

It has the duty of establishing the annual accounts for the previous financial year as well as the budget for the following year, which will be approved by the General Assembly.

The Executive Board has the duty of compiling an annual list of current members.

It can delegate everyday management to its President or one/some board members or one/ some agent(s). The latter then have the power of everyday management of the organization, that is, the power of general representation, the power of binding the WCC organization vis-àvis third parties and to represent it in actions and lawsuits.

The organization is responsible for the faults attributed to its agents or to the bodies through which it exercises control.

In addition, it can confer, under its responsibility, special and specific powers on one or several persons.

All acts that bind the organization are signed by two Board Members or persons authorized by the Executive Board or the General Assembly, who need not justify to third parties the powers conferred to serve this end.

Legal actions as plaintiff or defendant are followed by the Executive Board represented by its president or an Board member appointed for this purpose by the president.

**11.5.** The Board members and delegates for everyday management do not contract any personal obligation related to the commitments of WCC organization. Their responsibility is limited to the execution of the mandate they received and the errors committed in their management.

11.6. The Board Members are elected by the General Assembly for a term of (4) four years. In case of a vacancy of a Board Member during a term, a provisional Board Member can be appointed by the Executive Board to complete the term.

The Board Members can be removed/ dismissed by the General Assembly acting on a majority of two thirds of the Ordinary Members present or represented.

# **HEADING 5 - Budgets and accounts**

## Article 13

**13.1.** The financial year shall close on the 31 December of each year.

**13.2.** The Executive Board shall submit for the approval of the General Assembly the accounts of the previous financial year and the budget for the following year in accordance with article 53 of the Belgian law.

# **HEADING 6 - General provisions**

## Article 14

All that is not envisaged by these articles and notably the formalities of publicity will be settled in accordance with the provisions of the Belgian law.

# HEADING 7 - FINAL AND/OR TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.

A/ The parties hereby unanimously adopt the following resolutions which shall only take effect from the date of registration of a copy of the memorandum of association with the registry of the relevant Commercial Court, at which time the association shall acquire legal status.

## 1. First financial year.

The first financial year shall commence on the date of registration and shall end on the thirty-first of December two thousand and thirteen.

#### 2. First Ordinary General Assembly ..

The first ordinary general meeting shall be held in two thousand and fourteen at the time, place and manner decided upon by the Board of Directors.

#### 3. Appointment of Board Members.

The parties hereby decide on the basis of unanimity that the board of directors shall be made up of the following Board Members, who tacitly accept this mandate:

- Mrs. Usha KRIŠHNA, residing at 600086 Tamil Nadu, Poes Garden Chennai (India).
- Mrs. **Sangeet CHOPRA**, residing at 600085 Tamil Nadu, Ranjit Road Kotturpuram Chennai (India).

Both appointed in advance.

Their mandate shall come to an end after the ordinary general meeting organised in two thousand and sixteen.

Their mandate shall be unpaid.

#### 4. Auditors.

Given the legal criteria and these bye-laws, the parties hereby decide to not appoint an auditor.

5. Meeting of the Executive Board

The persons appointed as directors in turn appoint in the capacity of:

President:

-Mrs. Usha KRISHNA, appointed in advance.

Secretary-General:

-Mrs. Sangeet CHOPRA, appointed in advance,

Here present and who accept their appointment.

B/ The board of directors hereby appoints as the person responsible for the day-to-day running of the association and confers all powers of management and representation necessary for the purpose of this day-to-day running to: Mrs. Usha KRISHNA, appointed in advance. Here present and who accepts such appointment. She shall act as the representative of the board.

#### C/ Assumption of commitments.

The persons appointed as directors acknowledge that the Executing Notary has drawn their attention to the content of article 3 paragraph 2 of the Belgian law of 27 June 1921 and the requirement to assume, where necessary, within the legal time limit, all commitments entered into on behalf of the association during its formation.

## <u>COSTS</u>

The parties hereby declare that the total costs, expenses, remuneration or charges, in any form whatsoever, for which the company is liable or for which it is made liable by reason of this meeting, comes to one thousand, one hundred and fifty-seven euros and fifty-eight cent ( $\leq 1, 157.58$ ) inc. VAT.

#### **IDENTITY**

The undersigned Notary, BRICOUT, hereby certifies the identity of the parties based on their passports.

## END OF MEETING

There being no more items on the agenda, the meeting was terminated at 4 p.m.

#### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR DISPROPORTIONATE UNDERTAKINGS

The parties hereby confirm that the executing notary has adequately informed them in relation to the rights, obligations and responsibilities arising from this deed and has advised them in an impartial manner. They consider this deed as well as all rights and obligations relating thereto to be balanced and hereby expressly accept them.

#### **REGISTRATION FEE**

The registration fee charged for this deed is ninety-five euros (€95) which the undersigned Notary confirms as having been paid.

BY VIRTUE OF WHICH, the Notary has drawn up these minutes.

#### IN WITNESS WHEREOF IN DRAFT FORM,

Place and date as above.

The parties have confirmed that they have had sufficient time to familiarise themselves with the draft deed and, with their agreement, we have commented upon and carried out a partial reading thereof, in accordance with the law.

Signed by the parties and Notary.