



UPR Info Statutes

Name and headquarters

Article 1

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

Article 2

The association's headquarters are located in the State of Geneva.

The association shall be of an unlimited duration.

Goals

Article 3

The association 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 association's 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 association.

Members

Article 5

The association is composed of the members of the General Assembly, and of the members of the Executive Board.

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

Membership ceases:

- a) in the event of a member's death, or
- b) by written resignation, or
- c) by exclusion through the General Assembly.

Organs

Article 6

The organs of the association are:

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

Article 7

The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the association.

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 association, 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 8

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 an Auditor.

Article 9

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 association must be approved by a 2/3 majority of all of the members of the General Assembly.

Article 10

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

Each member is appointed for a three-year term with the possibility of renewal (two three-year term).

Members can serve for a maximum of six years.

Article 11

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 12

The Executive Board has a fiduciary responsibility to steer the organization. Board members provide general policy guidance, support the strategic development of the organization, review, and approve the annual work plan and budget.

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Article 13

The President has the main representation role.

Article 14

The Secretariat is composed of all of the employees of the association and assures the daily functioning of the association. 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 15

The Executive Board appoints the Executive Director.

The Executive Director decides on the operational orientation of the association in order to reach the goals of the association.

Article 16

The association is legally bound by the signature of both the Executive Director and of the President.

Various provisions

Article 17

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

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

Article 18

Should the association be dissolved, the available assets should be transferred to a non-profit association pursuing public interest goals similar to those of the association 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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