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REVISED STATUTES

Wishing to obtain legal status in Belgium, the **International Military Sports Council (CISM)**, an official international association organized on 18 February 1948 in Nice (France), decided to constitute for this purpose an international association which was established in Belgium by Royal Decree signed on 9 January 1989 by H.M. the King of Belgium.

CHAPTER I. NAME, OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPLES, ESTABLISHMENT, MEMBERSHIP AND RIGHTS

NAME

Article 1

In accordance with the amended Belgian Act of 25 October 1919, the International Military Sports Council also known as CISM, is established as an international organization without any lucrative aim and with the legal status, in accordance with the present statutes defining its rights and obligations.

PURPOSE

Article 2

CISM shall aim at developing, mainly through sports competitions or encounters, friendly relations between Armed Forces of member nations, promoting physical education and sports activities, offering a mutual technical assistance, supporting, in the name of friendship and solidarity, the less privileged members, contributing to the balanced and harmonious development of military personnel and to the international effort in favour of universal peace.

In order to achieve these objectives, CISM organises Summer and Winter Military World Games, and other sports events at world, continental and regional levels. It also organises seminars and symposiums. It implements solidarity and technical assistance programmes.

PRINCIPLES

Article 3

CISM organisation and operation shall be governed by the following principles:

A. CISM is an apolitical organization, which fosters, through sport, the philanthropic goal of friendship between military athletes to promote international harmony.

B. CISM values and affirms that sport activities within the Armed Forces are an essential pillar of operational preparations, international sport and universal peace.

C. CISM adheres to the universal philanthropic principles of “mens sana in corpore sano”, and “all human beings are born free and equal, in dignity and in rights”, as stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the United Nations Charter.

D. CISM rejects all forms of discrimination towards a nation or a person on the basis of race, religion, political belief, and any other discriminatory practice.

E. CISM upholds the universal right of each person to practice a sport of his choice, according to his needs.

F. CISM operates under the democratic principles that a nation represents one voice, the majority rules and the General Assembly of member nations is the supreme authority.

G. CISM conducts its activities in conformity with universal, fundamental legal and ethical principles and depends on the voluntary contribution and good will of its member nations.

H. CISM being recognized by the Sports and the Olympic Movement, it contributes to international effort in favour of environmental protection and supports sustainable development in the framework of its competitions and activities.

I. CISM encourages member nations to organize a maximum of sport competitions in a spirit of equal opportunity, friendship, solidarity and fair play.

J. CISM develops sport by practice at all levels and research in physical education and training.

K. CISM cooperates with all international institutions and organizations that share the same objectives and encourage the assembly of citizens of the world.

L. Convinced that doping must be considered as cheating or an unsporting act, CISM respects the World Anti Doping Code.

M. As far as the CISM competitions are concerned, the military status of competitors is an inviolable principle.

HEADQUARTERS

Article 4

CISM Headquarters are located at 26, rue Jacques Jordaens, in Brussels, Belgium.

The location within metropolitan Brussels may be changed by decision of the Board of Directors. Any decision of the Board of Directors concerning a change of the location shall be issued in the Annexes to the Moniteur Belge. The official headquarters of CISM shall be maintained in Belgium.

DURATION

Article 5

CISM is established for an indefinite duration. It may be dissolved at any time in accordance with Article 35 of the present statutes.

MEMBERS

Article 6

CISM is composed of representatives of the Armed Forces of member nations. The representatives are individuals or corporate bodies legally constituted in accordance with the law and practice in force in their countries of origin.

CISM MEMBERSHIP

Article 7

The following conditions shall be fulfilled by a nation aiming at becoming a CISM member:

- A. To be officially recognized by the United Nations,
- B. To have Armed Forces.

The membership procedures are described as follows:

- A. The application for membership shall be signed by the Minister of Defence or the highest national military authority and presented to CISM.
- B. The nation shall fulfil its financial obligations in order to acquire the status of active member nation.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBER NATIONS

Article 8

The rights and duties of the CISM Member nations are described in the CISM Regulations. Every Member Nation must appoint one Chief of Delegation who is empowered to represent his national Armed Forces inside CISM. CISM shall consider him as the equivalent of a president of national sports association.

RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION AND DISMISSAL FROM CISM

Article 9

A member nation may withdraw from CISM by sending to the President, an official resignation notification signed by the Minister of Defence or the highest national military authority.

A member nation may be dismissed or suspended for its inactive status, for disciplinary reasons or when it does not fulfil the membership conditions required by the Statutes and the CISM Regulations. The dismissal of a delegation from CISM and any other sanction attached to this, as featuring in the CISM Regulation, shall only be imposed by the General Assembly voting at a three quarter majority (3/4). The said nation may be allowed to defend itself at the General Assembly. The suspension and the related reinstatement of a Member Nation shall be imposed by the Board of Directors or the Emergency Board.

Any nation that is no more a member of CISM, either definitely or temporarily, shall not be entitled to claim any right on goods and assets belonging to the International Military Sports Council.

PROPERTY RIGHTS

Article 10

The CISM symbol, flag, motto, anthem, and identifications including but not limited to “CISM Championship”, and CISM Military World Games”, are CISM property. All rights to any and all CISM property, as well as all rights to the use thereof, belong exclusively to CISM. CISM may license all or part of its rights on terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Directors and the CISM Regulations.

Article 11

All CISM Championships and events are the exclusive property of CISM which owns all rights and data relating thereto including all rights relating to their organization, exploitation, broadcasting, recording, reproduction, access, and dissemination in any form. CISM shall determine the conditions of access to and the use of data relating to CISM Championships and events

CHAPTER II. CISM INTERNAL REGULATIONS

CISM BODIES

Article 12

I- Governing bodies

The governing bodies shall be those holding governance functions. That is:

- The General Assembly
- The Board of Directors
- The President
- Vice-Presidents
- The Emergency Board

II- Management bodies

- The Secretary General
- The Treasurer General

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Definition and composition

Article 13

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of CISM. It is composed of delegations from member nations. The General Assembly shall be fully empowered to act within the scope of the CISM Statutes, and the CISM Regulations.

General Assembly Session

Article 14

The General Assembly shall meet at least once a year under the chairmanship of the President or, if the President is not available, the senior Vice President.

The date and the venue of General Assembly meetings shall be determined and announced two years in advance. The convening, together with the agenda, shall be provided to all CISM delegations and bodies by the Secretariat General at least six weeks before the General Assembly.

Functions

Article 15

The General Assembly shall alone be empowered to:

A. Elect:

- The President
- The Secretary General proposed by the Board of Directors.
- The Treasurer General proposed by the Board of Directors.

B. approve any amendment to the Statutes

C. approve strategic and business plans

D. conduct statutory elections and motion of censure

E. accept new member nations for membership

F. expel member nations, as proposed by the Board of Directors

G. approve statements of accounts and vote the budgets

H. carry out the dissolution of CISM.

The General Assembly shall delegate to the Board of Directors the authority to modify the CISM Regulations except for those relating to financial and budgetary matters, to member

nations rights and duties, to votes and elections and to Honours and Awards of CISM. These shall be under the sole authority of the General Assembly. In any case the General Assembly shall also retain the right to modify any CISM Regulation.

Quorum

Article 16

Decisions of the General Assembly meetings shall be valid only when an absolute majority of active member nations are present. If the quorum as mentioned above is not reached, member nations shall be invited, within a one month period, once again for another General Assembly. In this case, decisions shall be valid regardless of the actual quorum.

Vote

Article 17

Each nation shall have one vote.

Voting on amendments to the Statutes, admission or exclusion of member nations, or the dissolution of the CISM shall be by a three-quarters majority vote of active member nations present at the General Assembly.

Voting on all other matters shall be by absolute majority vote except as addressed in article 20 of the current statutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Definition

Article 18

The Board of Directors is the governing body of CISM. Its authority derives from the General Assembly and is chaired by the CISM President.

