## Articles of Association of WATER SOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL e.V.

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## § 1 Name, registered office, fiscal year

(1) The association is named "Water Solutions International". After the entry into the association register, the appendix "registered association" will be added to the Association's name, in the abbreviated form "e.V.".
(2) It is based in Berlin.
(3) It shall be registered in the association register of Berlin.
(4) The financial year is the calendar year.

## § 2 Association's purpose

(1) The purpose of the association is the transfer of knowledge and technologies from the field of water management, especially towards developing and emerging countries. The overall objective of all activities is environmental, health and resource protection.

The purpose of the statutes is in particular realized by the development, financing and processing of water-related projects in the target regions through the use of the knowledge and experience of the members of the association. In particular, the strengthening of local structures through training, training, joint project processing and transfer of knowledge is intended to achieve sustainable impacts on the development of the target countries.
(2) In addition, the association is to develop a wide impact in terms of water, environmental and resource protection by participating in and organizing and conducting trade fairs, conferences, seminars, trainings, etc.

## § 3 Selflessness

The association is selflessly active, it pursues exclusively and directly non-profit purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax Beneficiary Purposes" of the German Tax Regulations.

Means of the association may only be used for the purposes of the statutes. In their capacity as members, the members receive no donations from the association's funds.

No person may benefit from expenses which are foreign to the purpose of the association or from disproportionately high remuneration.

The association may use the help of a third party to fulfil its tasks.
(1) A member of the association can be any natural person who supports its goals. The membership of companies or other legal, non-natural bodies is excluded. The membership application must be submitted in writing.
(2) The Executive Board shall decide on the application for admission to the Association. Admission is effective upon delivery of a written enrolment notice.
(3) Membership ends by withdrawal, exclusion or death.
(4) The withdrawal of a member is only possible at the end of the year. It shall be made by means of a written declaration against the Management Board or Managing Director, subject to a 3-month deadline.
(5) If a member has seriously infringed the aims and interests of the association or remains behind in spite of a reminder with the annual membership fee for more than 3 months, it can be excluded by the executive committee with immediate effect.

The member must be given the opportunity to justify or comment before the decision is taken.
The exclusion decision may be appealed against within six weeks of notification of the expulsion, which is decided by the next General Assembly.
(6) The General Assembly may elect honorary memberships, or, upon request, exempt members from payment of the contribution. Honorary members are exempt from contributions. Honorary members and persons exempted from paying contributions have full voting rights in the General Meeting.

## § 5 Membership Fee

The members pay membership fees according to a resolution of the General Meeting. A simple majority of the voting members present at the General Meeting is required to define or change the amount and maturity. The annual membership fee is shown in Appendix 1. Members can apply for membership exemption. The Executive Board decides in individual cases whether an exemption from the membership fee or a reduction is eligible.

## § 6 Organs of the Association

Organs of the association are
A) the Management Board
B) the Annual General Meeting

## §7 The Management Board

(1) The Board shall consist of 3 members: the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer.
(2) Various board positions cannot be united in one person.
(3) The Management Board shall represent the association in court and out of court. Two members of the Board are jointly entitled to act as representatives.
(4) The Management Board shall be elected by the General Meeting for a period of two years. The election of the members of the Management Board is possible. The respective members of the Board of Executive Directors shall remain in office until the end of their term until successors are elected.
(5) The Management Board is responsible for managing the day-to-day business of the Association. The Board carries out its duties on a voluntary basis. For the measures listed in §8 paragraph 4 c) and d), the Management Board requires the approval of the Annual General Meeting. The Management Board may appoint a General Manager for the business of the current administration. The latter is entitled to participate in the meetings of the Management Board in an advisory capacity.
(6) Board meetings take place annually at least once. The invitation to board meetings is made by letter or e-mail with an invitation period of at least 14 days. Board meetings are quorate if at least 2 members of the Board of Management are present.
(7) The Management Board shall take its decisions by a simple majority. If only 2 members of the Board are present, unanimity is required.
(8) Resolutions of the Management Board may also be made in writing or by telephone if all members of the Board declare their agreement to this procedure in writing or by telephone. Written resolutions or resolutions passed by the board must be made in writing and signed by all members of the Management Board.
(9) The Management Board decides on exemptions or reductions of membership fees (see also § 5).
(10) An activity-related remuneration of the Management Board is possible.
(11) If a member of the Management Board resigns during the term of office, the position shall be filled by election at the next General Meeting. The remaining board members are entitled to provisionally fill the open position with a representative of its choice for the transitional period.

