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# STATUTES OF THE CONFÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES ACCORDÉONISTES

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## 1. NAME AND REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The name of the association is Confédération Internationale des Accordeonistes and its seat is in Helsinki (Finland). In these statutes the association is called “Confederation”.

## 2. PURPOSE AND QUALITY OF OPERATION

The purpose of the Confederation is to coordinate, promote and encourage accordion musical activities throughout all the countries of the world.

To fulfill its purpose, the Confederation encourages research activities, conferences, competitions, music camps and master classes. The Confederation encourages recordings, new music literature for the accordion and concert tours.

In order to support its activities, the Confederation can, after obtaining permission from the relevant authority:

- organize fundraisers
- own real estate property and other assets necessary for its operations
- accept donations and bequests

## 3. MEMBERS

A legal entity that accepts the purpose of the Confederation can be accepted as a full member of the Confederation. A private person or a legal entity that wants to support the purpose and operation of the Confederation can be accepted as a supporting member. Full members and supporting members are approved by the General Assembly upon application. A person who has significantly promoted and supported the Confederation's activities can be invited as an Honorary President or Honorary Member at the Board's proposal at the Confederation's meeting.

## 4. JOINING AND MEMBERSHIP FEE

The amount of the joining fee and the annual membership fee to be collected from regular members and supporting members will be decided separately for each group of members by the Autumn Congress Meeting. The Honorary President and Honorary Members do not pay membership fees.

## 5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Confederation's affairs are managed by the Board, which includes the President elected at

the Autumn Congress Meeting and 4-8 other regular members. The Board's term of office is four (4) years between election meetings. The Board elects a Vice President from among its members and hires a secretary, treasurer and other necessary officials from among its members or from outside. The Board meets at the invitation of the President or, in his absence, the Vice President, when they deem it necessary or when at least half of the Board members demand it. The Board has a quorum when at least half of its members, including the President or Vice President, are present. Votes are decided by an absolute majority. In the event of a tie, the President's vote will decide in all voting matters, except elections, where a tie will be decided by draw.

## **6. SIGNING ON BEHALF OF THE CONFEDERATION**

The President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, each alone, has the authority to sign on behalf of the Confederation.

## **7. FINANCIAL PERIOD**

The Confederation's financial period is a calendar year.

## **8. CONFEDERATION MEETINGS**

The meeting of the Confederation can also be attended by means of a telecommunications connection or other technical aid during or before the meeting, if the Board or the congress so decides. The Confederation holds two regular meetings each year. The Winter Congress Meeting of the Confederation is held in January-May and the Autumn Congress Meeting in August-November on the day determined by the Board. At the Confederation's meetings, each full member has the right to vote. A supporting member, a Honorary President and a Honorary Member has the right to attend and speak at the meeting. Unless otherwise specified in the rules, the decision of the Confederation's meeting shall be the opinion supported by more than half of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the chairperson of the meeting's vote will decide in all voting matters, except elections, where a tie will be decided by draw.

## **9. CONVENING THE CONFEDERATION'S MEETINGS**

The Board must convene the Confederation's meetings at least one month before the meeting by letters sent to the members or by e-mail.

## **10. CONFEDERATION MEETINGS**

### **10.A. THE FOLLOWING MATTERS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE CONFEDERATION'S WINTER CONGRESS MEETING:**

1. opening of the meeting
2. the Chairman of the meeting, the Secretary, two meeting minutes auditors and, if necessary, two or more voting auditors are elected
3. state the legality and quorum of the meeting
4. the agenda of the meeting is approved
5. financial statement or annual statement, annual report and statement of operational auditors are presented
6. it is decided on the confirmation of the financial statements or the annual statement

and the granting of discharge from liability to the Board of directors and other responsible parties

7. other matters mentioned in the meeting agenda are discussed.

**10.B. THE FOLLOWING MATTERS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE CONFEDERATION'S AUTUMN CONGRESS MEETING:**

1. opening of the meeting
2. the Chairman of the meeting, the Secretary, two meeting minutes auditors and, if necessary, two or more voting auditors are elected
3. state the legality and quorum of the meeting
4. the agenda of the meeting is approved
5. confirm the action plan, income and expenditure estimate and the amounts of joining and membership fees for the next calendar year
6. the President of the Board and other members of the Board are elected every 4 years
7. one or two auditors and deputy auditors are elected
8. other matters mentioned in the meeting agenda are discussed.

If a member of the Confederation wishes to have a matter discussed at the Confederation's Winter Congress meeting or Autumn Congress meeting, they must notify the Board in writing in good time so that the matter can be included in the meeting agenda.

## **11. MODUS OPERANDI / INTERNAL RULES**

The Confederation can have a document called the Internal Rules approved by the Congress, including detailed description of the activities and their processes.

## **12. CHANGING THE RULES AND DISSOLVING THE CONFEDERATION**

The decision to change the rules and dissolve the Confederation must be made by a majority of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the votes cast at the Confederation's meeting. The meeting agenda must mention changing the rules or dissolving the Confederation. When the Confederation is dissolved, the Confederation's funds are used to promote the purpose of the Confederation in the manner determined by the meeting deciding on the dissolution. When the Confederation becomes liquidated, its assets are used for the same purpose.

*Approved by the  
152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly,  
Castelfidardo, Italy  
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