Sudan and South Sudan Forum e.V. Statutes

(as amended and adopted on 31.1.2016)

§ 1

Name, Seat, Fiscal Year

- 1 The name of the association is "Sudan and South Sudan Forum". It shall be entered in the register of associations of the Hildesheim District Court and then bears the suffix "e.V.".
- 2. the association has its seat in Hildesheim. The association was established on 13.12.1991.
- 3. the association is politically, ethnically and denominationally neutral.
- 4. the business year of the association is the calendar year.
- 5. the association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes in the sense of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the tax code.

§ 2

Purpose of the Association

 The purpose of the association is to arouse interest in the life of the people in Sudan and South Sudan in the sense of international understanding and peaceful shaping of a common future in the world.

The purpose of the statutes is realized in particular by:

- a. Information and education work in Germany about the situation in Sudan and South Sudan, as well as the connections between Germany and Sudan and South Sudan.
- b. Influencing political, ecclesiastical and economic decision-makers in Germany with regard to peace, reconciliation and respect for human rights in Sudan and South Sudan
- c. Coordination of Sudan/South Sudan initiatives in Germany.
- 2. the association is selflessly active, it does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes. It may collect and spend donations. The funds of the association may only be used for the statutory purposes of the association. No person may be advantaged by expenditures that are the purpose of the association, or by disproportionately high remuneration.

Members of the association may not receive any financial compensation solely on the basis of their membership.

§ 3

Membership

1. members can be natural and legal persons who are committed to the goals of the association.

The board of directors decides on the admission after a written application with a majority of three quarters of the votes cast.

If the approval is refused, the applicant can appeal to the general meeting, which will then decide on the admission with a majority of three quarters of the votes cast.

2. supporting members

Supporting members are those who are willing to support the aims of the association and to pay the fixed fees according to §4 of the statutes. For admission, a written declaration of membership must be sent to the board of directors, which has to be confirmed by the board.

Only if it can be assumed that the joining willing member is clearly in conflict with the goals of the association, the board can reject the membership.

§ 4

Membership fee

The membership fees of active and sustaining members shall be determined by the General Meeting by a majority of three-quarters of the votes cast.

§ 5

Termination of membership

Membership shall be terminated by written notice of resignation, closure of the Association or death/liquidation. There are no deadlines for declaration. In the case of resignation, the obligation is to pay the membership fee for current fiscal year. The exclusion of a member can in particular be due to gross violation of the interests of the association or in the event of arrears in membership fees of two calendar years.

An appeal against the decision of the board of directors on the exclusion of a member can be lodged with the general meeting. The final decision is made by a simple majority. All arrears in contributions must be settled.

§ 6

Organs of the association

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- 1. the general meeting
- 2. the board of directors SUDAN and SÜDSUDAN Forum e.V.

§ 7

General Meeting

- 1. general meetings shall be held at least once a year. They shall also be convened if necessary in the interest of the association or if one fifth of the members request in writing, stating the reason.
- 2. general meetings do not have to take place at the registered office of the association.
- 3. general meetings shall be announced in writing by the board of directors. The agenda must be set by the board, on which the general meeting shall decide at the beginning of the meeting by simple majority. New items can only be added to the agenda with a three-quarter majority. The notice period is four weeks. Each duly convened General Meeting shall have a quorum regardless of the number of members present.
- 4. The general meeting decides with a simple majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, a motion shall be rejected. The right to vote can be exercised personally or by or by transfer. No member may have more than two votes. A majority of three quarters is required and a majority of four-fifths of the votes cast shall be required to change the purpose of the association.

As "votes cast" count shall also include abstentions.

5. minutes of the general meeting shall be drawn up and signed by the chair of the association and the minute taker. Resolutions are to be recorded, stating the place and the time of the meeting.

Board of Directors

- 1. the executive committee (Board) consists of at least three, at most seven members.
- 2. the executive committee (Board) is elected for a period of three years and remains in office until new elections are held.

Only active members of the association may become members of the board. Re-election is possible. A member of the Board is elected if he or she receives a simple majority of the votes cast. In particular are to be elected a chairperson, deputy chairperson, treasurer.

- 3. the executive committee is responsible for the management of the association and the implementation of the resolutions of the general meeting. The Board of Directors may hire and fire employees.
- 4. the board makes its decisions in board meetings. In individual cases, resolutions may be passed by written procedure, but then only unanimously. The minutes of the board meetings shall be sent to active members of the Association upon request.
- 5. the chairperson, the deputy chairperson and the deputy chairperson are authorized to represent the association in accordance with §26 BGB.

They shall exercise the representation in this order.

§ 9

Working groups

The Executive Board or the General Meeting may establish working groups to prepare and implement individual projects. The powers of representation according to § 8 shall remain unaffected. A working group may be dissolved if the majority of the Executive Board so decides. A dissolved working group may attempt to obtain clarification at an extraordinary general meeting in accordance with § 8. ordinary general meeting in accordance with § 7, Paragraph 1.

§ 10

Dissolution of the Association

In the event of the dissolution of the Association or the discontinuation of its previous purpose, the assets shall be transferred to the

Society for Threatened Peoples in Göttingen, which must use them directly and exclusively for non-profit purposes.

Founded: Hildesheim, December 13, 1991.

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