

## **Article 1:**

Name and domicile of the society

1. The society bears the name of "K.I.D.S. - Kids in Deficient Situation", and is domiciled in Cologne.

## **Article 2:**

Object of the society

1. Child labour is denounced in all parts of the world in the textile industry, the clothing industry and all peripheral areas, and rightly so. To date, however, no proposals for solutions to the problem have been forthcoming. Merely implementing boycotts does not help the children, but only serves to worsen the situation for these children and their families, due to the lack of prospects for sales from the boycotted markets.

2. These children must be reintegrated into schooling and training systems worldwide, by means of pragmatic and realistic methods. This can only be achieved by financing their school education and vocational training via donations from worldwide companies, particularly in the stated sectors. This support will serve to help the families survive and will guarantee the children and juveniles the school education or vocational training which is essential if they are to continue their lives in an independent manner.

3. The society will be committed to providing schooling and vocational training for children in underprivileged situations worldwide, by means of a pragmatic strategy; the individual projects will be sponsored within the bounds of the financial resources available to the society and its members primarily in accordance with the criteria of feasibility and the deployment of European and local specialist personnel.

4. The society's management will be responsible for controlling the various projects.

5. The society will pursue solely and directly charitable and non-profit-making interests within the meaning of the paragraph "Recognised purposes subject to tax concessions: Promotion of youth welfare and promotion of education" in the fiscal code. The society is engaged in altruistic activities; it is not primarily involved in pursuing its own economic objectives.

6. The society may collect membership contributions, take receipt of donations and acquire assets for the intended object. The society's funds may be employed only for the purposes as stipulated in the statutes. The members shall receive neither shares in profits nor any other payments from the society's funds in their capacity as members. No individual may be favoured by means of payments, which do not relate to the purposes of the society or by excessive payments.

## **Article 3:**

Membership

1. Apart from individuals, full members may also be companies, associations, legal persons and public bodies, which agree to promote the purpose of the society.

2. Application for membership is submitted to the Management Board in writing. The Management Board decides on whether applications are to be accepted.

3. Persons who have rendered outstanding services to the society may be appointed honorary members at the proposal of the Management Board.

#### **Article 4:**

##### Termination of membership

1. Membership is terminated by resignation, observing at least six months' notice to the end of the year. The notice of resignation is to be submitted to the Management Board in writing.

2. A member may be expelled from the society, in the event of culpable infringement of the society's interests. The Management Board, by a simple majority of votes cast, shall decide upon cases of expulsion. The member concerned shall be entitled to appeal against expulsion; such appeals are to be submitted to the Management Board, but shall have no deferring effect. Final expulsion shall be decided by the General Meeting, via a majority of votes cast.

#### **Article 5:**

##### Rights and obligations of the members

1. Members shall be entitled to participate in the General Meeting and to exercise the rights accruing to the General Meeting. The members are entitled to receive a reasonable scope of advice, information and support in all matters pertaining to the scope of work as specified in Article 2.

2. The members are obliged to support the objects of the society as set down in Art. 2 to the best of their ability.

3. The minimum contribution for each member is Euro 0.01 (one cent) or the equivalent amount in the national currency concerned for each paid working hour outside the E.E.C. and the member countries of the world economic summit. This contribution is due on a monthly basis. Members who are in arrears with their membership contributions beyond the end of the society's financial year will be reminded of their obligation to effect payment. Unwillingness to pay will result in expulsion from the society, when the Management Board has adopted a resolution to this effect. Inability to pay due to hardship will result in an extension of the payment deadline and, in exceptional cases, in waiving of the payment obligation. The Management Board shall make the decision to this end.

#### **Article 6:**

##### Bodies of the society

1. General Meeting.

2. The statutory board of management in accordance with the provisions of Art. 26 of the Federal German Civil Code is comprised of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, each of whom possesses individual power of representation. This Management Board is elected by the General Meeting for a term of three years. The current members of the Management Board remain in office until a new election is held.

## **Article 7:**

### The statutory General Meeting

1. The statutory General Meeting is convened by the Chairman at least once annually. The statutory General Meeting is also to be convened in accordance with a request from the Chairman or the Management Board or one third of the members. The invitation, stating the agenda, is issued in writing by the Management Board at least three weeks prior to the General Meeting.
2. The General Meeting adopts resolutions regarding approval of the annual accounts, discharge of the Management Board, re-election of the Management Board, motions for amendments to the statutes, including motions for dissolution of the society.
3. The General Meeting is chaired by the Chairman or another member of the Management Board.
4. The duly convened General Meeting is competent to pass resolutions irrespective of the number of members present. Minutes are to be kept of the General Meeting, and these minutes are to be signed by the person responsible for recording the minutes.

## **Article 8:**

### The Management Board

1. The Management Board manages the society and represents the society in all matters relating to the society, both in court actions and in extra-judicial proceedings.
2. The Management Board consists of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman. If the General Meeting elects an executive secretary, he or she shall also become a member of the Management Board.
3. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman possess mutual powers of representation.

## **Article 9:**

### Advisory committee of the society

In order to reduce and supplement its own scope of work, the Management Board may propose that an advisory committee be established from among the society's members. The advisory committee shall possess no powers of representation.

## **Article 10:**

### Dissolution of the society

1. Dissolution of the society can be decided solely by a 2/3 majority of the society's members at a duly convened General Meeting. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall then function as liquidators. The provisions of Art. 47 ff. of the German Civil Code shall apply with regard to the discharging of their responsibilities in this respect.
2. In the event of dissolution or termination of the society or discontinuation of the current object of the society, the society's assets shall accrue to UNICEF, for direct and exclusive appropriation to charitable or non-profit-making objects.

**Article 11:**

Effective date

After its constitutive General Meeting, the society is to be entered with the suffix "e.V." in the register of societies of the registry court. These statutes were established on 10th August, 1993, and amended as above on 16th October, 1993 and 20th October, 1993.