

STATUTE OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOCIAL PROMOTION¹ CIVILIAN DEFENCE RESEARCH CENTRE

NAME – HEADQUARTER – DURATION

Article 1 (Name)

It's established the association named "**Association for the Social Promotion Civilian Defence Research Centre**", on the basis of the 383/00 Italian law, which pursue the aim of social, human, civil and cultural solidarity.

Article 2 (Headquarter)

The association's legal headquarter is located in ROMA, via della Cellulosa n. 112, 00166 . The Association could have the possibility to establish or close secondary sections in other Italian towns or abroad under the steering committee resolution.

The headquarter could be transferred with the simple resolution of the assembly.

The Association is regulated by this Statute and by any Regulations which, approved on the basis of the statute, would be required to better regulate partnerships or other activities.

The members work is prevalently free of charge. It's admitted the refund of expenses actually bore and documented to execution of the activities within limits fixed by member assembly.

The Association is founded on the respect of Italian Constitution, Civil Law rules and on the laws in force.

It can adopt the procedures foreseen by regulation to be incorporated and the recognition as non-profit body.

Article 3 (Duration)

The length of the association is unlimited.

SUBJECT

Article 4 (Aims and objectives)

1. Principles and aims

The Civilian Defence Research Centre is an association which work with the sole objective of social solidarity.

The Associations is a non-party one and it will adhere to the following principles: be a non-profit association, the social offices are elective and free, the Association has a democratic structure. To adopt ordinary decisions the statute bodies will use the consensus method.

The spirit and praxis of the Association are built on the basis of the Italian Constitution and on the principles and techniques on non-violent actions, and they are founded on the full respect of the human, cultural and spiritual dimension of person and people. The Association is an active part of the Peace Movement and it's inspire itself on the Satyagraha (the Gandhi's "power of truth") political/cultural movement.

The Association aims at elaborating, promoting, realizing projects of social solidarity, among others: carrying out educational and cultural initiatives, researches, particularly in the field of Peace, Non-violence, Constructive Conflicts Management, Human Rights, Democracy and Development Cooperation promotion.

2. areas and activities

To pursue its social aims the Association sets:

- a) to contribute to the security and independence of the Country, of its democratic Institutions and of the International Democratic Organisations within it's integrated; through research, testing and realising Civilian Defence (on the Social Non-violent Defence tradition), active participation on security of citizens and promotion of non aggressive tools and strategies;
- b) to promote studies, testing and realising of Constructive conflicts management tools to solve in peaceful and non-violent way crises and tense situations on local, national, international level;
- c) to promote historical studies on forms of defence and non-armed Resistance;

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- d) to organised conferences, seminars, meetings on national and international securities problems to inform and awaken public opinion and political, social, cultural institutions on practicability and efficacy of Civilian Defence and of the Constructive conflicts management;
- e) To organise training courses to prepare on Civilian Defence and on the Constructive conflicts management at local, national, international level;
- f) To establish scholarships and/or prizes for the best researchs or thesis in the field of Peace and Non-violence, with special attention on Popular Non-violent Defence and Constructive conflicts management;
- g) To make any other activity that could contribute to realise Civilian Defence, Constructive conflicts management and the transformation of society toward less direct and structural violence.

The Association could do any cultural and recreative activity; it could do any economic and financial, movable or real-estate activity to improve the achievement of its social objectives.

The Association could, with the aims at financing itself without profit gains, make only those economical activities preview on the laws in force.

In conducting its activities the Association intends to build relationships that can train and grow people who are in personal and social discomfort, and pay attention toward situations of needs on the field.

The Association is open to anyone who shares its solidarity principles.

Article 5 (Cooperation and Federation with other Institutions and Associations)

The Association makes use of any tool to gain its aims; in detail:

cooperation with International Organisations, Foreign Institutions, Public Institutions, Ministries, local bodies, Universities, Historical Resistance Institutions, others bodies and associations which deal with Social, Non-violent Defence and Constructive conflicts management and others Association aims; by also ad-hoc agreements.

