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REVISED STATUTES

The International Military Sports Council (CISM), an international organization created on February 18th, 1948, in Nice (France), decided to create an international association for this purpose. This association was approved in Belgium by the Royal Decree signed on January 9th, 1989, by H.M. the King of the Belgians.

I. STATUTES

CHAPTER I

NAME, OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPLES, SEAT, DURATION, OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

A. DENOMINATION

Article 1

In accordance with Book 10 of the Code of Societies and Associations, the "International Military Sports Council" abbreviated to CISM, has been constituted as an international non-profit association (AISBL) with legal personality, in accordance with these Statutes which define its rights and obligations.

B. PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES

Article 2

The purpose of CISM is to develop, particularly through competitions or sports meetings, friendly relations between the armed forces of member nations, to promote physical education and sports activities, to provide mutual technical assistance, to support, in the name of friendship and solidarity, the less favored members, to contribute to the balanced and harmonious development of military personnel and the international effort for universal peace.

To achieve this goal, CISM organizes the Summer and Winter Military World Games and other sporting events at world, continental, and regional levels. It also organizes seminars and symposiums. It implements solidarity and technical assistance programs.

It may perform all acts that are directly or indirectly related to its purpose. It may, in particular, lend its assistance and take an interest in any activity similar to its purpose. It may own, either in possession or in ownership, all movable and immovable property necessary for the realization of its object.

The main activities that CISM intends to carry out are the following:

- Organize promotional days, meals, shows, festivals, meetings, courses, refresher courses, exams, conferences, gatherings,

- create and/or produce training programs, regulations, and any type of visual promotion;
- Buy, sell, or resell promotional materials, equipment (clothing or sports equipment), programs or courses (in the form of syllabi, videos, e-learning), food and beverages at events, vehicles;
- Conduct lobbying activities, recruit members, and seek sponsors;
- Rental, construction, and/or fitting out of office, training, storage, or representation spaces, on a temporary or permanent basis;
- Organize individualized instruction;
- Organize the transportation of people to various organizations; organize the transportation of materials;
- Publish newsletters, bulletins, magazines, and books;
- Organize sports competitions in various formats and manage the rights to organize and broadcast these events with television partners.

C. PRINCIPLES

Article 3
The organization and operation of CISM is governed by the following principles:

A. CISM is a non-political organization that promotes, through sport, the philanthropic goal of friendship among military athletes in order to foster harmonious international understanding.

B. CISM supports and affirms that sports activities in the armed forces are an essential pillar of operational readiness, international sport, and universal peace.

C. CISM adheres to the universal philanthropic principles of "mens sana in corpore sano" and "all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights" contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Charter.

D. CISM rejects any form of discrimination against any nation or person based on racial origin, religious beliefs, political opinions, or any other discriminatory practices.

E. CISM supports the universal right of every individual to practice the sport of his or her choice according to his or her needs.

F. The CISM operates according to the following democratic principles: one nation represents one vote, the majority prevails, and the General Assembly of member nations is the supreme authority.

G. CISM develops its activities following universal, legal, and ethical principles, relying on the voluntary philanthropic contribution and goodwill of its member nations.
H. Recognized by the sports authorities and the Olympic Movement, CISM contributes to the international effort to protect the environment and supports sustainable development in its events and activities.

I. CISM encourages member nations to organize as many sports competitions as possible in a spirit of equal opportunity, friendship, solidarity, and fair play.

J. CISM develops sports through practice at all levels and through pedagogical research in the field of physical education and sports training.

K. CISM cooperates with all international institutions and organizations that share the same objectives and that promote the gathering of all citizens of the world.

L. Convinced that doping should be considered as cheating and an unsportsmanlike act, CISM respects the World Anti-Doping Code.

M. For CISM competitions, the military status of competitors is a fundamental principle.

**D. HEADQUARTERS**

**Article 4**

CISM's headquarters is located in the Brussels-Capital Region, Belgium.

