

**STATUTE**  
**of the association under the title**  
**“International Law Association [Enossi Diethnous Dikaiou] -**  
**Hellenic Branch of the International Law Association”**

**Article First**

An Association under the title: “International Law Association [Enossi Diethnous Dikaiou] - Hellenic Branch of the International Law Association”, with its seat in Athens, is hereby established.

**Article Second**

The objectives of the Association are:

- to study and promote international law, both public and private, and to make relevant proposals with a view to enhance international understanding and good faith;
- to promote the understanding and progressive development of international law in all its aspects;
- to support, to the greatest extent possible, the objectives and the work of the International Law Association.

The Association shall undertake any necessary and/or appropriate activity in order to fulfil these objectives.

**Article Third**

As members of the Association may be admitted, upon application and a decision of the Board of Directors, persons who have at least a post-graduate degree in international law or recognised professional involvement in international law matters as well as legal entities with their seat in Greece and objectives related to those of the Association.

As members of the Association may also be admitted, upon application and a decision of the Board of Directors, students who in the considered opinion of the Board of Directors, are exceptional in their performance or have a particular interest in international law. Such students will pay, for the duration of their studies, a reduced fee, as occasionally decided by the Board of Directors.

Persons of high prestige active in the fields of interest of the Association may be declared honorary members by a decision of the Board of Directors.

The members may always resign from the Association by means of a written declaration to that effect addressed to the Board of Directors at least three months before the end of the financial year. Those members who have not paid their dues for two (2) years, despite a written notice by the Treasurer, may be struck off the registry of the Association by a decision of the General Assembly, upon a proposal by the Governing Council.

**Article Fourth**

The resources of the Association consist of the registration fees of the members, their regular and extraordinary dues as well as monies, other gifts, either chattels or real estate, legacies, bequests, income generated from lectures, publications or other lawful sources.

The administrative period of the Association is annual and extends from 1 January to 31 December of each year.

Each year, during the regular General Assembly, the Board of Directors reports on the activities of the previous year and proposes the budget for the forthcoming year. The accounts of the previous year, the budget and the Board of Directors report of activities are reviewed by a three-member Audit Committee, elected by the General Assembly at the same

time as the Board of Directors is elected and for the same term of office. The Audit Committee submits a relevant report to the General Assembly.

#### **Article Fifth**

The Board of Directors of the Association consists of nine (9) members, to be elected by the General Assembly for a two-year term of office, by a secret vote and on a single ballot which includes the names of all those who have announced their candidacy in writing until the day before the General Assembly takes place. Among those elected, the first nine shall be ordinary members whereas the other two shall be alternate members of the Board.

The Board of Directors meets within seven days from the election day, with the person who received most votes presiding and elects by a secret vote the President, two Vice-Presidents, the General Secretary, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Exceptionally the term of office of the Temporary Administrative Council elected by the founding members shall extend until such time as this statute is approved by the competent court and registered at the Registry of Associations kept by the Athens Court of First Instance. Within three months after such registration, the Temporary Administrative Council must convene the first General Assembly and proceed with the elections for the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors meets regularly upon an invitation by the President and at any rate at least once every semester and, on an extraordinary basis, when one of its members so requests, following an invitation in writing which also includes the agenda of the meeting. There is a quorum when at least four (4) members are present; the Board decides on the majority of those present. During the meetings of the Board of Directors, the Secretary-General keeps minutes, which are approved and signed by the members present at the meeting.

#### **Article Sixth**

The President represents the Association before all authorities and courts as well as in its relations with any natural or legal person. He co-signs with the Secretary-General all the documents of the Association as well as any invoices for receipt and payment, except from those referring to payment of membership dues for which the Treasurer's signature suffices. The President, in case of absence, is replaced by one of the Vice-Presidents.

The Secretary-General is responsible for the General Register, the archives, the membership registry, the correspondence, the minutes of the meetings of both the General Assembly and the Board of Directors. S/he co-signs with the President all documents and invoices and prepares with the Treasurer the accounts for each administrative period as well as the budget for the coming year. The Secretary-General is assisted by the Secretary, who also replaces him/her in case of absence.

