

Statutes

§ 1 Name and Seat of the Association

- (1) The name of the association is United Hands for Refugees and has its seat in Hamburg.
- (2) United Hands for Refugees shall be entered in the register of associations and shall thereafter carry the suffix "e.V."

§ 2 Purpose of the Association

- (1) The Association exclusively and directly pursues charitable and benevolent purposes within the meaning of the section "tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code.
- (2) The purpose of the association is to promote assistance for people persecuted on political, racial, or religious grounds as well as refugees and to promote assistance for people who are discriminated against on the basis of their gender identity or gender orientation. Furthermore, the association aims to contribute to the promotion of international spirit, tolerance in all areas of culture and the idea of international understanding.
- (3) The purpose of the statutes is in particular realized through the material and immaterial support of these people, such as the distribution of donations in kind and food as well as financial emergency aid and the establishment and mediation of donation networks. The purpose of the statutes is also realised through awareness-raising and educational measures within the framework of, for example, specially offered educational projects, online and offline workshops, social media campaigns and school visits both nationally and internationally.

§ 3 Non-profit status of the association

- (1) The association shall act selflessly; it shall not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.
- (2) The association's funds may only be used for purposes in accordance with the statutes. Members shall not receive any financial contribution from the association's funds.
- (3) No person may benefit from expenses that are alien to the purpose of the association or from disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 4 Membership

- (1) Any natural person or legal entity may become a member of the association.
- (2) A distinction is made between ordinary membership and sponsoring membership.
- (3) Sponsoring members have the same rights as ordinary members.
- (4) Application for membership must be made in writing to the association's board. In the case of minors, the application for membership must be submitted by their legal representatives. The board shall decide on the application for membership at its own discretion. Reasons must be given to the applicant if the application is rejected.
- (5) Membership ends by resignation, expulsion, death, or dissolution of the legal entity.
- (6) Resignation from the association is permitted at the end of each month with a notice period of one week. It must be declared in writing to the board.

- (7) An expulsion from the association can only take place for important reasons. Important reasons are, in particular, conduct detrimental to the aims of the association and the violation of statutory obligations. The board shall decide on the expulsion. The member has the right to appeal against the expulsion to the general assembly. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the board within one month after the expulsion. The general assembly makes the final decision within the framework of the association.

§ 5 Membership fees

- (1) No membership fees shall be levied from ordinary members. Sponsoring members pay a monthly membership fee. The general assembly may determine the introduction of membership fees for ordinary members. The amount and due date of the membership fees shall also be determined by the general assembly.

§ 6 Organs of the Association

- (1) The organs of the association are the board and the general assembly.

§ 7 The Board

- (1) The Board in the sense of § 26 BGB (German Civil Code) consists of at least two members of the association, the chairperson and his or her deputy. They represent the association judicially and extrajudicially. One member of the board may represent the association alone. The number of board members shall be decided by the general assembly when the board is appointed.
- (2) The members of the board shall be elected individually by the general assembly for a period of one year. Only ordinary members of the association may be members of the board; end of membership in the association also ends membership in the board. Re-election or early dismissal of a board member by the general assembly is permissible. A board member shall remain in office after the expiry of the regular term of office until the election of his or her successor.
- (3) If a member leaves the board prematurely, the remaining members of the board are entitled to elect a member of the association to the board until the general assembly has elected the successor.

§ 8 General Assembly

- (1) The general assembly is the supreme organ of the association. Its tasks include, in particular, the election and deselection of the board, ratification of the actions of the board, acceptance of the reports of the board, introduction, abolition and determination of membership fees and their due dates, passing resolutions on amendments to the statutes, passing resolutions on the dissolution of the association, deciding on the expulsion of members in cases of appeal, as well as other tasks, insofar as these arise from the statutes or by law.
- (2) The ordinary general assembly takes place once a year. In addition, a general assembly must be convened if the interest of the association requires it or if at least 1/4 of the members demand the convening in writing, stating the purpose and the

reasons. The convocation of the general assembly is made in writing by the board with a notice period of two weeks and includes the agenda.

- (3) The general assembly can take place on site or online. In the case of an on site general assembly, members may also participate online.
- (4) The agenda must be supplemented if a member requests this in writing no later than one week before the scheduled date. The addition is to be announced at the beginning of the meeting. Motions to amend the statutes and to dissolve the association that have not already been sent to the members with the invitation to the general assembly can only be decided at the next general assembly.
- (5) The general assembly has a quorum regardless of the number of members present.
- (6) The general assembly shall be chaired by a member of the board. If all board members are unable to attend, the general assembly shall be chaired by a chairperson to be elected by the general assembly.
- (7) At the beginning of the general assembly, a secretary is to be elected.
- (8) Each member has one vote. The right to vote can only be exercised in person or on behalf of a member upon presentation of a written proxy.
- (9) Votes shall be decided by simple majority of the casted votes. Amendments to the statutes and the dissolution of the association can only be decided with a majority of 2/3 of the members present. Abstentions and invalid votes shall not be taken into account.
- (10) Minutes shall be taken of the resolutions of the general assembly and shall be signed by the chairperson of the meeting and the secretary.

§ 9 Dissolution of the Association

- (1) In the event of dissolution or annulment of the association or in the event of discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the association shall pass to a legal entity under public law or to another tax-privileged corporation for the purpose of use for the purpose stated in §2.

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