

STATUTES OF INCORPORATION

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION OF THE WORLD FEDERALIST MOVEMENT (IMO-WFM)

Preamble

In furtherance of the goals and purposes of the World Federalist Movement/Institute for Global Policy¹ (WFM/IGP); in accordance with our determination to exercise our rights and responsibilities as citizens of the world in order to achieve the high purposes of the United Nations; in accordance with the decision of the Twenty-fifth Congress in Geneva in 2007; acknowledging the extraordinary benefits conferred by communication and information technology in forging links between individual citizens; and in the Congress' desire to enhance the capacities for individuals to contribute as members of WFM; and for individual members to have enhanced capacities in WFM governance; members of WFM at its special convocation in Montreux, Switzerland on 30 August, 2007 agreed to found an International Membership Organization of the World Federalist Movement (IMO-WFM). The role of the IMO-WFM is to complement the existing Member and Associated Organizations of the WFM.

Article 1 — Name and Seat

This organization shall be the International Membership Organization of the World Federalist Movement/Institute for Global Policy (IMO-WFM), established in accordance with the Statutes of the WFM. The IMO-WFM shall be incorporated in the country or countries where the WFM is incorporated and shall be administered in accordance with the legislation of such countries.

Article 2— Purposes and Aims

The purpose of the IMO-WFM is to provide an enhanced opportunity for governance representation for individual supporters of the WFM and world federalism who prefer to join the Individual Members Organization or who reside in countries where no Member or Associated Organization exists or for various reasons where Member and Associate organizations have not been or cannot be established.

The aims of the IMO-WFM shall be the same as and limited to those described in the Preamble and Statutes of the WFM/IGP. Except as otherwise stated in these Statutes the IMO is subject to the same requirements, rules and procedures as are established in the main Statutes of WFM-IGP for all MOs.

Article 3 — Membership

3. a Acquiring Membership

Individuals subscribing to the aims of WFM who live in countries where no Member or Associated Organization of the Movement exists or, for other reasons, prefer to participate as individuals, may become members of the International Membership Organization of the Movement upon appropriate registration and payment of membership dues as determined by the Executive Committee of WFM.

Membership application will be on a specific form available on the WFM-IGP website to be completed and submitted electronically and will include [1] declaration by the applicant that they fully support the Preamble to the Statutes of WFM, [2] full contact information, [3] membership of any other WFM-IGP MO or AO (Associated Organisation), [4] areas of interest in which they would like to participate, [5] confirmation of payment of membership fee and bank details for its collection [6] acceptance and consent that their details will be kept and unsolicited communications will be sent from time to time, so as to comply with GDPR or other equivalent regulation. The annual membership fee shall be determined by the Executive Committee of WFM in consultation with Board of IMO-WFM and the CNSC.

3.b Register

¹The World Federalist Movement (WFM) is the title of the global Movement established in Montreux, Switzerland in 1947.

The World Federalist Movement/Institute for Global Policy (WFM/IGP) is the title of the Movement's legal not-for-profit incorporation established in 1995 in New York State, USA which was granted 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt status within New York State and the United States.

The International Secretariat (IS) will maintain a Register of IMO Membership recording the details given above and recording payments of membership fees. The Register will be open to inspection by the Executive Committee and CNSC. A report on current membership of the IMO and any other issues arising will be submitted by the IS to each meeting of the Executive Committee.

3. c Restrictions

The IMO-WFM shall not further define nor regulate its membership. Any concerns regarding a member's participation or adherence to the aims of the WFM shall be referred to the Executive Committee of WFM for consideration under the Statutes of WFM.

Nothing in these Statutes shall require Individual Supporters of the World Federalist Movement/Institute for Global Policy (WFM/IGP) to belong to the IMO-WFM. The members of the IMO are encouraged to engage in dialogue with each other through email and other internet and online forums open to all members, including WFM Member and Associated Organizations. Members of the IMO are encouraged to meet in person in conjunction with international WFM meetings.

If, on the notification of any reliable source, there is a complaint lodged with the IS that any particular member of the IMO is not a fit and proper person and/or has acted in a manner or recorded views that are incompatible with being a member of the IMO the matter shall be investigated by the Credentials, Nominations and Statutes Committee (CNSC) which will invite representations from the member. Any concerns shall be referred to the Executive Committee of WFM/IGP who can initiate expulsion by means as provided in the WFM Bylaws.