The Association could federate, join or adhere to a National or International Coordination of groups or to single associations which deal with its same aims (particularly: Popular Non-violent Defence, Constructive Management of Conflicts, to promote cooperation among people and to gain and mantein peace and social justice on national and international level).

The decisions about cooperation with others institutions are adopted by the Steering Committee.

MEMBERS

Article 6 (Join conditions and members tipology)

All of those that agree with the Statute and intend to cooperate to gain social aims can join in the Association.

Individual, incorporated and associations can ask to be admitted through application, on which the Stereing Committee make its decisions, without need of explanation,

The members can be:

Charter members

Are charter members individual who signed the need of partnership, and those who will admitted under their activity in the associations field, through unapellable decision of the Stereing Committee

Ordinary members

Are ordinary members people who adere to Association and pay annual share decided by the Steering Committee

Honorary members

Are Onorary Members people and institutions that had specific merits through their actions in favour of the Association or that cannot be part of the Association on the basis of Statute.

Supporting members

Are supporting members all of those that contribute to the aims of the Association in paying or not paying manner.

Article 7 (Rights and duties)

All members have the right to participate and vote in the Assembly and to take part in its decisions.

All members have the right to have active or passive role in the elections for the social officers.

All members have to follow provisions and regulations of the Statute as well as the instructions and deliberations which are issued by Association bodies.

Article 8 (Loss of right to be a member)

The quality of member can be loss for:

- Death
- Non-payment of social partnership share: loss of membership is decided by Steering Committee
- Resignations: any member can tender his/her resignation in any time with written communication to the Steering Committee; the withdrawal will be immediate. It remains the duty to pay annual share for the year in course.
- Expulsion: the Steering Committee decides the expulsion, if there aren't questions on decision.

ECONOMICS RESOURCES

Article 9 (Resources types)

The economic resources to reach Association aims and to provide for the operation expenses will be :

- the annual social subscription decided by the board;
- the proceeds of associative activities (demonstrations and initiatives)
- other contribution, donations and repayment for conventions are included
- the contributions of International Institutions
- the proceeds of marginal business activity

The social patrimony indivisible is:

- movables and real property
- donations and successions

Also during the Association life, single members cannot ask the division of common resources.

ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 10 (Organs)

The organs of the association are:

- member assembly;
- Steering Committee;
- President;
- Director;
- Treasurer;
- College of Revisers;
- Arbiters.

All electives appointments are free; repayment of supported expenses, it's allowed

MEMBER ASSEMBLY

Article 11 (Functions)

The assembly represents all members and they are subjected to its decisions.

The Assembly can be ordinary or extraordinary.

In particular the assembly must:

- ratify the annual social subscription decided by the board;
- approve final and preventive balance;
- deliberate on the alteration to the article of the Association and its dissolution;
- establish the strategy of the association activities.

Article 12 (convocation and constitution)

The ordinary meeting will be held at least once in a year.

The extraordinary meeting can be convened whenever deliberated by the Association President, Steering Committee or at least by the third of the member.

The convocation is done by President of the Association or by its delegate, with written communication at least eight days before of the date of the meeting or with an announcement affixed on the head office, at least fifteen days before of the meeting date.

In the convocation must be specified the agenda, the date, the place and the hour of the meeting, both the first and the second convocation.

The Assembly can be convened in second convocation, in another hour following at the same day of the first convocation.

Only member up to date with payments can attend the meeting

A member can be represented by another member, by a written proxy.

The agent cannot have more than two proxy.

The Assembly is presided by the President of the Association or by the Manager, or by a member of the Steering Committee chosen by the same Assembly.

Secretary of the Assembly functions are performed by a member chosen by the Assembly.

The minutes of the meeting are written by the Secretary and signed by him and President.

Article 13 (Deliberations)

Every member has one vote.

The Statutory Organs of the Association use the consensus method to adopt ordinary decisions, with the simple vote of the majority of the presents.

In first convocation, the Assembly Deliberations are taken with the physical presence or with proxy at least of the half of the member.