Its location in the Brussels-Capital Region may be moved by decision of the Organ of Administration on the recommendation of the Board of Directors, subject to compliance with the legislation on the use of languages. All decisions of the organ of administration concerning the transfer of the headquarters must be published in the annexes of the Belgian Official Gazette. The official seat of CISM remains in Belgium.

**E. DURATION**

**Article 5**

CISM is constituted for an unlimited period. It may be dissolved at any time in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in Article 53 of these Articles of Association.

**F. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

**Article 6**

English, French, Spanish, and Arabic are the official languages of CISM. Only the CISM Statutes and Regulations are printed in these languages. All other documents are published in English and French only.

For any interpretation of the Statutes, the French text shall prevail. For any interpretation of the CISM regulations, the English text shall prevail.
During the congress and the general assembly, simultaneous translation in English, French, Spanish, and Arabic is provided during the sessions.

Simultaneous translation into English and French can be provided at the meetings of the Board of Directors.

At other official CISM meetings and world championships, English is mandatory. French - or any other language - is optional.

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   - Honorary members

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CISM is composed of representatives of the armed forces of member countries. The representatives are natural or legal persons officially constituted according to the laws and customs of their country of origin.

Admission

Article 9
To join CISM, a country must meet the following requirements:
A. Be officially recognized by the United Nations.
B. Have armed forces.
C. Respect the CISM statutes and regulations.

The membership procedures are described below:
A. The request, signed by the Minister of Defense or the highest national military authority, is sent to the CISM General Assembly at the address of the headquarters.
B. To become an active member, the nation must meet its financial obligations.
The admission of new member countries is decided by the General Assembly by a threequarters majority.

Rights and Obligations of Member Nations

Article 10
The rights and duties of the member nations are described in the CISM rules. Each member nation appoints a Chief of Delegation who represents the armed forces of his country within CISM. CISM considers him/her as the equivalent of a national sports association president.

Member Nations have the right to speak and vote at General Assemblies.

C. DEFINITION, ADMISSION, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF HONORARY MEMBERS

Definition

Article 11
“Honorary members” are individuals and personalities who have demonstrated their loyalty and respect for the values and objectives defended by CISM.

There can be 3 categories:
- Honorary members
- Honorary President
- CISM Ambassador

Admission

Article 12
Nominations for these positions shall be presented by the Board of Directors to the General Assembly and acceptance of such nominations shall be approved by a majority of at least three-fourths of the votes cast.

Rights and obligations

Article 13
Honorary members do not have the right to vote at the CISM General Assembly.

Honorary Members/Presidents and CISM Ambassadors act in their individual capacity and do not have the authority to bind CISM.
D. RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS

Resignation

Article 14

A member nation may withdraw from CISM by sending to the CISM Headquarters, for the attention of the Administration Body, an official notification of resignation signed by the Minister of Defense or the highest national military authority.

An honorary member may withdraw from CISM by sending a formal notice of resignation to the CISM headquarters to the attention of the Administration Body.

Suspension

Article 15

A Member Nation may be suspended until the date of the next General Assembly, for reasons of inactivity, for disciplinary reasons, or when it no longer fulfils the conditions of membership required by these Statutes and the CISM Regulations.

In this case, the member in question must be informed by the President of the Administration Body of the reasons for his suspension. The member has the right to be heard by the Administration Body in the presence of the Board of Directors and may be assisted by a lawyer.

The Administration Body and the Board of Directors take the decision if at least a majority of the members are present and by three-quarters of the votes of the members present.

Exclusion

Article 16

The exclusion of a member and the related sanctions provided for in the CISM regulations may only be decided by the General Assembly.

The exclusion of the member must be mentioned in the invitation. The member in question must be informed by the president of the Administration Body of the reasons for his exclusion. The member has the right to be heard at the General Assembly and may be assisted by a lawyer.