The Treasurer receives the revenues and pays the expenses of the association according to the statute and the decisions of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly. S/he is responsible for keeping the books as well as all documentation for income and expenses and prepares with the Secretary-General and the Secretary the accounts for each administrative period as well as the budget for the coming year. S/he is responsible for the property of the Association and pays to and receives from bank accounts monies on his/her sole responsibility and by his/her signature alone. Exceptionally and only regarding the receipt and/or payment of amounts in excess of ten million drachmas (GRD 10.000.000-) [circa €30.000-] the President's signature is also necessary.

#### **Article Seventh**

The General Assembly consists of all the members of the Association who have fulfilled their financial obligations. It is the supreme organ of the Association and decides on each and

every matter of interest to it. It elects the members of the Board of Directors and of the Audit Committee, approves the accounts and the budget of the Association as well as the Board of Directors report of activities, releasing the latter of all liability.

The General Assembly meets regularly once a year during the month of October and on an extraordinary basis when so decided by the Board of Directors or so requested by 1/20 of the members in a written application addressed to the Board of Directors, which also includes the agenda of the meeting. The General Assembly is convened by the President of the Board of Directors, by means of a written invitation, which also includes the agenda of the meeting. Quorum in the General Assembly exists when at least one third of the members who have fulfilled their financial obligations are present; the General Assembly decides on the majority of those present. If quorum is not achieved, then the General Meeting takes place a week later at the same day, time and venue and at that time quorum exists irrespective of the number of members present.

Before the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee are elected, the General Assembly elects a three-member Electoral Committee, which supervises the electoral process. Voting is secret and by a single ballot. Delegation of votes is allowed but only in writing and only one to each person at a time. The Electoral Committee prepares and signs the minutes of the election process and proclaims the successful candidates for the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee.

The General Assembly may modify at any time the provisions of the present statute. In such a case, however, a quorum exists if one half (1/2) of the members who have fulfilled their financial obligations are present and the decision must be taken by a majority of three fourths (3/4) of the members present.

#### **Article Eighth**

The Association may be dissolved at any time by a decision of the General Assembly convened in an extraordinary session for this reason; a decision is also taken at the same time as to the fate of the property of the association. In such a case a quorum exists if at least one half (1/2) of the members who have fulfilled their financial obligations are present and the decision is taken by a majority of three fourths (3/4) of the members present. The dissolution is concluded by the liquidation of the Association, to be effected by a three-member Committee appointed by the General Assembly deciding the dissolution.

#### **Article Ninth**

The Association constitutes a branch of the International Law Association, once the establishment and statute thereof are approved by the Executive Council of the latter. The ILA Executive Council is also notified of any decision on the dissolution of the Association.

A percentage on the membership fees payable by members, indicated at any time by the competent organs of the ILA, shall be paid to it. The Secretary-General sends at the beginning of each year a full list of members, including honorary members, to the ILA. Upon payment of the percentage of membership fees due to the International Law Association, all members of the Association become *ipso iure* members of the ILA. The Constitution and the applicable bylaws of the International Law Association are also binding upon the members of the Association.

The Board of Directors appoints one representative of the association to the ILA Executive Council, if the membership amounts between 10-100; two representatives, if the membership amounts between 101-250; and three representatives if the membership exceeds 251. The total number of representatives is specified at any time by the Constitution of the ILA. The Board of Directors and the members shall also undertake any duties assigned to them at any time by the Constitution and the applicable bylaws of the International Law Association.

#### **Article Tenth**

Any outstanding matter not provided for in the present statute is regulated by the applicable Civil Code provisions on associations as well as by the Constitution and the applicable bylaws of the International Law Association.

The present Statute is in force as amended by a decision of the Constitutional General Assembly of 20 December 2004 (CGA minutes #1) and approved by the Athens Court of First Instance 2412/2005.

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