In second convocation deliberations are valid whatever the number of those presents.

For the sum of the majority of the vote are not considered the abstentions.

To modify this Statute or to decide the breaking up of the Association and to devolution its property, is required the vote at least of the two third of members attending both in first and in second convocation, and the Steering Committee. opinion

Assembly decisions both ordinary and extraordinary, pledge every member.

Every member can look up the minutes of the meeting written by the Secretary and signed by him and President.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Article 14 (composition and functions)

The Steering Committee is composed by a number of member not less than three and not more than eleven, included the President and manager. The Steering Committee is elected by the Assembly.

The Steering Committee must:

- carry out the instruction of the Assembly;
- promote every initiative for the attainment of the social aim;
- fix the strategy for the ordinary and extraordinary administration;
- predispose the balance sheet of the Association, written by the treasurer, subordinate to assent of the Assembly;
- fix the year's entry fee;

The Steering Committee can submit to one or must councillor any job and delegate to a workgroup the study of the specifics issues.

The Steering Committee recognize, found operations, technicians and Scientific Board deciding the length, conditions of working, objective and the possible payment.

The Steering Committee appoint the Manager and the Treasurer of the Association.

The Board of Director can prepare and draft the regulation of the practical and particular aspects of the life of Association. The regulation must be approved by the Assembly that will deliberate with simple majority.

Article 16 (length)

The member of the Steering Committee continue in office three years and can be re elected.

If some member of the Steering Committee run out, for resignations or other reason written at the Art.8, the Steering Committee will replace him with the member that in the last election was the first in the list or for suggestion of the President.

The new member continues in office as the members formerly in office.

If most of half of the councillor run out the President will must convene a meeting for news elections.

Article 17 (convocation)

The Steering Committee is reunited with convocation of the President, of the Manager or with request of at least a third of the members.

Every members of the Steering Committee must be convened in written form at the meeting at least three days before; only if necessary the Steering Committee will be convened in oral form in twenty four hours after communication.

The meeting advise must indicate the subjects tabled.

Article 18 (constitution and deliberations)

For Validity of the Steering Committee meeting need the present of the majority of the members of the same.

The meeting is presided by the President of the Association, or in absence of him, by the Manager or in absence of him by the most senior member.

The function of the Secretary are performed by a person appointed for the occasion by the Steering Committee.

the decisions are taken with simple majority, in case of equal number of votes prevail the chairman's vote

President

Article 19 (Election, duration and functions)

The president is elected by the Assembly and he is in charge 3 years.

The first nomination is ratified in the Constitutive Act.

The president, barring obstacles, is the legal representan of Association towards third - party and he is the chairman of the Steering Committee, Assembly, and Scientific Committee ,

The President chooses among associates the Vice-president of the Scientific Committee .

In agreement with Vice-president of scientific commitee President names, between associates too, members af scientific commitee.

In case of urgency the president takes all necessary measures to pursue its social aims even if in competence of Steering Committee; in this case he is obliged to report to the Steering Committee in the first meeting available .

The President has power in the normal ordinary management of the Association and in possible powers delegated to him by Directve Council.

It's fall under the competence of President:

- to watch over Association structures and services
- to organize in general, the Association annual and half term program of activites;
- to write annual consuntive report about activiteis of the association;
- to supervise on the Association structures and services;
- to determinate organizative standards that guarantee efficiency, effectiveness, functionality and punctual
- individuation of oportunities and needs for the Association and the associates.

DIRECTOR

Article 20 (Election, tenure and function)

The director is elected by the Steering Committee, among his members, and he remains in office three years.

The Director assists the President in the execution of his duties. In particular, he represents the association in case of President's impediment and replaces him when he can't exercise his function.

The Director must:

- check the correct updating of social books, with the exclusion of treasurer's books;
- take care of the diffusion of the meetings minutes and the other public act of the Association;
- take careof the implementation of Assembly and Steering Committee ' decisions
- ssist the President in relationship with other Associations and partners;
- coordinate the activities of operative centres and Association staff

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Article 21 (Election, duration and function)

The deputy Director is elected by the Steering Committee, among his members, and he last in appointment three years.