A member can only be excluded by the General Assembly by a majority of three-quarters of the votes of the members present.

The vote is secret.

The sanction of exclusion taken against the member is notified to him/her by registered letter and is entered in the register of members.

For any other sanction that may be taken against a member, the disciplinary code provided for in the regulations shall apply.
Any nation/person who ceases to be a member of CISM shall have no claim on the property and assets belonging to the International Military Sports Council. It may not claim or request any statement, accounting, seal, or inventory, nor the reimbursement of any dues voluntarily paid.

E. RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 17
Members are not responsible for commitments made on behalf of CISM.

F. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Article 18
The annual membership fee of a member country shall not exceed 100,000,00 €.
The General Assembly sets the amount of the annual fee.

G. PROPERTY RIGHTS

Article 19
The logo, flag, slogan, anthem, and other identifiers, including but not limited to "CISM Championships" and "CISM Military World Games" are the exclusive property of CISM. All rights in all CISM properties and all rights in their use belong exclusively to CISM. CISM may license the use of all or part of these properties under the conditions determined by the CISM Board of Directors and the CISM Regulations.

Article 20
All CISM championships and other events are the exclusive property of CISM, which holds all rights and data relating thereto, including the rights relating to their organization, exploitation, transmission, recording, reproduction, access, and distribution in any form whatsoever. CISM shall determine the conditions of access and use of the data relating to CISM championships and events.

H. REGISTER

CISM shall keep a register of CISM Member Nations at the headquarters of the association. The Administration Body shall enter in this register all decisions of admission, resignation, or exclusion of members within eight days of the knowledge of the decision. The Administration Body may decide that the register shall be kept in electronic form.

The right to consult the register is granted upon express request to the Chairman of the Administration Body and without moving the register.
CHAPTER III
BODIES

Article 21
I. Decision-making bodies

The decision-making bodies are those that carry out the functions of governance, namely:

- General Assembly;
- the Administration Body;
- the Board of Directors;
- Emergency Committee;

II. Daily management (see Art 56)

A. DECISION-MAKING BODIES

a. General Assembly

Definition and composition

Article 22

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of CISM. It is constituted by the Member Nations, represented by the Chiefs of Delegation of these Member Nations. The General Assembly has full powers within the limits of the CISM Statutes and Regulations.

The composition and functioning of the General Assembly are described in the regulations.

General Assembly Session

Article 23

The General Assembly meets at least once a year, at the latest within six (6) months after the end of the previous financial year, under the chairmanship of the President or, in his absence, of the most senior Vice President.

The date and place of the General Assembly shall be fixed and announced two (2) years in advance at the General Assembly. The convocation, together with the agenda and, if applicable, the annual accounts and the budget, shall be sent to all delegations and all CISM bodies by the General Secretariat at least six (6) weeks before the General Assembly.

Chiefs of Delegation may be replaced at the General Assembly by another member of their delegation. The Chief of Delegation must inform the Secretary-General in writing.
Extraordinary General Assembly

Article 24
The Administration Body may convene an extraordinary General Assembly if it deems it necessary and must do so at the request of at least one-third of the active member nations.

This meeting shall be held within four (4) months of receipt of the request for the meeting.

The agenda of the extraordinary General Assembly must reach the delegations at least one (1) month before the date fixed for the meeting. In exceptional cases, the notice period may be shorter.

Remote General Assembly

Article 25
General Assembly is in principle held in person. In case of extraordinary circumstances such as force majeure or pandemic, the Administration Body may decide to hold a General Assembly remotely.

In this case, participation in the General Assembly may be by video or teleconference using the electronic communication means provided by CISM.

The invitation contains the information needed to participate in the videoconference or teleconference as well as a description of the procedure to follow for remote participation.

The chosen means of communication allow participants to:
1) verify the identity and status of other participants;
2) to be informed directly, simultaneously, and without interruption of the discussions during the meeting;
3) participate in the deliberations and ask questions;
4) exercise their right to vote on all matters to be decided by the meeting when a secret vote is not required.

