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The Executive Committee shall decide the powers and duties of the officers and fill temporary vacancies among the officers for their unexpired terms of office. It shall establish such committee as may be necessary to carry out the programme and activities of the Federation. It shall appoint such persons as may be necessary to carry out specific tasks furthering the aims of the Federation.

Members of the Executive Committee not able to attend a meeting may appoint an alternate.

A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of five members or alternates. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority. Between meetings of the Executive Committee, the President may submit proposals to the members by postal ballot. In this case, a decision shall be taken by a majority of ballots returned, provided that ballots are received from one-third of the members.

#### IV. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended by a decision of the Council requiring a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting. Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be circulated to the member organization at least three months prior to the meeting of the Council.

#### V. LEGAL REGISTRATION OF THE FEDERATION

The International Federation of Social Workers is an association constituted according to Swiss Civil Code (Article 60) and has its legal registration in Zurich, Switzerland.

#### VI. DISSOLUTION OF THE FEDERATION

A decision to dissolve the Federation shall require the vote of two-thirds of the member organisations.

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## International Federation of Social Workers

### CONSTITUTION



#### Notarial Certificate

The undersigned notary public at Basle certifies herewith that the above Constitution is in agreement with the actual legal Constitution of International Federation of Social Workers, association in Zurich (Switzerland).

Given under his hand and Notarial Seal, this twentieth day of March nineteenthundredandseventy.

VANFØREHJEMMETS BRYNKE KØBENHAVN

*W. Andreas Sayer, Notary Public.*

## **I. AIMS**

The Aims of the Federation shall be:

To promote social work as a profession through co-operation on an international basis, especially as regards professional standards, training, ethics and working conditions, and to promote the establishment of national associations of social workers where they do not yet exist.

To encourage and facilitate contacts between social workers of all countries and to provide media for discussion and the exchange of ideas, through meetings, study visits, research projects, exchange of publications and other means of communication.

To present the point of view of the profession on an international level by establishing relations with international organizations operating in, or interested in, the social welfare field, and to assist in the carrying out of welfare programmes sponsored by such international organizations.

## **II. MEMBERSHIP**

### **(a) Members**

One professional national organization of social workers in each country may become a member of the Federation. Such an organization may be a national association or a coordinating agency representing two or more national associations. It should require from its members regular professional training compatible with standards recognized in that country.

### **(b) Admission to Membership**

Admission to membership shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the Federation within broad policies approved by the Council.

### **(c) Subscriptions**

The amount of annual subscription for members shall be decided by the Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The fiscal year of the Federation shall be 1 January to 31 December.

## **III. ORGANS**

### **(a) National Organizations**

The national member organizations shall further the aims and activities of the Federation in their respective countries.

### **(b) Council**

The governing body of the Federation shall be the Council. It shall determine the general and financial policies of the Federation, elect the Executive Committee and review its activities and accounts. It shall consist of representatives of the member organizations on the basis of three from each country. Each member organization shall have one vote.

The Council shall meet at least once in every two years. It shall be convened by the President of the Federation or at the request of one third of its members. In the absence of the President, the Secretary shall serve as convener.

A quorum of the Council shall consist of representatives of one third of the member organizations.

### **(c) Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Federation. It shall determine and carry out the programme and activities of the Federation in accordance with the general policies laid down by the Council. The Executive Committee shall adopt the annual budget.

The Executive Committee shall consist of a maximum of fifteen members, including the officers of the Federation. The officers shall be President, not more than seven Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. With the exception of the President and Secretary, not more than one member of the Executive Committee shall come from the same country. The term of office of the Executive Committee shall be two years. No member may serve for more than three consecutive terms. At each election, one-third of the members of the Executive Committee shall be changed, including at least one officer. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year.

The Council shall elect the Executive Committee, including the officers of the Federation. Its members may be selected from the Council but need not be restricted to it. Persons nominated for election must receive the approval of their national organization. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee, consisting of five members of the Council, whose terms of reference shall be determined by the Council.