

STATUTES

FORM AND GOAL

Article 1: Action for the Support of Deprived Children (A.S.E.D.) is incorporated; it is governed by Article 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code, providing the current Statutes do not derogate there from.

Article 2: The Headquarters of the Association are located in the commune of Chêne-Bougeries, 10, ch. Falletti, 1208 Geneva. The postal address is decided by the Committee and must figure in all communications with members.

Article 3: The goals and objectives of the Association:

- a) Voluntary, direct and sustainable assistance, provided directly without recourse to intermediaries, free of hidden costs, and devoid of proselytism, to children in situations of deprivation as a result of extreme poverty.
- b) The search for immediate and sustainable solutions to rescue children and their communities from situations of extreme poverty, regardless of their ethnicity, race, religion, social situation or the prevailing political climate.
- c) Support for all approaches or controlled, neutral and universal voluntary activities implemented with a view to helping children and their entourage that find themselves in a situation of danger on account of their extreme poverty.
- d) Establishment and development of collaborative relations with organizations that share similar goals and principles, as well as the organization of joint national and international activities, provided that these remain under the strict supervision of A.S.E.D.
- e) Practical defence of children's rights.
- f) Stimulation and creation of links with other organizations with similar goals in other regions of the planet.

Article 4: A.S.E.D. is not-for-profit. The A.S.E.D. Committee manages the funds and assets at its disposal, and invests them according to needs. The Committee is responsible for managing, implementing and monitoring all the projects and evaluating the results in the field in accordance with the A.S.E.D. Code of Ethics.

Article 5: As part of efforts to obtain funding, implement or monitor certain projects, or ensure administrative effectiveness, A.S.E.D. may call on the services of one or other of its members, in exchange for reasonable compensation if necessary. If the individuals in question are not in a position to take on this responsibility or do not have necessary professional competencies, A.S.E.D. may call on external individuals. The Association has the right to engage, in exchange for reasonable payment, any individual of its choice to manage A.S.E.D., on the understanding that the individual in question may not be a member of the Committee.

MEMBERS

Article 6: All natural and legal persons who adhere to the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (adopted by the Working Group in 1989, and its optional protocols) and who wish to offer assistance to underprivileged children in situations of deprivation, devoid of all forms of discrimination, and regardless of nationality, race, religion, social condition, political affiliation and who pay their membership fee regularly, may become members of the Association.

Article 7: Applications for membership are to be addressed to A.S.E.D.

Article 8: Legal persons aged 15 years or over are active members. Persons aged less than 15 years are junior members. Members are entitled to vote. Legal persons are entitled to a single vote.

Article 9: Membership status is terminated in the event of death, resignation or exclusion. A member who resigns is liable for the entire subscription fee for the year in hand at the time of receipt of the letter of resignation. A Committee member or head of commission is required to return all assets and funds that have been entrusted to them along with their letter of resignation.

Article 10: Late payment by more than one year of the membership fee can result in automatic exclusion of a member. Any member whose actions contravene the principles of the Association can be excluded from the Association.

A member will only be excluded by the Committee after the latter has allowed the defaulting member the opportunity to settle its outstanding payment or allowed the member in breach of the principles to justify their actions. The excluded member has 30 days from the receipt of the decision to lodge an appeal with A.S.E.D. The right of appeal and the address to which it must be sent are included in the letter communicating the decision to exclude the member.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 11: The resources of the Association include:

- a) membership fees;
- b) donations and legacies;
- c) private or public subsidies;
- d) funds raised through collections organized to facilitate important or exceptional activities;
- e) proceeds from sales by the Association.

Members are not personally liable for social debts, which are guaranteed by the Association's assets.

Article 12: ordinary membership fees are fixed by the General Assembly.

ORGANS AND PROCEDURE

Article 13: the organs of the Association are: the General Assembly, the Committee and the Auditor of the accounts.

Article 14: The ordinary General Assembly will take place during the first semester of each year. Written invitations, including the agenda, must be sent to members no less than 2 weeks before the agreed date. Any proposal for submission to the General Assembly must be received by the President of the Committee no less than 5 days before the Assembly.

Article 15: The Agenda for the ordinary General Assembly must include:

- a) adoption of the Annual Report;
- b) approval of the annual accounts, following examination of the report of the auditor;
- c) review and approval of the activities of the Committee in the discharge of its management responsibilities;
- d) proposals from the Committee or members;
- e) election of members of the Committee;
- f) election of the Auditor of the accounts.

Article 16: The Committee may call an extraordinary General Assembly if circumstances justify it, or by written request of at least 10% of the entire membership. The summons will follow the form and deadlines agreed for the General Assembly.

Article 17: Ordinary or extraordinary General Assemblies may only take decisions on the items listed on the agenda included with the summons to members.

Decisions are adopted by a simple majority of the members present, with the exception of decisions relating to amendments of the Statutes for which a majority of two-thirds is required, or for the dissolution of the Association for which a majority of three-quarters of the members present is required.

In the event of a tied vote when a simple majority is required, the President will cast the deciding vote.

Votes are carried out by secret ballot if the Committee so decides, or if 10% of members present demand it.

Prior to the first vote in the General Assembly, the Committee may, if necessary, require that members prove their membership status by producing their letter of invitation or that their identity be confirmed by at least five members present. The letter must stipulate these conditions.

Article 18: The administration of the Association is entrusted to at least 9 members, nominated for one year according to the procedures set out under Article 17. Should the need arise, the Committee may during its tenure present to the General

Assembly the names of further members to join its ranks until the end of its current mandate.

The Committee must constitute itself during the 20 days following the General Assembly and nominate, in particular, a President, 2 vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Members of the Committee are responsible only for the execution of their mandate; in their management capacity, they are not personally or jointly liable in any way for the Association's commitments, which are guaranteed by the assets of the Association. In the event of misconduct, the provisions of Article 55, paragraph 3 of the Swiss Civil Code will apply. The outgoing Committee is eligible for re-election.

Article 19: The committee also assumes the following responsibilities:

- represents the Association and guides its activities;
- convenes and presides over assemblies and meetings ;
- issues advance notice of the proposals for submission to the General Assemblies;

- manages the funds of the Association;

- reports on its management activities to the General Assembly.

Article 20: The Committee is the highest body with authority to act on behalf of the Association, in particular to make the necessary acquisitions, sales or donations, and enter into and sign agreements in the name of the Association.

Article 21: Two signatures from members of the Committee are required on behalf of the Association including that of the President or one of the two vice-Presidents.

DISSOLUTION

Article 22: In the event of dissolution, remaining assets and archives will be transferred to TERRE DES HOMMES Geneva, who may in turn decide to entrust their management to an organism that will be responsible for ensuring that the assets of the Association are appropriately used in the future.

Statutes approved by the General Assembly of A.S.E.D.

Chêne-Bougeries, 26 April 2007