All those convened may participate in the General Assembly by electronic means.

Any technical difficulties that prevented or disrupted participation by electronic means must be recorded in the minutes of the General Assembly.

Members who participate in the General Assembly must meet the conditions of quorum and majority and are considered to be (virtually) present at the place of the General Assembly.
Authority

Article 26

The General Assembly alone is empowered to:

A. To appoint and dismiss the members of the Administration Body and to fix their remuneration in cases where remuneration is allocated to them.
B. To amend the CISM Statutes.
C. To amend the CISM Regulations concerning financial and electoral matters, rights, and duties of member nations, voting and elections, and honorary and meritorious aspects of the CISM.
D. Approve strategic and business plans.
E. To conduct the statutory elections and the motion of no confidence.
F. To accept new nations as members.
G. To exclude member countries.
H. To approve the annual accounts and to vote on the budgets.
I. To dissolve the CISM.
J. To make any other decision when required by the Companies and Associations Code or the Articles of Association.

The General Assembly delegates to the Administration Body, in coordination with the Board of Directors, the power to modify the CISM Regulations, except for those that are the sole responsibility of the General Assembly. In any case, the General Assembly reserves the right to modify any regulation.

Quorum

Article 27

The presence of the absolute majority of the active Member Nations is required to ratify the decisions of the General Assembly, except in cases provided for by Belgian law or the Statutes. If the quorum, as specified above, is not reached, a new convocation will be sent within one month to the member nations to attend a new General Assembly. In this case, the decisions will be validly taken regardless of the quorum of presence.

Article 28

Each nation represents one vote.

Any modification of the Statutes, the admission or exclusion of Member Nations, and the dissolution of CISM shall be decided by a majority of three-quarters of the votes of the active Member Nations present at the General Assembly.

Voting on all other matters shall be by absolute majority unless otherwise provided by the Articles of Association or by Belgian law.
All votes concerning a person shall be by secret ballot.

**Minutes of the General Assembly**

**Article 29**

The Secretary-General draws up the minutes of the General Assembly and distributes them to all members within two months after the end of the General Assembly.

The minutes of each General Assembly are signed by the President and the Secretary-General or, in their absence, by the persons designated for this purpose.

These minutes are kept in a register at the CISM headquarters.

Any member may request extracts signed by the President or the Secretary-General.

Interested third parties may request extracts signed by the President or the Secretary-General on matters that concern them.

**b. Administration Body**

**Article 30**

The Administration Body directs and manages CISM based on the decisions of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

**Authorities**

**Article 31**

The Administration Body shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

1. implement the decisions of the General Assembly,
2. prepare the budget and annual accounts,
3. monitor the work of the CISM bodies,
4. Develop and implement the CISM strategic plan and annual business plan,
5. establishes and implements regulations, except for those which fall within the exclusive competence of the general assembly,
6. resolves disputes that may arise between member nations,
7. formulates the mandates of the CISM bodies and approves the organization and the agenda of the Congress and the General Assembly,
8. creation/dissolution of committees, working groups,
9. approves the CISM World Events Calendar for the next two years,
10. ensure overall financial control and sound financial administration,
11. ratifies the decisions of the emergency committee,
12. suspend and temporarily reinstate a member nation until the next General Assembly,
13. confirms the appointment of the PCSC and elects him/her,
14. ratifies the election of the PCSCR,
15. grants a non-member nation "conditional membership" under Article 1.8. of the Regulations.

The Administration body may delegate some of its responsibilities to the Board of Directors. In this case, the Administration body must ratify the decisions/notices of the Board of Directors before they become effective.

**Composition**

**Article 32**

The Administration Body is composed of a minimum of 3 members, including in any case:

- The President
- The Secretary-General
- The General Treasurer

**Election**

**Article 33**

Members are elected for a four-year term by the General Assembly. They can be re-elected as there is no time limit.

