

STATUTES AND ARTICLES
OF THE ASSOCIATION CALLED “MEDITERRANEAN PEACE FORUM”

Article First – Title and Acronym:

The persons who adhere to the present Statutes and Articles of Association have constituted an association under the Law dated 1 July, 1901 and the Decree dated 16 August, 1901, whose title is **Mediterranean Peace Forum – Forum de la Paix en Méditerranée** and whose acronym is **M.P.F.**

Article Two – Objectives:

The said association’s objective is:

1. To encourage Israeli-Palestinian dialogue and to contribute to establish confidence between the two peoples.
2. To contribute to strengthen reciprocal understanding and cohabitation between the Mediterranean peoples by encouraging inter-religious dialogue and calling for respect of cultural and religious diversities.
3. To work toward a culture of peace and the establishment of a process of understanding and cooperation, of co-development between all the Mediterranean countries.

Article Three – Registered Head Office:

The registered head office is located at 128 rue la Boétie, 75008 Paris

It may be transferred by mere decision of the board of directors; however, the General Assembly shall have to ratify the said decision.

Article Four – Life of the Association

The Association is constituted for an unlimited period of time.

Article Five – Composition of the Association

The Association is composed of:

- a) founding members;
- b) active or adhering members;
- c) benefactors;
- d) honorary members.

Article Six – Admission

To become a member of the said Association, the applicant must adhere to the Statutes and Articles of Association of the same.

The Board of Directors may reject adhesions by giving a motivated notification to the interested party.

Article Seven – Members:

- a) Are founding members, the signatories of the present Statutes and Articles of Association;
- b) Are active or adhering members, those persons who adhere to the present Statutes and Articles of Association and pay their yearly subscriptions;
- c) Are benefactors, those individuals and legal entities who support the action of the association either by gifts or services;

- d) Are honorary members, those individuals and legal entities who, by their gifts, bring their help to the forum in order to assist it in reaching its aims and objectives.

Article Eight – Disqualification

A member is disqualified by:

- a) resignation;
- b) death;
- c) disqualification decided by the board of directors for non-payment of the subscription or on serious grounds, the said member having been invited by registered letter to appear before the committee to give explanation.

Article Nine – Resources

The resources of the association include:

- a) the amount of the members' subscriptions;
- b) government grants, local government grants and contributions coming in from public establishments;
- c) public or private contributions and grants;

Article Ten – Board of directors:

The association is headed by a board of directors which is an executive body for the main orientations set by the General Assembly.

The board of directors is granted by the General Assembly broad powers enabling it to better manage all the activities, notably power to establish ad hoc working groups which would seem necessary for ensuring better management of its activities.

It is composed of seven members, elected for three years by the General Assembly and they may be re-elected.

In case of vacancies, the board provisionally provides for the replacement of its members. Their final replacement is provided for in the next General Assembly. The powers of the members elected thereby end at the date the mandate entrusted to the replaced members would normally expire.

Article 11 – Meeting of the board of directors:

The board of directors meets at least once every six months, upon invitation from the chairperson or upon request from one quarter of its members.

Decisions are taken at the majority of votes; in case of equality, the chairperson holds a casting vote.

Any member of the board of directors who, without any excuse, has not been attending three consecutive meetings, may be considered as resigning.

The board of directors in its first meeting appoints an auditor in office and a substitute auditor chosen from the list mentioned in the Law on commercial companies.

Article 12 – Committee:

The board of directors chooses amongst its members, either in a secret ballot or in a show of hands as per the chairperson's option, a committee composed of:

- a) a chairperson;
- b) three vice-chairpersons;
- c) a secretary general;
- d) a treasurer;

The chairperson is in charge of opening one or several bank accounts in the name of the association in agreement with the board of directors. The bank accounts are operated with the signature(s);

- a) either of the chairperson alone and in all cases;
- b) or:
 - of the treasurer alone for sums not exceeding one thousand euros (€ 1,000);
 - of the treasurer together with a member delegated by the board of directors for sums of at least one thousand euros (€1,000);

In particular emergency cases, the board of directors can delegate to the secretary general a mandate for opening bank account.

Article 13 – Ordinary General Assembly:

The Ordinary General Assembly includes all the members of the association whatever their qualities. The Ordinary General Assembly convenes at least once a year.

At least fifteen days prior to the date set, the members of the association are summoned by the secretary general. The agenda is indicated in the convening.

The chairperson, attended by the members of the committee, presides over the meeting and sketches out the moral standing of the association.

The treasurer reports on his/her management and submits the balance to the approval of the meeting.

The Ordinary General Assembly decides on simple majority of the members present or represented.

After all the points on the agenda have been dealt with, the outgoing members of the board. are replaced, either by secret ballot or by show of hands as per the chairperson's option.

Article 14 – Extraordinary General Assembly:

If needs be, or upon request from half plus one of the enrolled members, the chairperson may convene an Extraordinary General Assembly as per the formalities provided by Article 13.

The Extraordinary General Assembly decides on a two-third (2/3) majority of the members present or represented.

Article 15 – Rules of Procedure

The board of directors may draw up rules of procedure and have them approved by the General Assembly.

These possible rules are destined to establish points which are not provided for in the Statutes and Articles of Association, especially those relating to the internal administration of the association.

Article 16 – Amendment of the Statutes and Articles of Association:

The present Statutes and Articles of Association may only be amended by an Extraordinary General Assembly of the members of the association as per the conditions provided by Article 14 and upon proposal of the board of directors.

Article 17 – Dissolution:

The dissolution of the association may only be decided by an Extraordinary General Assembly of the members of the association as per the conditions provided by Article 14 and upon proposal of the board of directors.

In case of dissolution, one or several receivers are appointed by the meeting and the assets, in case there is any, are settled as per Article 9 of the Law dated 1 July, 1901 and the Decree dated 16 August, 1901.

Done in Paris

On 19 December, 2006