

The CSR International Forum Association Statutes

Denomination

Article 1

Under the name "The CSR International Forum" (hereafter the Association), a not-for-profit association is constituted according to article 60 and the following ones of the Swiss Civil Code.

Base and duration

Article 2

The Association is based in Geneva. It has an unlimited duration.

Goals and activities

Article 3

The goal of the Association is to create a community of Alumni in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR); to promote, encourage and develop the exchange and sharing of knowledge about Corporate Social Responsibility in order to make it better known and disseminated.

Article 4

The Association undertakes all action and collaboration it deems useful to achieve its goals. As such, it can, non-exhaustively, undertake the following:

- a) Favouring national and international exchanges;
- b) Organising and contributing to events, congresses, courses, trainings, etc.;
- c) Establishing contacts with the CSR actors of the private and public sectors;
- d) Developing and delivering training methods;
- e) Encouraging research in CSR;
- f) Editing works, publish and share information;
- g) Encouraging the production of material and audio-visual tools;
- h) Conducting consulting missions for the private and public sectors.

Bodies

Article 5

The Association components are:

1. The General Assembly
2. The Committee
3. The Auditing team

General Assembly

Article 6

The Association's supreme body is the General Assembly. It consists of all members of the Association. It meets once a year in an ordinary session. An extraordinary assembly may convene upon the Committee's decision or upon request by at least one fifth of the members entitled to vote.

Article 7

The General Assembly undertakes the following tasks:

- a) Elect the President, Vice-President and members of the Committee;
- b) Appoint the Auditor;
- c) Adopt and amend the Statutes;
- d) Adopt the Association's budget, activity report and accounts
- e) Set the amount of the annual fees for ordinary and associate members;
- f) Deliberate on the Association's general policy and activities.

Committee

Article 8

The Committee consists of the President, the vice-President and of at least three members. It is elected by the General Assembly for the duration of one year. The members of the Committee can be re-elected. The Committee meets and functions according to the modalities it sets for itself.

Article 9

The Committee is in charge of the accomplishment of its Statutory tasks. It holds competences, which are not reserved to the General Assembly. It establishes and signs internal regulations, contracts and conventions. It hires the necessary staff and sets the agenda. The Committee represents the Association vis-à-vis third parties. The joint signature of the President or the Vice-President and of one member of the Committee engages the Association.

Article 10

The Committee will meet upon request by the President as often as necessary. Two-thirds of the Committee's members may require, in writing, the convening of a session, to be held within one month. The Committee's sessions are led by the President or by one of its members in the absence of the President. For deliberations to be valid, it is necessary that at least half of the Committee's members be present. Decisions are to be made by the majority of the present members. The President votes as well. In case of equality of votes, he/she will decide.

Auditors

Article 11

The General Assembly elects two auditors. They will be in charge of auditing the accounts of the Association. They will present their audit results in a report to the General Assembly. The duration of their function is two years, the first of which in the role of substitute.

Members

Ordinary members

Article 12

Any person considered as an "Alumnus of the CSR course" of the University of Geneva can become a member of the Association. Is considered "Alumnus of the CSR course" any person who has attended at least two modules of the Certificate of Advanced Studies in

Corporate Social Responsibility (CAS in CSR) of the Geneva University, or the Summer Course in Corporate Social Responsibility of the Geneva University.

Associate Members

Article 13

Any person, who, by their commitment and/or activity, adhere to the goals and values of the Association and show a particular interest for the Association and for CSR, may be admitted as an associate member. Members of honour are to be approved by the Committee.

Honorary Members

Article 14

Can be appointed members of honour those personalities that have eminently contributed to the Association and/or to the area of Corporate Social Responsibility. Members of honour are to be approved by the Committee.

Rights and obligations of the members

Article 15

The quality of member is acquired through the payment of the ordinary contribution. By joining the Association, every member acknowledges the statutes and decisions of the Association's bodies.

Ordinary members and associate members have the same rights and obligations within the Association. Each member has one vote. The accumulation of votes is forbidden. The relative majority of votes are valid upon voting and elections. In case of equality of votes, the President decides. Voting and elections are made by a show of hand. They are to be held by secret bulletin, should at least one fifth of the members or the Committee require it.

Withdrawal

Article 16

Each member can leave the association by written notice, addressed to the Committee. Ongoing fees remain due. A member who does not pay his/her fees following the first reminder will be considered as resigning member. E-mail will be accepted as a written form for a reminder and exclusion.

Article 17

The Committee may decide on the exclusion of members for fair motives. The Committee will inform the General Assembly. An excluded member has the right to appeal to the General Assembly.

Finance and liability

Article 18

The Association's resources include, non-exhaustively, the following:

- a) Ordinary and extraordinary fees from the members;
- b) All kinds of contributions from partners and non-members;
- c) Donations and bequests;
- d) Private and public subsidies

e) The outcome of sales or services provided by the Association

The amount of ordinary fee is decided by the General Assembly and shall offer its members advantages, to be determined by the GA.

Article 19

Members of the Association are not to be held personally liable for the commitments undertaken by the Association, which are exclusively guaranteed by the latter's assets.

Article 20

The Financial year corresponds to the calendar year.

Final provisions

Amendment of the Statutes

Article 21

Amendment of the statutes requires the consent of two thirds of the members present in the General Assembly.

Termination, use of the fortune

Article 22

The termination of the Association can only be decided upon request from the Committee or from half of the members entitled to vote, during an extraordinary general assembly convened especially for the purpose. The decision of termination requires the consent of three quarters of the votes. In case of termination, the extraordinary general assembly will adjudicate regarding the use of the Association's fortune within the spirit of its goals.

The present Statutes have been adopted by the founding members. They enter into force following the constitutive General Assembly, held in Geneva, on March 25th, 2011. The French version is deemed authentic.

The President

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