Their mandate begins at the General Assembly that elects them and expires at the end of the General Assembly held in the last year of the mandate. If this General Assembly cannot be held, the mandate is extended until the next General Assembly.

The voting procedure/conditions for the election are explained in Chapter 4 of the By-Laws.

Members are elected by absolute majority.

**Resignation**

**Article 34**

A member may resign at any time by sending an official notice of withdrawal to the President or the Secretary General of CISM by registered mail.

A member absent from two consecutive meetings shall be considered to have resigned.
**Revocation**

**Article 35**

The General Assembly may terminate the mandate of a member:

- if its nation becomes inactive or suspended,
- by a final and irreversible judgment or conviction by state or sports authorities for actions contrary to the objectives and ideals of CISM.

**Meeting**

**Article 36**

The Administration body may meet at any time at the request of the President of CISM, or at the request of at least three members of the Administration body, or by decision of the Board of Directors.

A detailed agenda will be sent at least 8 days before the date by email to all members.

The modalities for the functioning of the meetings of the Administration body are specified in the CISM rules.

**Decisions**

**Article 37**

Any decision is considered valid if it is taken with at least 50% of its members present.

Decisions are taken by an absolute majority of the valid votes cast by the members present unless the articles of association or Belgian law provide otherwise.

Each member has one vote.

In the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

**Minutes**

**Article 38**

Decisions are recorded in a register of minutes signed by the President and the Secretary-General or, in their absence, by the persons designated for this purpose.

This register is kept at the head office where the members can consult it on written and motivated requests addressed to the secretary general, without moving the register.
Information

Article 39

The members of the Board of Directors are informed in writing of all decisions taken by the Administration Body.

Representation

Article 40

CISM is validly represented in court, both as plaintiff and defendant, as well as in acts that commit the association, other than those related to day-to-day management, either by the President of the Administration Body acting alone or by the Secretary-General and the Treasurer General acting jointly.

These individuals are not required to justify their powers to third parties.

CISM may also be represented by a member of the Administration body designated for this purpose.

c. Board of Directors

Definition

Article 41

The Board of Directors is the body that issues opinions and proposes orientations and guidelines to CISM, based on which the Administration body manages CISM. It derives its authority from the General Assembly and is chaired by the President of CISM.

Composition

Article 42

The Board of Directors is composed of the President of CISM, a Vice-President for each continent, and at least eight other members.

Election of members

Article 43

The members of the Board of Directors are elected by their respective continents at the continental meeting held within the framework of the General Assembly by an absolute majority. However, in the second vote, the absolute majority is not required if it is not reached in the first vote. The members of the Board of Directors have a mandate of 4 years. At the end
of this period, they can be re-elected for a further period of 4 years. There is no limit to the number of terms.

Functions

Article 44

The members of the Board of Directors are responsible to the member nations of their continent, to their respective Vice Presidents, and, ultimately, to the President.

Procedure

Article 45

The Board of Directors meets at least twice a year. The convocation, as well as the agenda, are sent to all participants by the General Secretariat at least one month before the meeting by e-mail.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting are signed by the President and the Secretary-General. They must be ratified by the Administration body before they come into force. After ratification, a record of decisions is sent to the member nations. A copy is deposited at the General Secretariat, which keeps it at the disposal of the member nations indefinitely.

Quorum

Article 46

The decisions of the Board of Directors are valid when at least half of its members are present and when they have obtained an absolute majority of votes.

d. Emergency Committee

Article 47

In case of emergency, decisions may be made by an Emergency Committee composed of the following members:

- The President
- The Vice Presidents
- The Secretary-General
- The General Treasurer

The Emergency Committee may meet at any time, upon convocation by the President of CISM, to decide on all urgent matters relating to CISM activities. The modalities for the implementation of the Emergency Committee are specified in the CISM rules.
An emergency situation is any situation in which a decision or decisions must be made without the Board of Directors being convened in a timely manner for that purpose.