Composition

Article 19

The Board of Directors is composed of the President of CISM, one Vice-President for each continent and a minimum of nine members.

Election of members

Article 20

Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the General Assembly with an absolute majority. However, in case the absolute majority in the first vote is not reached, the same majority is not required for the second vote. The BoD elected members' mandate shall be 4 years. BoD members may, at the end of this period, stand for re-election for another 4 years. The number of mandates shall be unlimited.

Functions

Article 21

The Board of Directors shall take all measures relating to the management and the administration of CISM and shall implement the decisions taken by the General Assembly. Provisions relating to the attributions of the Board of Directors shall be included in the CISM Regulations.

The Board Members are accountable to their continental Member Nations, to their respective Vice Presidents, and ultimately to the President.

Procedure

Article 22

The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year. The convocation, as well as the agenda, shall be sent to all the participants by the Secretariat General at least one month prior to the meeting.

Minutes of the Board of Directors meetings shall be authenticated by the President and the Secretary General. A record of decisions shall be forwarded to member nations. A copy shall be retained in the archives of the Secretariat General and shall indefinitely be available for consultation by members.

The Board of Directors may delegate part of its powers, for a given period, to the Emergency Committee.

Quorum

Article 23

Decisions of the Board of Directors shall be validly taken when at least half of the members are present and when it has obtained an absolute majority of votes.

Legal capacity

Article 24

Legal proceedings, as plaintiff or defendant, are undertaken by the Board of Directors, represented by the President, or the Secretary General, or by a member of the Board appointed for this purpose.

THE PRESIDENT

Article 25

The President is elected by absolute majority by the General Assembly for a four year renewable mandate. However, when 2 candidates remain and the absolute majority in the first vote is not reached, the same majority is not required for the second vote.

The President legally represents CISM at the international level. He implements CISM policy, presides over activities of his level and watches over the proper implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors, including the use of the by the Secretary General.

He is in charge of relations between CISM and other international organisations as well as political and military authorities of member nations.

The President is ultimately accountable towards the General Assembly for the CISM budget. In case of vacancy in the post of President or if the President is unable to carry out his duties, the longest serving Vice-President shall become the Interim President until the President is fit to carry out his duties or if the inability is permanent, until the election of a new President during the next General Assembly.

The new President shall then be elected for a four year renewable mandate.

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Article 26

Vice-Presidents of CISM represent CISM and their continent. They assist the President in his duties. They have the mission to promote the principles and activities of CISM in their continents. They preside over continental meetings and are spokesmen for issues relating to their continent as a whole, at the Board of Director Meetings and at the General Assembly.

They propose the continental strategy to member nations of their continent, in line with that of CISM. This strategy shall be submitted for the approval of member nations of the concerned continent.

EMERGENCY BOARD

Article 27

In case of an emergent matter arising, decisions may be taken by an Emergency Board made up of:

- The President
- Vice-Presidents
- The Secretary General
- The Treasurer General

The Emergency Board shall meet at any moment, at the call of the CISM President, in order to decide on urgent issues relating to CISM activities. The functioning modalities of the Emergency Board are included in the CISM Regulations.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Article 28

The General Assembly elects by absolute majority the Secretary General of CISM following a proposal by the Board of Directors.

Having at his disposal a Secretariat General, the Secretary General is in charge, under the authority of CISM President, of the administration of the General Secretariat, of the implementation of decisions of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.

He keeps close ties with Chiefs of Delegation of member nations and other decentralised bodies of CISM.

The Secretary General is in charge of the staff working at the CISM Headquarters and is the legal employer of its civilian staff. Following guidance from the Board of Directors, the Secretary General administers and manages the yearly assigned budget approved by the General Assembly.

THE TREASURER GENERAL

Article 29

The General Assembly elects by absolute majority the Treasurer General of CISM following a proposal by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer General is responsible for the control of the correct use of the financial resources and properties of CISM.

