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## STATUTE OF HivEurope

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## **Name and Purpose**

### **Article 1**

**HivEurope is an independent, voluntary and non-profit umbrella association.**

**The purpose of which is:**

- **To eradicate the stigma and discrimination experienced by those living with HIV/AIDS;**
- **To show solidarity with, enhance the dignity and self determination of those living with HIV/AIDS, their families, carers and other supporters through the course of the disease;**
- **To improve the quality of life, the care and treatment of people with HIV/AIDS, their carers and other supporters, through collaboration amongst its members;**
- **To promote greater involvement of people living with HIV/AIDS (GIPA).**

**HivEurope defines Europe as that described by World Health's Organisation.**

### **Article 2**

**Association is called: HivEurope**

### **Article 3**

**Seat of HivEurope is situated in Copenhagen, Denmark.**

**The seat may be changed by the Board if two third majorities' members agree upon it.**

### **Article 4**

**The aims of HivEurope are:**

- **To promote and protect the interests and ights of people living with HIV/AIDS, their families, their carers and other supporters.**
- **To act as an interface for the exchange of information in Europe, between People living**

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with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) organisations in the European region.

- To develop and defend consensual policy statements on European issues of interest to people with HIV/AIDS, their families, their carers and other supporters.
- To encourage and support research and the advance of knowledge, early diagnosis, treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS.

## Composition of Association

### Article 5

HivEurope is composed of members' organizations.

Each member shall have one vote.

Decisions shall be made by two third majorities of votes.

### Article 6

The members in General meeting constitute the governing body of the association. The General Meeting has the power when more than a half of the members are present.

In the agenda for the General meeting the following points has to be handled:

1. Election of a chair of the meeting
2. Election of a minute taker
3. Election of two vote counters
4. The annual report from the board
5. Financial report from the board
6. Setting of the membership fee
7. Suggestions from the board
8. Suggestions from the members

Every two year:

Election of the Board including the chairperson and vice chairperson.

A General Meeting of the association shall take place annually. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the association shall be convened on the written request of two third of the members of the association.

The minutes of the General Meeting shall be approved by members and signed by the Chairperson of the meeting and the minute taker. The signed minutes shall be kept at the registered office of the association where they may be consulted by members.

#### **Article 7**

Adopting and amending the Statutes has to be done by the General meeting.

#### **Article 8**

The Board of Directors consists of seven Directors. The Board shall be comprised of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson/Secretary as well as five further members directly elected by a General Meeting.

All directors must be members of member organisations of HivEurope. No country can be represented by more than one Director.

Directors shall be representatives from different geographical regions in Europe.

Members of the Board of Directors are elected by a General Meeting for two years.

The Board of Directors shall exercise all policy and administrative powers, as determined by a General Meeting. The decision of the Board shall be made by a simple majority of the votes. At least five Directors shall be present for decision making. In the case of a tied vote, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

The Board shall consider all requests submitted by the members of the organisation. The Board shall prepare a budget and determine the priorities of the organisation.

All legal actions shall be followed up by the Board of Directors, who may delegate the responsibility to any director.

All contracts to be signed and all financial transactions to be approved on behalf of the organisation shall be signed or approved by the Chairperson and one other director.

The Board may delegate any of its functions to a sub-committee or working group.

## **M e m b e r s h i p**

#### **Article 9**

HivEurope members are national or regional organisations of and for people with HIV/AIDS, their families, their

carers and other supporters, predominantly driven by people living with HIV.

Member organizations shall honour the principal of Greater involvement of people living with HIV and AIDS (GIPA) as stated in the 1994 Paris declaration.

## Article 10

Each candidate for admission shall submit to the Board of Directors an application for membership. The rules and regulations of the organisation determine which documents will have to be submitted with the application. Such application shall be placed before the next meeting of the Board for consideration.

Any candidate for membership may be admitted on the recommendation by the Board and by a two thirds majority vote of the full members present or represented at a General Meeting of the members of the organisation. The decisions of the General Meeting need not be justified and cannot be challenged. Any application which has been rejected may be re-submitted.

## Article 11

Membership may be terminated:

- Voluntarily by any member giving one month notice;
- Automatically if a member has not paid its membership fee in due time having received notice three months' prior to the disqualification date;
- By a General Meeting if a member contravenes these Statutes or no longer meets the conditions laid down in Article 9.

Any member which has resigned or been disqualified shall not be entitled to any repayment of membership fees.

## Article 12

The membership fee shall be determined annually at the General Meeting. Members are committed only to payment of this fee.

Membership fees are payable on 31 March of each year. If any member has not paid the membership fees for the current year beginning by the time of the General Meeting, the right of any such defaulting member to vote by delegate or proxy shall be suspended..

Any member remaining in arrears on 31 December in the relevant year shall cease to be a member of HivEurope except by special decision by the Board.

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## **F u n d s**

### **Article 13**

**Funds of HivEurope shall be collected from:**

- **Membership fee and contributions**
- **Grants and subsidies**
- **Donations of international and European organizations; countries and other Donors**
- **Other legal sources of funding**

**The financial year shall close on December 31.**

**The Annual General Meeting shall appoint an auditor to examine and verify the accounts.**

**The accounts shall be available for perusal to all members at the registered office and shall be made available to the public.**

**Every year, the Board of Directors shall submit the accounts to the General Meeting for approval. At the same time the budget for the current year shall be submitted for consideration.**

## **D i s s o l u t i o n o f t h e a s s o c i a t i o n**

### **Article 14**

**In the case of the dissolution of the association the General Meeting shall appoint a liquidator, determine his powers and decide how the net assets of the association shall be distributed, taking into account that any beneficiary must have aims the same as or similar to those of the HivEurope.**

**The Statute of HivEurope is adopted on the Founding General Assembly held on 29th. Of April 2010**