Article 4 – General Assembly

IMO-WFM shall be governed by a General Assembly (GA) who shall meet virtually when called by its Board or by the Executive Committee of WFM-IGP, at least once every two years so as to coincide with WFM-IGP Congressional Elections. The IS shall assist the Board of the IMO-WFM in convening and facilitating the meeting and shall solicit nominations for individuals wishing to run for elections or represent the membership at governance meetings in WFM. The GA shall elect Officers for the IMO-WFM.

Article 5 – Board and Officers

The President(s) of WFM is (are) ex officio president(s) of the Individual Members Organization. The members of the IMO will elect other board members among themselves.

The Board of the IMO-WFM consists of the President(s) of WFM; and a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer elected by the IMO-WFM General Assembly.

There shall be a Chair whose function will be to liaise with the IS about issues concerning the IMO and to communicate regularly electronically with all its members about actions and initiatives in which they may be involved. There shall be a Secretary whose function will be to support the Chair in this role and to liaise with the members of the IMO on matters of individual and collective concern such as membership, payment of fees, attendance at or participation in WFM-IGP activities etc. There shall be a Treasurer who will liaise with the IS, assist in collection of membership fees and ensuring prompt and accurate payment and to submit to the IS once every year the accounts showing both income and expenditure of the IMO.

Article 6 – Elections and representation

Elections shall be conducted through the IS by inviting all current members of the IMO to nominate individuals for Officers of the IMO-WFM and delegates at WFM Congress, at least 8 weeks before the date of the GA. At least 4 weeks before the elections all members of the IMO will be sent the list of nominations, any statements of no more than 500 words from those nominated and, in the event of any contest, a ballot paper and be invited to return to the IS electronically, by a specified date not earlier than 1 week, the completed ballot paper expressing their preference numerically for each candidate for any contested post. All completed ballot papers must be returned in time for them to be counted by the IS for which purpose the CNSC will appoint a Returning Officer to oversee the whole process. For the purposes of this by-law a

week shall be taken to be seven days. At the completion of the count, conducted on the basis of the single transferable vote, the Returning Officer will cause to be circulated to all current members of the IMO the result at the GA.

The IMO will be regarded as any other MO for the purposes such as minimum membership, representation at Congress or to other WFM-IGP bodies in accordance with the main Statutes governing all MOs. The IMO will conduct itself in the same manner and with the same entitlement as any other MO.

For matters of promoting the goals and purposes of WFM, individual and organizational members are encouraged to participate as fully and comprehensively as they are able. Members of the IMO-WFM who are also members of a WFM Member or Associated Organization should preferably be represented by his or her Member or Associated Organization. Concerns with this issue can be brought to the WFM Credentials, Nominations and Statutes Committee.

Prior to official governance meetings of WFM, the Secretariat of the WFM shall assist the Board of the IMO-WFM in facilitating nominations and elections of delegates to the WFM Congress.

Article 7— Participation in WFM

The International Membership Organization shall be entitled to the same rights and shall have the same responsibilities as any other Member Organization of the Movement, including providing annual reports on finances and activities, paying dues and appointing delegates to Congress. The membership dues of the IMO-WFM shall be paid to the WFM directly and administered by the WFM International Secretariat, according to rules to be provided in the Stichting WereldVerbond van WereldFederalisten¹ and WFM/IGP² and Bylaws. The annual statement of paid-up members of the IMO-WFM shall be administered by the WFM International Secretariat. The WFM International Secretariat will take administrative responsibility for the IMO-WFM. Any additional solicitations, revenue or contractual agreements are to be administered the WFM International Secretariat.

Article 8— Amendments

Modification of these statutes can only occur by a 2/3 majority decision of the IMO-WFM Board present and voting at a meeting concurrent with a governing meeting of the WFM.

Article 9— Dissolution and Settlement

The IMO may only be dissolved by a 2/3 vote of the Congress of the WFM through an amendment of the Statutes of the WFM. Concurrent with the resolution of dissolution the Congress will adopt a resolution providing for the continued participation of the individual members of the IMO in the activities and governance of WFM.

¹Stichting WereldVerbond van WereldFederalisten is the title of the Movement's incorporation in The Netherlands, established in 1960.

² These national incorporations are needed to be able to host offices, secretariats and employ staff in these countries.