The deputy Director assists the Director in the execution of his duties and replaces him when he can't exercise his function.

TREASURER

Article 21 (Election, tenure and function)

The Treasurer is elected by Steering Committee, among his members, and he remains in office three years.
The treasurer must:

- hold account books and update partner books
- prepare annual preventive and final balance to expose to the Steering Committee and to obtain Assembly approval within four months from social management's closing
- take care Association's fund, providing for deposit and withdraw money. He has legal responsibility for business.

COLLEGE OF AUDITORS

Article 22 (Election, duration and function)

The Association's College of Auditors is formed by three permanent members and two temporary

The College of the Auditors is chosen from the meeting and remains in office three years

It's College of the Auditors duty:

to attend Steering Committee and Assembly meetings;

to verify and to check Steering Committee and Association actions to verify its exchanges with the statutory purposes and conditions. Checks are transcribed on special book.

the College of the Auditors can address to the President and to the Steering Committee member, the recommendations that it considers useful, in obedience of the Statute norms.

payments for members of the College are fixed by the Steering Committee, in obedience of the rules in charge.

ARBITERS

Article 23 (Election, duration and functions)

The Assembly, in case it should be right, can elect a College of Arbiters, not more than three members, that remain in office three years, to whom submit, controls on the Association activities.

College of the Arbiters deliberations are inappellable.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Article 24 (Composition and functions)

The President, known the Steering Committee opinion, chooses the components of the scientific Committee, among experienced people in fields linked with Association activities, not necessarily partners, and among representatives of sporting, entrepreneurial, cultural, political, social and religious world, sensitive to peace, non-violence and human Rights.

Members of the Scientific Committee can be called, individually or collectively, to express opinions or to formulate proposals regarding the initiatives that the Association has decided to undertake or that is implementing.

The President convenes and presides Scientific Committee meetings.

SOCIAL EXERCISE AND BUDGET

Article 25 (Tenor and ratification)

The social exercise is closed the 31 December of every year.

With the closing of the exercise Treasurer will compile the Budget, that will have to be approved by the Steering Committee and therefore presented to the Assembly for the approval within four months from the closing of the social exercise.

BREAK-UP

Article 26 (Causes of resolution and devolution of goods)

The association loosens him for the causes foreseen by the actual normative.

In case of break -up, the patrimony of the association cannot be separated among the partners but, according to the suggestion of the Steering Committee suggestion, approved by the Assembly, it will entirely be devolved to other working associations in the identical sector or in one similar.

FINAL NORMS AND TRANSITORY NORMS

Article 27 (change of the statute)

For those points not anticipated in the present statute, are valid the norms and the principles of the Italian Civil Code related to the "not recognized associations".

**MINUTES OF THE CIVILIAN DEFENCE RESEARCH CENTRE
EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY**

The members Assembly was convoked on the 7th of November 2002 in Rome, Via della Cellulosa n.12, to discuss and decide on:

1. the alterations to the articles of the Association to join a regional register of “ Social Promotion Associations”.
 2. Any other business.
1. The President, after verifying the session validity, appoint Mr Karl Giacinti secretary of the meeting and writer of these minutes.
The President explains the reasons that led the Steering Committee to change the Statute.
The President read the Statute that is attached to these minutes, which has been approved with unanimous vote.

The Statute confirms that:

It can be possible to join an Assembly in free and voluntary way;
the Association works on the democratic members resolutions;
the offices are electives;
the Association is a non-profit one;
the social offices are free of charge.

After many discussions, the Assembly unanimously approves this Statute, which has been suggested by the President.

2. The president suggests deciding the entry on the Regional Register of “ Social Promotion Associations”. The Assembly, after debate, approves the entry.

Since there aren't other points to debate, the President, after he read and agreed with these minutes at 18.00 p.m., breaks up the meeting,

The President

The secretary

Those present.

Rome, 7th November 2002