



## Visually Impaired's Educational World Support

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On 30th June, 2008,

In the presence of Maître **Christine WERA**, solicitor,  
in Liège (Grivegnée).

(Names and addresses of the founding members)

Anca DAVID, Romanian

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met to form an educational, scientific and intercultural, international non-profit organisation (aisbl), in accordance with the law dated 27/06/1921. They declared that the statutes are as follows:

### Name, headquarters

Article 1. The association is called "Visually Impaired Education and Work Support international (aisbl)", to be abridged to "VIEWS International aisbl".

The association presents itself as a top-level federation to support the activities of its members and or associations, in at least 3 European countries.

Article 2. The headquarters shall be in Belgium, at 104 rue En Bois, Liège, in the judicial district of Liège. It may be transferred anywhere else in Europe, on the decision of the Board of Directors, with Royal approval, in accordance with article 50, paragraph 3 of the law dated June 27<sup>th</sup> 1921.

### Aim

Article 3. The aim of the association is

to promote meetings and international contacts between young people, especially the visually impaired.

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Activities will be financially accessible to the majority of people and will aim at:

- offering a place, time and means to allow young people to reflect on their own life plans and aims;
- optimising the skills and capacities of these young people to smoothly and easily integrate themselves into social, academic and professional life with as much autonomy as possible;
- developing amongst these young people the spirit of solidarity and democracy specific to European culture.

To do this, the association will develop collaborations between people

and organisations sharing a common interest in visual impairment throughout Europe: groups of young people and their parents, charities, community centres and research bodies specialising in visual impairment, sports and cultural groups, ...

Article 4. The association's life shall be unlimited. It may be dissolved at any moment in accordance with the current statutes.

Article 5. The association may undertake any activity that can contribute towards the achievement of its aims, such as:

- developing new methods and tools for the education and well-being of the visually impaired;
- exploring new directions to improve the quality of the education of the visually impaired;
- collaborating with any public or private organisation with the same aims;
- taking an interest in and contributing to any activity similar to its aims;
- undertaking any activity directly or indirectly connected to its aims, such as: finding funds, buying, taking, selling or leasing any building or furniture, taking out loans, making donations or legacies, etc, this list being non-exhaustive.

## **Members**

Article 6. The association is composed of full members

and subscribing members from at least 3 European countries

All members must subscribe to the aims and objectives of the association as defined in articles 3 and 5.

Article 7. New full members are voted in by the relative majority of the

Board of Directors, their decision being based on motivated applications from subscribing members sent to the Board of Administrators. The applicants have to be members of the association for at least 2 consecutive years

The full members have to vote on the accounts and annual budget and to actively participate in the life of the association in accordance with the by-law.

Full membership shall terminate:

- at the request, in writing, of the member addressed to the president of the Board of Administrators;
- on a decision of the Board of Directors approved of by a two-thirds majority vote;
- automatically for unmotivated failure to appear at more than two consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors;
- for non-payment of fees.

Article 8. New subscribing members are admitted without condition provided that fees are paid. Membership shall be removed for non-payment of fees.

Article 9. Each member pays an annual fee. The fee shall be set each year by the Board of Administrators, and for the first time, when the association is being set up. The fee is limited to 1000 €.

## **The Board of Directors**

Article 10. The whole of full members make up the Board of Directors.

The activities reserved for the sole jurisdiction of the Board of Directors include:

- approving accounts and budgets;
- voting on the admission and the exclusion of full members, on proposal of the Board of Administrators;
- appointing or dismissing administrators
- modifying the statutes on proposition of the Board of Administrators, as requested in the hereafter article 11
- approving the by-law.
- deciding on the dissolution of the association.

Article 11. The Board of Directors' meetings take place after an electronically-mailed notification from the president, to approve the accounts and the budgets. They may also take place on the request of at least a quarter of voting members. The meeting attendance notification, (with its full agenda, date and address), is sent (electronically) to full members two weeks before the meeting.

(The meeting may take place physically or electronically. )

A full member may be represented by another full member by proxy, but a member is not allowed to represent more than one other member.