In this respect, he ensures sound ~~its~~ management in accordance with provisions of this Statutes and of the CISM Regulations.

The Treasurer General presents to the CISM Board of Directors and General Assembly a report on the management of funds, movable and unmovable properties of CISM.

He presents and submits the annual budget of CISM to the approval of the Board of Directors and for the vote of the General Assembly.

CHAPTER III. THE CISM RESOURCES

CISM RESOURCES

Article 30

The resources of CISM shall be made up of:

- CISM own properties
- Contributions and subscriptions of member nations
- Incomes from all the rights relating to the commercialisation of CISM emblem for a given use and under control
- Reserved rights negotiated on the occasion of the summer and winter World Military Games and sports events of all nature organised by CISM
- Income from any promotional operation relating to the organisation of the summer and winter World Military Games and any other sports event organised by CISM
- Contribution from partners and sponsors
- Income from any marketing operation
- Donations and legacy
- Any other legally obtained incomes.

BUDGET AND ACCOUNTS

Article 31

The fiscal year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December of the same year.

The Board of Directors shall present to the General Assembly for approval, the annual financial report and shall propose the budget for the coming year.

The auditing procedures are laid down in CISM Regulations.

The CISM financial Regulation addresses the practical modalities of the banking operations and other financial transactions of CISM.

CHAPTER IV GENERAL PROVISIONS REGARDING THE STATUTES

Article 32

These Statutes shall be supplemented by the CISM Regulations. The CISM Regulations govern the policy carried out by CISM, the implementation of the Statutes and codify the functioning rules.

Signature Right

Article 33

Acts committing CISM shall be validly signed by the President, or the Secretary General if appointed for this purpose by the President

Amendments to the Statutes

Article 34

All amendments to these Statutes are of the sole competence of the General Assembly and require a three quarter majority.

The General Assembly shall delegate to the Board of Directors the authority to modify the CISM Regulations except for those relating to financial and budgetary matters, to member nations rights and duties, to votes and elections and to Honours and Awards of CISM. These shall be under the sole authority of the General Assembly. In any case the General Assembly shall also retain the right to modify any CISM Regulation.

The amendments of the Statutes shall require the approval by a Royal Act and a publication in accordance with article 3 of the Belgian Act of 25 October 1919.

In any case, amendments to these Statutes shall be *submitted to the Minister of Justice and published to the Annexes of the "Moniteur belge"*.

Dissolution of CISM

Article 35

The dissolution of CISM shall only be decided if the request has been included in the agenda and approved by at least three quarters of member nations present at the General Assembly that shall only be convened in this respect.

In case of dissolution, the ultimate General Assembly shall take all the decisions relating to the properties and resources of CISM. The gross properties after clearance shall be allocated without any expected benefit.

CISM Official Languages

Article 36

English, French, Spanish and Arabic are the official languages of CISM. Only the Statutes and the CISM Regulations are printed in these languages. Other documents shall be elaborated in English and French only.

For any interpretation of the Statutes, the French version shall prevail. For any interpretation of the CISM Regulations, the English versions shall prevail.

During the Congress and the General Assembly, simultaneous translation into English, French, Spanish and Arabic shall be available throughout the sessions.

During Board of Directors meetings, simultaneous translation into English and French shall be provided.

During other CISM official meetings and World Championships, the English language shall be required. French - or other languages - translation is optional.

25 October 1919 Act

Article 37

Items not mentioned in these Statutes are addressed in the CISM Regulations and regulated by the amended 25 October 1919 Act *and to the provisions of the title III of the Act of 27 June 1921, amended by the Act of 02 May 2002, on non-profit organizations, non profit-making international associations and foundations.*

Notes

In CISM documents, the masculine is used in relation to natural person (for example, names such as member, leader, official, chief of mission, participant, athlete, judge, referee, member of the jury, detached, candidate, personnel, or pronouns such as that they) and must, unless otherwise specified, be understood as including the feminine gender.
