



CO-HABITER STATUTES

I – Denomination and Headquarters

Article 1

« CO-HABITER » is an association in the sense of the Articles 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code. It is an apolitical, secular and non-profit organization.

Article 2

The headquarters of the association is established in a municipality of Switzerland and is presently based in Lausanne. It can be transferred to any other place by a decision of the International Coordinating Committee. A liaison office is also established in Zurich.

Article 3

The duration of the association is undetermined.

II - Goals and Tasks

Article 4

CO-HABITER is an International Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) which positions itself as a mediator for "better living together" multicultural societies.

It intends to involve itself in the promotion of peaceful and harmonious coexistence of majority and minority groups in general, and also of newcomers and established persons in the European and Swiss societies in particular.

CO-HABITER works particularly towards this objective through actions establishing intercultural dialogue among the components of the society called to live together.

In its commitment, a singular emphasis is put on the young people and their acquisition of intercultural competences.

CO-HABITER also contributes to National and European debates on issues of living together.



On the extra-European level, it initiates and supports activities which aim at improving knowledge and a better understanding of Africa. It also participates in the democratization process and recovery of the continent through various activities.

III - Affiliation

Article 5

1 CO-HABITER commits itself in intercultural dialogue as a means of living together in multicultural societies. Its members share this principle and work towards positive conditions that foster it.

2 The members affiliated by CO-HABITER are three forms:

- the national representations which have the full right ;
- the public and/or private partners pursuing the same objectives as to CO-HABITER
- the honorary members who are individuals or institutions which support the association with their singular share (s).

3 The full members are individuals constituted in associations at the level of every country and of which denomination is CO-HABITER followed by the name of the respective countries. They may also be associations that share the principles of CO-HABITER and are engaged towards similar objectives.

IV - ADMISSION - RESIGNATION - EXCLUSION

Article 6

4 Applications for admission should be addressed to the secretariat. The International Coordinating Committee decides on admissions.

5 Any member who wishes to resign should communicate the request to the secretariat, as well as settling, if necessary, any outstandings towards the association.

6 The International Coordinating Committee can exclude members who do not fulfill their obligations or whose behavior compromises the reputation of the association. The possible rights of the association towards the excluded members are reserved.

7 Any member whose application for admission has been rejected or excluded can appeal to the General Assembly.



V - Operations

Article 7

8 The association is managed by an International Coordinating Committee based in Switzerland. The minimum number of members composing the International Coordinating Committee is three (03) including :

- the International Coordinator
- the Secretary General and Spokesman
- the Treasurer.

9 The International Coordinator and the majority of the members of the International Coordinating Committee shall be based in Switzerland.

10 Two auditors shall carry out the audit and submit the report to the General Meeting for adoption.

11 The General assembly elects the international Committee of coordination and the auditors by secret vote for a duration of five (5) years renewable.

12 The International Coordinating Committee is mandated to:

- manage the association at the national and international levels ;
- set up representations at the country level ;
- ensure compliance with the principles of the association by the full members ; and ensure conformity of activities with the purposes thereof ;
- organize activities which gather annually all affiliated members ;
- provide expertise to full members ;
- seek funding to support actions of full members.

13 The International Coordinating Committee clears day-to-day matters of the association and shall take decisions by simple majority. The Coordinator shall have a casting vote.

14 A simple majority of members must be acquired for a decision of the International Coordinating Committee to be valid.

15 Members of the International Coordinating Committee commits the association by the collective signature of two members of which that of the International Coordinator and one Committee Member.

16 The committee members share the work among themselves according to their respective functions:



- The International Coordinator represents the association outside and presents the annual report to the General Assembly. He heads the committee's work and ensures that meetings are convened sufficiently early.
- The Secretary and spokesperson takes the minutes and supervises the members; - He handles the correspondence of the association and speaks on behalf of CO-HABITER when dealing with media, represents the association in an assembly or to present a project to the general public.
- The Treasurer is in charge of the collection of contributions as well as of the accounting of the association.

17 The full members are autonomous in the management of their representations and are organized according to the national rules governing the functioning of associations. They have mandate to :

- send a representative to the General Assembly ;
- convene their own general assembly annual ;
- re-elect the members of their national committee ;
- raise funds and organize their own activities;

The full members are encouraged to exchange on their experiences and best practices.

VI - General Assembly

Article 8

18 The General Assembly has full authority to realize the objectives of the association.

19 The following points are reserved in particular to its jurisdiction :

- definition of the global programs ;
- admission and exclusion of members;
- election of the International Coordinating Committee;
- amendments to the statutes
- dissolution of the Association.

20 The General Assembly meets once a year in ordinary session.

21 The General Assembly meets in extraordinary session whenever the need arises.

22 The General Assembly is convened by the Coordinating Committee or by the fifth of the members of the association.

23 The notifications are sent by post one month prior to the date of the General



Assembly.

24 Any proposal to be submitted to the General Assembly should reach the committee in writing at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

25 Each member shall have one vote. The decisions of the General Assembly relating to the dissolution or modification shall be made by two-thirds majority. Other decisions are taken by simple majority. In case of equality the vote of the Coordinator remains dominating.

VII Liability and Resources

Article 15

26 The resources of the association include:

- Membership fees
- Donations and legacies
- Official or private grants

27 The amount of contributions is fixed by the General Assembly.

28 The members of the association are not personally liable for corporate debts that are secured by the assets of the association.

VI - Dissolution

Article 16

29 The dissolution of the association may be decided by the General Assembly. In case of dissolution, and after clearance of accounts, the assets of the association, will be donated to an organization pursuing a similar goal.

The Coordinator

Secretary and Spokesman

Done in Lausanne on February 26, 2012



The present Statutes were adopted by the constituent Assembly of June 10th, 2006 and amended on the following dates:

- July 12 and 30, 2009, approved by the General Assembly
- December 20, 2010 approved by the General Assembly
- February 26, 2012 approved by the General Assembly.

Only the new version of February 26, 2012 shall prevail.
