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INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE ITALIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

1. NATURE AND REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Italian National Committee is hereby formed as locally based body of the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA), void of legal personality. The UIA is an international association of lawyers whose statutory and administrative offices are in Paris (France). The present National Committee gathers collective and individual members based in Italy.

The registered office of the National Committee is currently located in Florence (Italy) c/o the Consiglio dell'Ordine degli Avvocati di Firenze, Nuovo Palazzo di Giustizia - Viale Alessandro Guidoni n. 61 – 50127 Firenze , Blocco G – Piano 2 .

The address of the office can be changed by Resolution of the Executive Committee, to be communicated to the Italian Revenue Agency.

2. GOALS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The goals of the National Committee are:

- to ensure a liaison between the UIA and its members in Italy, as well as with various professional organisations in the Nation,
- to participate in the Nation's professional training and to promote the development of the UIA among lawyers and professional institutions in the Nation who are members or non-members of the UIA, notably through the organisation of seminars, study days and conferences,
- to represent the UIA in front of the Nation's judicial and governmental authorities,
- to diffuse in the Nation, by all possible means, the UIA's official positions as they were adopted by the UIA's leading organs in accordance with relevant Statutes,

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- to contribute to the development of the UIA in its region in co-ordination with the UIA regional secretary,
- to promote the fundamental principles of the legal profession and the principles of the Rule of Law in the Nation.

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3. BODIES OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The bodies of the National Committee are:

- The President of the National Committee and the Vice President
- The Secretary and the Vice-Secretary of the National Committee
- the General Assembly
- the Executive Committee

4. THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The President of the National Committee is elected by the General Assembly through a simple majority vote of present or represented members. He or she represents the National Committee in front of UIA organs, and is a member of the Presidency Council.

The President leads the National Committee and represents it in front of the Nation's judicial and political institutions.

When electing the President, the General Assembly also elects a Vice President, who is in charge of helping the President with his or her missions, and of replacing him in case of his or her absence or other impediments; a Secretary and a Vice-Secretary.

The terms of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Vice-Secretary run for an initial period of two years, and are renewable a maximum of three times, for one year at a time. Any term renewal of a National Committee President exceeding two years must be authorised by the UIA's Executive Committee.

Following a ratification vote by the General Assembly, the Vice President succeeds the President once he or she steps down, and another vice president is then elected. If a ratification vote is not achieved, the General Assembly elects a new President and Vice President.

5. COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is composed of all of the Nation's individual and collective UIA members whose UIA dues are paid.

6. MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly meets at least once a year, upon written notification by the Executive Committee by letter or by email, at least eight (8) days in advance. The notification specifies the agenda.

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Furthermore, the General Assembly shall meet every time the Executive Committee deems it appropriate or upon request of one third of the National Committee members.

Any individual or collective member can be represented at the General Assembly by another member, by written proxy. One same member cannot be a proxy for more than five (5) members.

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7. DUTIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly has the following duties:

- to elect the President of the National Committee and the Vice President,
- to take stances on the items of the agenda of the UIA General Assemblies,
- to define the overall policies for the Executive Committee,
- to review the activity of the Executive Committee,
- to settle disputes involving the nomination of individual members to sit at the Executive Committee.

8. QUORUM AND VOTING AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

There shall be no quorum requirement for the General Assembly meetings.

The votes shall be apportioned among present or represented members as follows:

- 60 % of votes for collective members
- 40 % of votes for individual members.

In case of equal results, the President of the National Committee's vote, and the Vice President's in the case of his or her absence, shall be the tie-breaker.

9. DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has the following duties:

- to implement the goals of the National Committee as described in article 2 above in accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly,
- to ensure the liaison between the National Committee and the UIA,
- to convene a meeting of the National Committee members on the annual UIA Day,
- to establish regular reports on the activities and development of the National Committee for submission to the UIA,
- to assist the presidents of commissions, sub-commissions and working groups of the UIA in their search for National speakers and/or orators for UIA congresses and seminars,
- to ensure the presence of individual members from the Nation in the UIA's commissions and working groups,
- to organise the Nation's seminars, trainings, study days, meetings with representatives of civil society and of judicial authorities, the day of the UIA in the Nation, the global day of the persecuted lawyer;

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- to establish, within each of the Italian Regions, a regional section of the Italian National Committee.

10. COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The President and Vice President of the National Committee are *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee.

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The Executive Committee is furthermore composed of:

- A representative of each collective member,
- At most ten (10) individual members, representing when possible the Nation's various regions,
- Members from the Nation who are on the UIA's Governing Board,
- Former National Committee Presidents who are *ex officio* members, provided they still are UIA members.

Representatives of professional organisations who are not members of the UIA can be invited to take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee, without voting rights.

11. NOMINATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Each collective member selects its representative and duly informs the President of the National Committee in writing.

Individual members, other than *ex officio* members, are nominated by the Executive Committee.

Any dispute regarding the nomination of individual members will be handled according to article 8 § C of the UIA's Internal Rules.

12. TERM LENGTH OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' OFFICE

The Executive Committee members, other than *ex officio* members and other than the President and the Vice President, are nominated for an initial period of two years. Their term can then be renewed a maximum of three times for a period of one year each.

Those members who definitively cease their professional activity, who are suspended from practice or who are excluded from the UIA, automatically lose their qualification as a member of the Executive Committee.

13. ORGANISATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee members shall allocate their various functions and duties among themselves, under the direction of the President of the National Committee.

The Executive Committee meets at least three times a year. It is convened upon with eight (8) days written notice by the President of the National Committee, and by the Vice President in his or her absence or in case of other impediments.

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Furthermore, a meeting of the Executive Committee may be called upon the written request of a third of its members.

The Executive Committee can create sub-committees to whom it delegates specific missions.

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14. QUORUM AND VOTING AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

For any Executive Committee meeting, *quorum* exists if at least 20% (twenty per cent) of its members are present or represented.

Any member of the Executive Committee can give permission to another member of the Executive Committee to represent them. A single Committee member cannot represent more than one other member.

In case of equal results, the President of the National Committees' vote, and in his or her absence the Vice President's vote, shall be the tie-breaker.

It is allowed the participation in any Executive Committee meeting by means of telecommunications, provided that the available electronic tools be suitable for permitting the real-time two-way communication and, therefore, that the simultaneous connection among all participants be to enable all meeting participants an immediate opportunity to: a) examine the documents of the meeting; b) intervention in the discussion; c) exchange of documents; d) vote; e) approval of the minutes.

15. FINANCES

The National Committee cannot financially bind the UIA without the latter's prior written consent.

The National Committee is not authorised to collect membership fees. Unless it receives a grant as per article 8 of the UIA Internal Rules, the National Committee is self-financing. The Executive Committee can also receive subsidy or sponsorship from a third parties subject to the prior approval of the UIA's Financial Director or of his or her adjunct.

16. REGIONAL SECTIONS OF THE ITALIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Italian National Executive Committee, on the proposal of its President, may establish, within each of the Italian regions, a Regional Section of the Italian National Committee, chaired by a President appointed by the Italian National Executive Committee.

The Italian Committee may revoke at any time both the establishment of the Regional Chamber that its President.

The Regional Section, in cooperation with the Italian National Executive Committee and following its directives, promotes the activities of the Italian National Committee in its Region. The Regional Section is located in the offices of its President and is composed of all of the Nation's individual and collective UIA members whose UIA dues are paid, who are resident in the Region.

Each Regional Section, when established:

- meets at least twice a year, convened by its President.
- participates in the activities of the Italian National Committee, through the Regional President and the other members who join it, ensuring that its work is coordinated with that of the Italian National

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Committee.

- appoints a Secretary.
- organises at least once a year a seminar or a training course open to all members on the rolls of their Region.

The President of the Regional Section and the Secretary and any members of the Regional committees remain in office for two years and then are renewable annually for no more than three times.

16. ADOPTION AND MODIFICATION OF THE REGULATIONS

The present regulations, adopted by the present Italian National Committee, come into effect immediately upon their ratification by the UIA Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee establishes, with its own resolution, the registered office of each Regional Section.

Any modification to the present regulations must be approved by the General Assembly of the Nation's members and then by the UIA Executive Committee.

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Written in Verona, on June 20th, 2018

For the National Committee, the President of the National Committee:

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Ratified by the UIA Executive Committee on