

# Terre Solidali

## TERRE SOLIDALI'S CHART

### **Art. 1**

The Association "Terre Solidali" has been constituted. It is a not-for-profit organisation.

### **Art. 2**

The Association is legally based in Nebbiuno (Novara), Piazza Tre Martiri n° 6. It can establish bases both in Italy and abroad.

### **Art. 3**

The duration of the Association is unlimited.

### **Art. 4**

The Association operates in order to improve and optimise the utilisation of resources appointed to solidarity, international co-operation and development.

The Association is a not-for-profit organisation, it is apolitical and aconfessional.

The Association, to fulfil the mentioned aims,

- promotes the information and sustains the awareness to the ideas of solidarity, mundiality and development through projects, conferences, conventions, publications, audiovisuals, events both in Italy and abroad;
- promotes research and professional formation in the developing countries;
- promotes fundraising campaigns to finance initiatives and projects in the developing countries realised directly or through partnerships with local and international institutions;
- sustains and develops local resources for the implementation of projects;
- supports civic societies in the developing countries;
- establishes an international network with universities, research centres, associations or individuals aimed at sustaining developing projects and elaborating effective co-operation strategies;

To accomplish with the aforementioned aims, the Association can enter into contracts or agreements with individuals, public and private bodies, Italians or foreigners, and execute the related activities.

### **Art. 5**

They can be part of the Association individuals, associations, not-for-profit organisations that meet with the aims of the Association itself, that share its objectives and that engage themselves to collaborate making available their expertise and resources in order to achieve the aforementioned aims and objectives.

Each member has to deposit, by the 31<sup>st</sup> January of each year, the enrolment fee, whose amount is decided by the Members' Assembly.

The title of Member ends because of decease, resignation or exclusion.

The Member willing to resign must to give communication to the Board through a letter, he/she must also to deposit the enrolment fee for the current year and for the next one as well if resignation happens after the approval of the next year budget.

The Assembly, with the majority of 2/3 of its members, has the power to exclude the Member who has acted against the mission of the Association or who has not paid the annual fee. The non-payment of two annual fees entails an automatic exclusion, without the permission of the Assembly.

The dismissal of the title of Member leads to the automatic discharge from every title within the Association.

## **Art. 6**

The Association's bodies are:

- the Members' Assembly;
- the Board of Directors;
- the Presidency.

## **Art. 7**

The Members' Assembly is composed by all the entitled members.

Every member is entitled to a vote, who is abroad can vote through e-mail.

Associations and bodies take part to the Assembly through a representative with a written nomination.

Is member entitled to taking part at the Assembly who was associated during the last assembly in which his/her nomination has been approved and whose fee has been paid. This norm is not applicable to members who voted in the first assembly.

The Assembly is convoked by the Chairman, who gives an advance written notice sent by post or e-mail at least 20 days before the date of the meeting.

The Assembly must be convoked if requested by 3/5 of the Members.

The ordinary Assembly is convoked every year before 30<sup>th</sup> June to vote the final balance and the budget and to deliberate the annual programme.

Each Member can represent, provided a written delegation also bestowed through e-mail, only one entitled member.

The number of delegations can rise at three if the entitled members represented are abroad. Delegation can be bestowed only to a entitled member.

The Assembly is validly set up if half more one of the entitled members are present, through written delegation. In the case of a second convocation, the Assembly is validly set up whatever the number of members present.

The Assembly deliberates through simple majority and manifest vote. In the case of changes of the Chart and of dissolution of the Association, the Assembly deliberates through a majority of 4/5 of members present.

The Assembly elects the Chairman and the General Secretary, who will draft the minutes that will be inscribed in a suitable book.

The Assembly deliberates through simple majority any variation on the annual fee.

The Assembly, through manifest vote, defines the number of the members of the Board of Directors, variable from three to seven, ed elects its members.

The Assembly elects the Chairman of the Association, whose mandate is of two years and who can be re-elected.

## **Art. 8**

The Board of Directors is designated by the Members' Assembly and it is made up by a number of members variable from three to seven.

The Board of Directors is the body responsible for the management of the Association, according to the dispositions of this chart and with the annual plans deliberated by the Assembly.

The members of the Board of Directors' mandate is of two years, and they can be re-elected; if one quits through resignation, revocation or any other reason, the Assembly nominates his/her substitute.

The Board of Directors, within the 15 days following its constitution, nominates, through simple vote, the Vice-chairman, whose mandate is of two years and can be re-elected.

The members of the Board of Directors are not allowed to receive any form of payment, neither in money or in kind, for their counselling role within the Assembly, with the exception of travel expenses held for the fulfilment of their tasks.

The Board of Directors has the power to entrust the Chariman, the Vice-chairman or third parties with some specific tasks, and can nominate proxies.

The Board of Directors has the power to entrust individuals who are not members of the Association with special tasks.

The Board of Directors can nominate a Director if it is necessary to delegate operative and administrative functions of the Association.

The Board of Directors must provide for the drawing up of the budget and final balance, submitted to Assembly approval; it defines also the fundraising strategy.

The Board of Directors meets, as a rule, once a month and is convoked by the Chairman or if requested by 2/3 of its members, with an advance written notice of 48 hours.

The Board of Directors is validly set up if 3/5 of its members is present, and it deliberates through simple majority.

**Art. 9**

The Chairman (if absent, the Vice-chairman) is the legal representative of the Assembly, he/she is in charge of the fulfilment what is deliberated by the Board of Directors. In case of an urgency, the Chairman can wield the powers of the Board of Directors, that, during the next meeting, will confirm the decisions taken.

**Art. 10**

The practising of the Association runs from January the 1<sup>st</sup> to December the 31<sup>st</sup>.

The final balance must be certified.

It is forbidden to distribute, directly or indirectly, profits and surpluses, as well as funds, reserves or capital, during the running of the organisation, apart from the exceptions provided for by the article 10, first sub-section, lett. d) of the Decree 4 december 1997 n° 460.

**Art. 11**

In the case of dissolution of the Association, the Assembly determines the purpose of any surpluses and the goods possessed by the Association itself that, in any case, have to be transmitted to not-for-profit organisations committed with solidarity.

**Art. 12**

For what this chart does not deal with, refer to the Civil Code, the Decree 4 december 1997 n° 460 and the other relevant laws.