



UPR Info Statutes

Name and headquarters

Article 1

UPR Info is a non-profit organisation regulated by the present statutes and, secondly, by articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

Article 2

The Organisation's headquarters are located in Geneva.

The Organisation shall be of an unlimited duration.

Goals

Article 3

The Organisation is working to promote and strengthen the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations through all means it deems necessary.

Resources

Article 4

The Organisations' resources are derived from bequests, offerings, donations, shares, private subventions and public subventions.

The funds shall be used in accordance with the social aims of the Organisation.

Members

Article 5

The Organisation is composed of the members of the General Assembly, the members of the Executive Board, the Honorary members and the members of the Advisory Board.

Every person approving of the goals of the Organisation as well as sharing a general interest for human rights and the work of the Human Rights Council of the UN shall be a member of the Organisation after the General Assembly's approval.

Honorary members are appointed by the General Assembly. Honorary members are persons that have made a distinguished contribution in the field of human rights.

Membership ceases:

- a) on death, or
- b) by written demission, or
- c) by exclusion through the General Assembly.

Article 6

The Advisory Board gives advice, elaborates strategies and shares its expertise with the Executive Board and the Executive Director. The members of the Advisory Board are chosen in accordance with the needs of the Executive Board.

Organs

Article 7

The organs of the Organisation are:

- a) the General Assembly;
- b) the Executive Board;
- c) the Secretariat.

Article 8

The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the Organisation. It is composed of all of the members of the Organisation besides the Honorary members, the members of the Advisory Board and the employees of the Secretariat. The members of the General Assembly are the only members to have the right of vote in the General Assembly.

The General Assembly meets once a year for an ordinary session. It can also meet for an extraordinary session whenever it seems necessary or when called for by 1/5 of the members.

The General Assembly is effectively in session when a qualified majority of the members is present. However, for decisions entailing modifications of the statute or the dissolution of the Organisation, 2/3 of the members need to be present.

The Executive Board sends a notification including the daily agenda to each member at least 10 days in advance.

Article 9

The General Assembly:

- a) elects the members of the Executive Board and elects the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary;
- b) decides on the admission or exclusion of members;
- c) takes note of and comments on the reports and the financial statements;

- d) controls the activity of the other organs, which can be revoked for just motives;
- e) appoints a Treasurer.

Article 10

The decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a simple majority vote of the present members. In case of a tie of vote, the President's vote counts double.

The decisions entailing a modification of the statute and the dissolution of the Organisation must be approved by a qualified majority of 2/3 of all of the members of the General Assembly.

Article 11

The members elected by the General Assembly compose the Executive Board. It comprises at least the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

The mandate of each member is of 2 years and renewable.

Article 12

The members of the Executive Board act benevolently and can only be reimbursed for their actual expenses and their travel costs. Potential attendance fees cannot exceed those paid for official commissions. For activities beyond the usual function, each Board member is eligible for appropriate compensation.

Article 13

The Executive Board is authorised to take all appropriate measures to achieve the goals of the Organisation. It has the most extensive powers to manage the Organisation's day-to-day affairs.

Article 14

The President has the main representation role.

Article 15

The Secretariat is composed of all of the employees of the Organisation and assures the daily functioning of the Organisation. Its Executive Director supervises the Secretariat.

No member of the Secretariat can be elected for the Executive Board or hold the right of vote at the General Assembly.

Article 16

The Executive Board appoints the Executive Director.

He decides on the operational orientation of the Organisation in order to reach the goals of the Organisation.

The individual signature of the Executive Director effectively binds the Organisation.

Various provisions

Article 17

The financial year shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December of each year.

The Treasurer, who is appointed by the General Assembly, audits the accounts every year.

Article 18

Should the Organisation be dissolved, the available assets should be transferred to a non-profit Organisation pursuing public interest goals similar to those of the Organisation and likewise benefiting from tax exemption. Under no circumstances should the assets be returned to the founders or members. Nor should they use a part or a total of assets for their own benefit.

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