All members of the Administration body and the Board of Directors shall be immediately informed, in writing, of any decision taken by the Emergency Committee. Such decisions shall be ratified at the next meeting of the Administration body.

**B. DAILY MANAGEMENT**

**Article 48**

In general, the day-to-day management of CISM is delegated to the elected Secretary General, which includes acts and decisions that do not exceed the needs of the daily life of the association, as well as acts and decisions that, either because of the minor interest they represent or because of their urgent nature, do not justify the intervention of the Administration body, and with the exception of the prerogatives belonging to the General Treasurer of CISM.

The Secretary-General may delegate some of his powers to one or two persons designated for this purpose. The Secretary-General may revoke this delegation at any time.

**CHAPTER IV**

**CISM RESOURCES**

**C. RESOURCES**

**Article 49**

CISM's resources are as follows:

- Its own assets.
- Contributions and fees from member nations.
- The product of all rights relating to the commercialization of the CISM emblem for a specific and controlled use.
- The rights reserved for the organization and broadcasting of the Summer and Winter Military World Games and all kinds of sports events organized by CISM.
- Proceeds from any promotional operation related to the organization of the Summer and Winter Military World Games and any other sports event organized by CISM.
- Contributions from partners and sponsors.
- Revenue from any other marketing operation.
- Subsidies, gifts, and legacies.
- Any other legally obtained resource.
D. BUDGETS AND ACCOUNTS

Article 50

The fiscal year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31 of each year.

The General Assembly approves the annual accounts and a budget proposal for the following year.

The methods of auditing the accounts are notified in the CISM regulations.

The CISM Financial Regulations determine the practical arrangements for banking and other financial transactions of CISM.

CHAPTER V
GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. RULES

Article 51

The present statutes are complemented by the CISM Rules. The CISM Rules define the policy followed by CISM, ensure the implementation of the Statutes, and codify the operating rules.

B. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Article 52

The General Assembly can only validly deliberate and decide on modifications of the statutes if the proposed modifications are precisely indicated in the convocation and if at least two-thirds of the active member nations are present at the assembly.

If this last condition is not fulfilled, a second convocation will be necessary and the new assembly will deliberate and rule validly, whatever the number of members present or represented. The second meeting may not be held within fifteen days of the first.

Any modification of the statutes is the sole responsibility of the General Assembly and requires a simple majority.

CHAPTERS VI
DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION OF CISM

Article 53

The dissolution of CISM can only be decided if the request has been put on the agenda and approved by at least three-quarters of the active member nations present at the General Assembly convened solely for this purpose.
In case of dissolution, the last General Assembly takes all decisions concerning the assets and resources of CISM. The net assets after liquidation are attributed to another organization or association with a similar non-profit purpose.

CHAPTERS VII
FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 54

The present statutes, supplemented by the CISM regulations, are governed by the Code of Companies and Associations.

Note

In CISM documents, unless otherwise indicated, the vocabulary used to refer to the human person is masculine, with the feminine gender being considered as included (for example: nouns such as member, leader, official, head of mission, participant, athlete, judge, referee, jury member, detached, candidate, staff, or pronouns such as he, they).

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II. OTHER PROVISIONS

A. The decisions of the General Assembly

Article 55
Election of the members of the Administration Body:

- President
- Secretary-General
- General Treasurer

B. Decisions of the Board of Directors

Article 56. Daily management
The Secretary-General is Captain Roberto Recchia.

By decision taken on April 27, 2023, the Board of Directors has delegated to Mrs. Ariane Morlet and Mr. François-Philippe Draguet the following responsibilities for day-to-day management:

- registered letter,
- for a payment up to 2500 €,
- communication between CISM and the Belgian administration.

Article 57. Regulations
The latest CISM regulations were adopted in December 2021.

Article 58
The head office is located at 1150 Brussels, 16-18 rue Maurice Liétart.
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