

EXODUS NETWORK-CONSTITUTION

Provisory translation in English (The French text is deemed authentic)

Title 1. The persons who undersigned

DASSONVILLE Jean-Pierre living in Brenouille, France

DE BRUYNE Ermelinde living in Sint-Genesius-Rode, Belgium

MARTIN Jean-Luc living in Stockholm, Sweden

OTTET Michel living in Geneva, Switzerland

VERHAEGHE Peter living in Brussels, Belgium

Agreed to create a non profit association according to the Belgian laws of June 27 1921 and May 2 2002 under the following constitution:

Title 2. Name, seat of the association

Article 1. The association is named : "EXODUS NETWORK", in short "EXODUS"

Article 2. The seat of the association has been established in Belgium in the judicial area of Brussels at the following address:

c/o Ermelinde De Bruyne

Avenue de la Moisson 13

1640 RHODE ST GENESE Belgium

Title 3. Goal and duration

Article 3. The association, politically neutral and without confessional attachment, pursue the following goals:

- promote legal representation, social assistance and spiritual support to asylum seekers, inadmissible passengers and deportees held at borders and in transit zones.
- Promote the application, mainly at the European borders, of a human, just and transparent procedure in favour of asylum seekers, inadmissible passengers and deportees.
- Promote the exchange and the cooperation between all actors engaged in that problematic.
- Make sure that inadmission and deportation are accomplished in full legality and that human rights are respected during these procedures. The association can put into effect all actions directly or indirectly connected with its object. It can make a contribution to and be interested in all similar activity to its object.

Article 4. The association is created for an unlimited duration.

Title 4. Members.

Article 5. The association is made of individual and collective members under the qualification of active members, honorary members or otherwise.

Article 6. The active members are at the minimal three. The first active members are the founding members who make the founding general assembly.

New active members can be admitted through a general assembly. To become an active member, one should fill the following conditions:

- Ask by writing to the administrative board which admits the new members
- Express his or her acceptance of the constitution and his or her desire to contribute actively to the goals of the association.

The administrative board informs the general assembly of the admission of new members. The collective members shall designate individuals in order to be represented within the association.

Among the active members there are:

1. Collective members. A collective member shall be any chaplaincy or social or legal service directly involved in assisting asylum seekers, deportees and immigration detainees at borders or in transit areas in Europe and which are interested in the realisation of the objectives as defined under Article 3, Title 3 of the present constitution.
2. Individual members. An individual member shall be any individual involved in assisting asylum seekers, deportees and immigration detainees at borders and in transit areas in Europe or which are interested in the realisation of the objectives as defined under Article 3, Title 3 of the present constitution.

Other members are observers. An observer shall be any international or regional organization and its specialist organ, churches or their institutions, non governmental organisations (NGO's). Observers shall have a consultative role and may attend meetings of the general assembly.

Article 7. A member list shall be kept at the seat of the association to which all members shall have access.

Article 8. The qualification of observer can be given to collective bodies if requested ; they shall benefit of the activities of the association, participate according to the constitution and pay their fees. The administrative board can attribute the title of honorary member or otherwise to any person wishing to give his or her support to the association.

Article 9. An annual fee is decided by the administrative board for all members and it shall not exceed 1000€.

Article 10. Members are free to leave at any time the association by writing their resignation to the administrative board.

Article 11. Non respect of the constitution, non payment of the fees within the month when a reminding registered letter shall be sent, failure to attend or be represented or excused at two general assemblies in a row, acting or speaking against the interest or the integrity of the association, are acts that can lead to the exclusion of any active member; however only a two third majority at the general assembly can make that exclusion effective; the administrative board can suspend these members until the next general assembly.

Article 12. Resigning, suspended or excluded members, as well as heirs or benefactors of deceased members, have no right on the social fund. They cannot claim or request receipt or accounts, nor suspension, nor inventory.

Title 5. General Assembly

Article 13. The general assembly shall be the supreme organ of EXODUS NETWORK and shall be composed of all active members.

Article 14. The general assembly has authority according to the law and according to the present constitution. It has particularly authority for:

- changes to the constitution
- nomination and exclusion of administrative board members
- approval of budgets and accounts
- discharge given to administrative board members
- voluntary dissolution of the association
- exclusion of active member

Article 15. The general assembly shall meet once a year. The association can also be called for an extraordinary meeting at any time upon decision of the administrative board or upon the demand of at least a fifth of the number of active members.

Article 16. All active members must be called by the administrative board for the general assembly, by ordinary letter or by e-mail, at least 15 days before the meeting. The convocation shall mention the days, the time and the place of the meeting as well as the agenda. The administrative board can invite any person for assistance to all or part of the general assembly as observer or adviser.

Article 17. Any active member has the right to participate in the assembly. He or she can be represented by another member or by someone else, who shall have a written authorisation, dated and signed. Each member or mandated person can only have one written authorisation.

Article 18. All the active members have the right to take part in the vote, each having one vote.

Article 19. The general assembly can deliberate independently of the number of persons present or represented except cases according to the law or according to the present constitution. The decisions of the general assembly are taken by simple majority voting except cases according to the law or according to the present constitution In case of equality of votes, the president or his or her representative shall have a casting vote.
Blank, nil and abstention votes are excluded from the ballot.