The Board of Directors may not validly rule on any statutes modification unless at least two thirds of the full members are present or represented. Its decisions are approved by absolute majority votes.

If this meeting, however, is not attended by two thirds of the full members (the requested quorum), a new meeting shall be called, with the same programme as the previous one ; and whatever the number of members present or represented, the board of directors legitimately makes decisions agreed on by two thirds votes.

Article 12. In all cases but exceptional ones detailed in the current statutes, resolutions are passed by a relative majority vote of present or represented members, and they are communicated to all members

by electronicmail.

The Board of Directors can not vote on any item that does not form part of the agenda of the meeting, except if there is a unanimous resolution from all the members present and represented without restriction.

In case of deadlock, the President of the Board of Administrators shall have the casting vote.

Article 13. The resolutions of the Board of Directors are recorded in a register signed by the president and held by the secretary of the Board of Administrators, who keeps it at the full members' disposal.

## **Board of Administrators**

Article 14. The association is managed by a Board of Administrators.

Article 15: Administrators are to be appointed for a term of 3 years, and

(one third of the seats on the Board of Administrators are to be filled by election each year based on an internal vote.)

Article 16. Administrator candidates send a letter of motivation to the Board of Administrators following a request for applications issued by the Board of Administrators through electronic means.

Administrator candidates must have been full members for at least 2 years.

After a request for applications, the list of potential candidates is sent to all full members electronically by the Board of Administrators. The full members then vote according to an electronic procedure detailed in the by-law of the association.

Candidates gaining the majority in the referendum are elected. The list with the elected administrators is then sent by email to the full members.

On a temporary basis, the first administrators are chosen among the founding members of the association.)

(Article 17. The position of administrator shall terminate:

- at the request of the administrator himself, in writing, to the president of the Board of Administrators;
- on the decision of the Board of Directors, on a two-thirds majority vote, after the administrator has been heard by the Board of Directors, if required;
- for unmotivated failure to attend more than two consecutive meetings of the Board of Administrators or one meeting of the Board of Directors,
- for non-payment of fees.)

Article 18. The Board of Administrators consists

of a minimum of 6 people from at least three different nationalities)

They appoint a president, a secretary and a treasurer.

Article 19. The Board of Administrators meets at least 6 times per year, after receiving an electronically-mailed notification from its president.

Resolutions can only be voted upon if a majority of the administrators are present, in which case resolutions are passed by a relative majority vote of administrators present. In the case of deadlock the president shall have the casting vote.

Article 20. The decisions of the Board of Administrators are recorded in a register signed by the president and held by the secretary, who keeps it at the voting members' disposal.

Article 21. The Board of Administrators has all the power to manage and administer the association, except those which the current statutes attribute to the board of directors.

It can delegate the daily management to an executive office, of which the role and composition are defined in the by-law. The executive office is under the authority of the two managing administrators.

Article 22. The association shall be validly bound by the signature of one of the two managing administrators who have been designated by the Board of Administrators. These administrators cannot be held responsible for their actions by a third party to the Board of Administrators. The members of the Board of Administrators are collectively responsible for any document signed with respect to third parties.

Article 23. The association is legally represented by the president of the Board of Administrators, or by an administrator especially appointed to this task by the Board.

## **Dissolution and various items**

Article 24. The end of the financial year is 31st December each year. The Board of Administrators is required to submit each year for the approval of the Board of Directors the accounts for the previous year as well as the budget for the following year.

Article 25. Any proposal which has, as its aim, the dissolution of the association, must originate from the Board of Administration or two thirds of the voting members of the association. The Board of Administration must provide all voting members with three months notice of the date of the meeting which will decide on such a proposal. No decision on the dissolution of the association will be made unless voted for by a two-thirds majority of the voting members of the association. If this meeting, however, is not attended by two-thirds of the voting members, being either present or represented, a new meeting shall be called with the same conditions as above which will, validly and definitively, decide on the proposal by

means of a majority vote of full members present. In case of a deliberate dissolution, The Board of Directors will appoint a receiver and set his authority. The assignment of assets shall be fixed by the Board of administrators or, in case of failure, by the receiver.

Article 26. Anything that is not detailed in the current statutes shall be governed by law or by by-law.

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