

“VOCI DI POPOLI DEL MONDO”

STATUTE

Article 1

The Association “Voci di Popoli del Mondo” has got its legal address at Via Lugnano in Teverina 9 – Rome (Italy)

Article 2

Purpose

The Association is a non profit organisation whose aim is developing, organizing and realizing the improvement of the standard of living among the citizens living in the Republic of Mali and in developing countries as recognized by National ed International Organisations. In particular the Association aims to:

- alleviate poverty in developing countries
- create and renovate health facilities, schools and training centres, enhancing the access to these services from the most vulnerable people
- involve civil society in the democratic processes in order to obtain a sustainable and fair development by addressing gender issues and promoting women empowerment both in family and on work place.
- protect the rights of people affected by handicap and addressing their problems
- sustain the actions whose aim is protecting children and intervene where their rights are violated
- rise awareness on the environment and its protection
- social promotion according to the Law 383 31/12/2000

In order to fulfil its mission, the Association is able to undertake commercial activities and get financial contributions from public / private and international organisations; the association will able to sign consortium agreements and comply with joint ventures.

Article 3

Partnership property

Partnership property of the Association are composed as follow:

- membership fees
- earning activities
- profits deriving from fund raising activities
- whatever gains contributing to expand the assets of the Association

The Board decides the amount of the membership fee and can adjust such fee to the needs of the Association.

The Association can not distribute, directly or indirectly, profits, budget surplus, funds or capital, unless

such distribution is mandatory according to the national legislation

In the event of the organisation's dissolution VPM 's assets are to be transferred to another organisation with similar aims.

Article 4

Fiscal year

The fiscal year ends on December 31st of each year. Within 120 days from the end of each accounting period, the Board will draw up the closing balance and plan the budget for the next fiscal year.

Bodies

Article 5

Members

Individual persons as well as organisations, without racial religious, cultural or political discrimination, can apply for membership, if they support and adhere to the Association's purposes and provided both their sentiments and behaviour are shaped by democracy and civility

The Membership is open but members are required to follow decisions made by VPM's elected bodies, according their competences.

Article 6

The Board

The Board consists of at least five persons and not more than nine. Board members are elected by the General Assembly for a period of office for three years. Board members can be re – elected

The Board is headed by the President and in his absence he will substitute by the Vice President.

Articolo 7

The Board decide the election of the president, Vice President and the Secretary. The Board Members hold the office for free. The Board will meet every time the President think it convenient, or when at least 2 board members make a formal request for it and in any case, at least one a year. The Board decides

the policies and activities to be undertaken

any issue the Assembly entrust to the Board

In particular the Board

- organises Association's activities
- decides the amount of membership fees
- assists the President during the drawing up of budgets and closing balances
- decides on the acceptance of financial contributions, donations or testamentary donation
- Appoints *ad hoc* Committees, enabling them with powers and attributions, evaluating the attainment of their goals
- suggest Membership application to the Assembly in order to be ratified
- draws up and update the Executive Regulation
- provide associates end/or Third Parties with expense proxies

Article 8

President and Vice president

The President is the legal representative of the Association and enforces the decisions by the Assembly and the Board. In the emergencies, the President can exercise Board's powers, provided the Board ratifies the decisions taken (by the President) during the first meeting of the very Board

Article 9

As the President is absent, the Vice president is the legal representative of the Association

Article 10

The President can delegate, on a permanent or temporary basis, his own powers in the administrative or financial sector to an other Member. The President appoints employees and decided their retribution. The President can give professional appointments to the Members, deciding their remuneration.

Article 11

The Assembly

The President of the Board has to inform the Membership in writing (letter, e-mail, fax) about the Assembly at least seven days before the planned date of the Assembly. The notice has to contain the place, date and time of day and include an agenda. The Assembly meet at least one a year within December 31st.

Special sessions shall be convoked by the one third of the Members.

Article 12

The Assembly shall consider and approve the budget of the Organization; the Assembly shall approve the policies of the Organisation, and appoint both the Member Board and Auditors Committee. The Assembly may discuss any questions or any matters within the scope of the present Statute or relating to the powers and functions of any organs provided for in the present Statute.

Within a special session the Assembly shall ratify the modifications of the Statute. The Assembly can appoint and withdraw an honorary President. Such President shall be a person who distinguished him/herself in the field of businesses, culture, sciences or arts. He/She will work as a testimonial of the organisation and can participate to the sessions but shall have no vote.

Article 13

According to Article 5 of the present Statute, Members can participate to the Assembly. In the Assembly a proxy vote is allowed, but each Member shall collect no more than 2 proxies.

Article 14

The Assembly is headed by the President of the Board or, in his/her absence, by the Vice President; as both the President and the Vice President are absent, the Assembly elects the chair for the meeting.

The President of the Assembly elects a Secretary and 2 (two) scrutinizers. The President has the duty to check the regularity of the proxies.

The minutes of the meetings shall be signed by the meeting's President, the Secretary, and eventually by the scrutinizer.

Article 15

Decisions of the General Assembly shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting, according to Art. 21 of the Italian Civil Code.

Article 16

In the event of the organisation's dissolution, in a special meeting the Assembly shall elect the official receivers and decide the allocation of assets which are to be transferred to another organisation with similar aims.

Article 17

Auditors' Committee

An Auditors' Committee composed by three persons and elected by the Assembly for a term of one year, shall control the administration of the Association. The Committee shall check the accounting, draw up an yearly report on Association's budget, assess the cash owned by the Association and its title deeds. The

Committee can visit the association in order to carry out inspections.

Article 18

Settlement of disputes

Any dispute between Members or between such Members and the Association and its Bodies shall be settled by three (3) persons elected by the Assembly; they may recommend appropriate procedures or methods of adjustment and their judgement is final.

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