Article 20. The general assembly deliberates the moral report, the financial report and the minutes of the preceding general assembly. Above that, the general assembly deliberates any point of order mentioned in the agenda, taken up in the convocation as well as any propositions coming from the present members or represented except if the administrative board opposes a majority with an exception for the modification of the constitution. The point of order "any other items" can only concern points which do not necessitate a vote. To be put on the agenda, any point must be signed by at least a third of the administrative board or a twentieth of the active members; it must be communicated to the administrative board at least three week before the date of the assembly, accompanied by a letter which mention the object precisely and completely.

Article 20 bis. The members of the association can be invited by the administrative board to take decisions between two assemblies through a vote by postal mail or e-mail for a precise object with the exception of the dissolution of the association or the exclusion of a member. The administrative board makes sure that all members can validly participate to the voting. The result shall be communicated to all members of the association.
The decision of a value shall be conferred full validity and shall take immediate effect.

Article 21. The decisions of general assemblies are countersigned by the president and by the secretary as well as any active member who wishes to do so. They are gathered in a book that any member can see and that is kept at the seat of the association without removing the book from that place. Any other person can also see extracts of the book if it is legitimate.

Title 6 Administrative board

Article 22. The association is administered by an administrative board which shall consist of at least three and with a maximum of nine members. These are elected by the general assembly. They hold office three years.

Article 23. The administrative board members can be re-elected once their mandate is finished. In case of vacancies during a mandate, a provisory administrative board member can be proposed and nominated by the administrative board. This nomination shall be put to the vote during the next general assembly. That persons' mandate shall be limited to the length of the replaced mandate.

Article 24. The administrative board shall elect within its members a president, a treasurer and a secretary; one administrator can cumulate several functions. In case of impeachment of the president, his or her function shall be taken by the secretary or, if not, by another member designated by the administrative board.

Article 25. The administrative board shall meet whenever it is necessary and whenever one of its members asks for it. Convocations are made by the president or, if not, by another member of the administrative board by letter, fax, e-mail or even orally.

Article 26. The administrative board deliberates validly when half of its members are present or represented. All administrative board decisions are taken through simple majority vote, the president can double his or her vote in case of equality. An administrative board member can ask to be represented by another administrative board member in the administrative board provided he or she gave a written authorization. The meetings can be held on the phone or through computer.

Article 27. The administrative board has extended authority in matter of administration and management of the association. Excluded from its competence are the acts according to the law or according to the constitution.

Article 28. The administrative board can delegate the daily management of the association with the use of the social signature for that management to a person for whom it will fix his or her limits. It shall also delegate some of its authority in particular to one of its members or to someone else. Each administrative board member can collect parcels, letters and registered letters from the post, sign any receipt, accomplish any conservatory act.

Article 29. The decisions of the administrative board are kept in a book of minutes signed by the president and the secretary. This book is kept at the seat of the association. Any member with a legitimate interest can read that book provided he or she does not remove it from its place.

Article 30. Legal actions whether it be for asking or defending are made in the name of the association by the administrative board . One member of the administrative board is designated to this end.

Article 31. Provided bylaws do not say otherwise, each administrator represents the association in front of authorities or third parties. Each administrator signs validly the acts regularly decided by the administrative board. Double signing shall be required for any expenditure above 2500€. He or she will not have to justify of his or her authority in front of a third party.

Article 32. The administrators have no personal obligation and are only responsible for the execution of their mandate. This is done on a voluntary base without salary.

Title 7. Social exercise, budget and account.

Article 33. The social exercise begins on January 1st to end on December 31st each year. Derogation is made for the first exercise which begins April 1st 2007 to end December 31st 2007.

Article 34. The accounts of the past financial exercise and the budget of the coming financial exercise shall be submitted to the approval of the general assembly by the administrative board.

Title 8. Dissolution.

Article 35. In case of dissolution of the association, the general assembly shall designate the person or the persons in charge of the dissolution, shall fix their mandate and shall indicate the affectation to be given to the belonging of the association. This action shall be without interest. The belonging shall go to one or several NGO's which goals are near or similar to the association.

Titre 9. Internal Regulation/Bylaws

Article 36 In order to complete the present constitution, bylaws will be worked out by the administrative board and presented for adoption to the general assembly. Changes can be made by the general assembly through a simple majority vote.

Titre 10. Arbitration

Article 37. In case of disagreement between members, between member and the association, between groups of members or between members and the administrative board, a solution shall be sought by a group of three designated arbitors who will act according to the articles 1676 and following of the judicial code.

Title 11. Transitory decision.

Article 38. The general assembly has nominated today three administrators:

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58 rue de la Libération, F 60870 Brenouille
Born in La Bassée, France November 6th 1946

MARTIN Jean-Luc living in AKERSBERGA
Husby Backe 8 S18444 Akersberga
Born in Strasbourg, France July 24th 1961

OTTET Michel living in Geneva
12 rue Carteret, CH1211 Geneva 7
Born in Geneva July 23rd 1939

In its first meeting, the administrative board delegated as local administrator
DE BRUYNE Ermelinde living in Sint-Genesius-Rode
Oogstlan 13, B1640 Sint-Genesius-Rode
Born March 26 1958

Signed in Brussels
June 29th 2007