

**The African Children Hope Association (ACHA)**

# **STATUTES**



## **Legal form and Headquarters:**

### **Art.1**

The African Children Hope Association (ACHA) is a non-profit association governed by articles 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code, as the present statutes do not derogate from it.

### **Art. 2**

The Headquarters of the association is located at the following address: Rue clos de bulle 5, 1004 Lausanne

### **Art.3**

The duration of the association is indefinite.

## **Goals of the association**

### **Art.4**

The association's goal is to promote health and improve the health care conditions of the poor through the distribution of medicines, take care of the sick and the construction of modern health centers in different regions of Cameroon.

## **Resources**

### **Art. 5**

The resources of the association come from:

- Membership fees.
- Any other resource authorized by law
- Donations and legacies.
- Sponsorship.
- Income from activities organized by the association.
- Public or official grants.

The funds are used in accordance with the social purpose.

## **Member**

### **Art. 6**

- a) Natural or legal persons who have demonstrated their commitment to the goals of the Association through their actions and commitment and who have been accepted by the Executive Committee of the Association are eligible for membership.
- b) Applications for admission are addressed to the Committee. The Committee admits new members and informs the General Assembly, which makes the final decision.
- c) Membership is lost :
  - By death
  - By written resignation addressed at least six months before the end of the fiscal year of the Committee
  - By exclusion pronounced by the Committee for "just cause", but including a right to appeal to the General Assembly. The deadline for appeal is thirty days from the notification of the Committee's decision. Members who resign or are excluded have no right to the social assets.

## **Bodies and Procedure**

### **Art. 7**

The organs of the association are : The General assembly, the Executive committee and the Auditor.

### **Art. 8**

- a. The General assembly is the supreme power of the association. It is composed of all the members.
- b. The General Assembly deliberates on all matters relating to the proper functioning of the Association, such as :
  - Adoption of the program of activities proposed by the members
  - Approval and modification of the statutes and regulations
  - Election and removal of the committee members
  - Setting of membership fees and contribution rates
  - Discharges of the committee

- Cooperation between members
- c. The board shall meet once a year in ordinary session. It may also meet in extraordinary session whenever necessary at the request of the Executive Committee or of 1/5th of the members.
  - d. The convocations are made by electronic mail (e-mail) or by postal mail at least 20 days before the date of the General Assembly.

#### **Art.9**

The general assembly is chaired by the president Salome Reusser Mbarga.

#### **Art.10**

The decisions of the General Assembly are taken by a simple majority of the votes of the members present. In the event of a tie, the President's vote counts double.

#### **Art. 11**

The agenda of the general meeting should include:

- Approval of the minutes of the previous general assembly
- The report of the Committee on the activities of the association during the past period
- Reports from the treasury and the auditors
- Adoption of the budget
- Approval of reports and accounts
- Individual proposals

#### **Art. 12**

The administration of the association is entrusted to the executive committee which manages the assets and projects of the association.

#### **Art.13**

The Executive Committee shall consist of at least 3 to 5 members of the association including

- A President
- A secretary
- At least two members

#### **Art.14**

The President's responsibilities are as follows:

- Representation of the Association in all acts of civil life and in court
  - Convenes and presides over the meetings of the Executive Board and the assemblies (with the possibility of delegation), prepares the agenda
  - Ensures compliance with the statutes and internal regulations
- Coordinates and controls the activities of the Association

- May entrust specific missions to any member of the Association in the strict interest of the Association
- Determines the expenses of the association
- Ensures the application of the deliberations of the General Assembly

#### **Art.15**

The secretary is the administrative organ of the association. In this capacity, he is responsible for:

Informing the members of the Association of the holding of meetings

- Writing minutes of each meeting as well as the activity reports of the association
- Replaces the President in case of impediment

#### **Art.16**

The treasury is managed by the President, under the control of the Secretary. The President has the special task of presenting to the General Assembly an annual report on the financial and accounting situation of the Association.

#### **Art.17**

Members of the committee

- The following are elected by an absolute majority in the first round and by a simple majority in the second round
- The following are elected for one year and are eligible for re-election.
- If a member of the committee and his deputy are unable to perform their duties, the committee shall appoint an interim member on the proposal of the President
- The voting process is confidential

#### **Art.18**

The committee takes all decisions useful for the good functioning of the association. They assume the following responsibilities:

- Representation of the association vis-à-vis third parties.
- Running the business
- Managing the association's budget and resources
- The signing of contracts and other instruments on behalf of the association
- Calling and chairing meetings
- Ensuring the application of the statutes
- The Hiring of volunteer and salaried staff
- Etc....

## **Dissolution**

### **Art.19**

The dissolution of the association can be decided by the General Assembly

In case of dissolution, the assets of the organization, once the accounts are closed, will be given to an organization with a similar aim or a humanitarian foundation.

The present statutes were adopted by the constitutive general assembly on May 18, 2022 on behalf of the ACHA Association

### **The President**

SALOME REUSSER MBARGA  
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### **The Secretary**

JEANNE-MARIE DIEGO  
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### **Member**

JACQUELINE BILOA ABENA  
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### **Member**

NICOLAS ABENA  
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