## § 8 Annual General Meeting

(1) The General Meeting shall be convened once a year.
(2) An extraordinary general meeting shall be convened if the interests of the association are required or if the convening of at least $30 \%$ of the members of the association is demanded in writing and indicating the purpose and reasons.
(3) The convening of the Annual General Meeting shall be made in writing by letter or e-mail, subject to an invitation period of at least four weeks with the simultaneous announcement of the agenda. The deadline begins with the day following the sending of the invitation letter. The date of the postmark or the email is valid. The invitation letter shall be deemed to have been received by the Member if it is addressed to the last address notified by the member of the Association in writing.
(4) The General Assembly as the supreme decision-making association is in principle responsible for all tasks, provided that certain tasks are not delegated to another association pursuant to these Articles of Association.

In particular, the annual financial statements and the annual report shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board for approval and approval. It appoints a cash auditor who is neither a member of the Management Board nor a committee appointed by the Management Board and may not be an employee of the Association to review the accounts and the annual financial statements and to report on the results before the Annual General Meeting.
A) tasks of the association,
B) Investments in the infrastructure of the association and non-project related activities over 3,000 euros.
C) Participation in companies,
(D) approval of all business orders for the association,
(E) membership fees,
F) amendments to the Articles of Association,
G) dissolution of the association.
(5) Any meeting of members convened in accordance with the articles of association shall be deemed to be a quorum if at least $50 \%$ of the members are present or represented by power of attorney. The invitation may provide for participation via video conferencing (Skype, etc.). Each member has one vote. Power of attorney to other members of the Association may be granted.
(6) The General Meeting shall take its decisions by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, an application shall be deemed rejected.

## § 9 Amendments to the Articles

(1) A 2/3-majority of the participating members is required for amendments to the Articles of Association. Amendments can only be voted on in the Annual General Meeting if this agenda item has already been indicated in the invitation to the Annual General Meeting, and the new text of the Articles of Association has been attached to the invitation.
(2) The Management Board may, on its own initiative, make amendments to the Articles of Association if requested by supervisory, judicial or financial authorities for formal reasons. These amendments to the Articles must be communicated in writing to all members of the Association.

## § 10 Certification of Resolutions

The resolutions recorded in the Board Meetings and in the General Meetings are to be written down in writing and signed by the Management Board.

## § 11 Dissolution of the Association and Assets

(1) The decision to dissolve the association requires a $3 / 4$ majority of the members participating in the General Meeting. The resolution can be taken only after a timely announcement in the invitation to the General Meeting.
(2) In the event of the dissolution of the association or in the event of the abolition of tax-privileged purposes, the property of the association falls to the Greenpeace Environmental Foundation, Hongkongstraße 10, 20457 Hamburg, which has to be used directly and exclusively for tax-favoured purposes.
(signed)

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## APPENDIX 1

Membership Fees to WATER SOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL e.V.

The membership fee is 100, - (one hundred) EURO per person per year, for pupils, students and members from developing countries 50.- (fifty) Euro per year.

The contribution is due on 15 . January of every respective year in full.
Membership fees shall not be (even pro-rata) reimbursed after the withdrawal or exclusion of a member.

In the case of an accession after 1 July, the membership fee will be reduced to EURO 50.- (or 25.- for students and members from developing countries) for the respective remaining year.

