**STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION « ACTIONS CITOYENNES MADAGASCAR »**

**Title 1**

**DENOMINATION - HEADQUARTERS - DURATION**

Art.1. An association is created in Antananarivo called "Actions Citoyennes Madagascar", known under the acronym "ACM", governed by Ordinance No. 60-133 of 3 October 1960 on the general regime of associations.

Art.2 - "Actions Citoyennes Madagascar" is not affiliated to any political party or religious group. It accepts all those who adhere to the present status, without discrimination of sex, race, ethnicity, social class or ideological affiliation.

Art.3 - "Actions Citoyennes Madagascar" is autonomous, private, non-profit-making. The income, proceeds or property of the association shall be exclusively devoted to the achievement of its objectives and shall in no way be shared among its members.

Art.4 - It carries out its activities according to the principle of voluntary work.

Art.5. The Headquarters, currently located in Antananarivo (Lot II S 58A, Anjanahary) may be transferred to any other place in Madagascar by decision of the General Assembly.

Art.6 - The duration of the association "Actions Citoyennes Madagascar" is unlimited, except in case of dissolution provided by law and the present statute.

**Titre II**

**OBJECTIVE**

Art.7 - "Actions Citoyennes Madagascar" is a non-profit association. It aims to undertake actions for the advantage of citizens, particularly among vulnerable population groups, and sets itself the following objectives:

- Information and sensitization in the field of citizens' rights in terms of access to inheritance, individual property, and basic public services (education and health) ,

- Information and sensitizationn in the field of citizens' rights in case of abuse in all its forms;

- Concrete actions in the areas mentioned above.

Art.8 - It is committed to take all necessary measures to achieve its objectives, and to this end, to assume all the prerogatives recognized to the legal person.

**Title III**

**CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP, RESIGNATION AND RADIATION OF ITS MEMBERS**

Art.9 - Membership of "Actions Citoyennes Madagascar" is granted to any natural or legal person working directly or indirectly and supporting the principles, objectives and activities of the association defined in Article 7, and having read and accepted the present Status of the Association and the Internal Regulations.

Art.10 - Any membership must follow the procedures in the Internal Regulations.

Art.11 - Membership is lost by resignation, death or dismissal whose procedures are stipulated in the Internal Regulations.

**Title IV**

**RULES OF ORGANIZATION**

Art.12 - The bodies of "Actions Citoyennes Madagascar" are :

- the General Assembly, a decision-making and deliberative body,

- the Members of the Bureau, the guiding and monitoring body,

- the Executive Committee, the implementing body.

**Title IV.1**

**The General assembly**

Art.13 - The General Assembly has the following attributions:

- adoption or amendment of the Status and Internal Regulations,

- definition of the association's objectives and methods of interventions,

- election of the members of the Members of the Bureau,

- adoption of programs and the approval of budgets,

- approval of the activity and financial reports approved by the Statutory Auditors.

Art.14 - The General Assembly meets in ordinary session twice a year: one meeting at the beginning of the year and one meeting at the end of the year. The quorum for holding the meeting shall be two-thirds of the registered members.

Art.15 - An extraordinary general assembly may be held at the written request of the members of the Bureau of the Association or by more than one third of the registered members.

Art.16- Any general assembly is held by means of a written notice sent to the members at least one month in advance of the date of the session. This contains the agenda.

If the quorum fixed by Article 14 is not reached, a second written convocation is sent to the members. This time, the session is held even if the quorum is not reached.

All general meetings are directed by the members of the Bureau of the Association, either by the President or by the Vice-President. The report of the meeting shall be held by the Executive Committee.

Art.17 - The deliberations at the general assembly are taken by means of a vote by show of hands. A deliberation is adopted if half plus one of the members has voted for it.

**Title IV.2**

**The Members of the Bureau**

Art.18 - The management of "Actions Citoyennes Madagascar" is under the responsibility of the Members of the Bureau, which is accountable to the General Assembly.

Art.19 - It assumes the following functions and powers:

1- to ensure the good management of the assets and the efficient administration of the association

2-to ensure the sustainability and quality of the services provided by the association

3-to decide on the allocation of any funds collected by the association

4-to recruit and dismiss the Executive Director or Members of the Executive Committee

5-to study and to review the annual accounts duly audited before their presentation to the General Assembly and to give discharge

6-to designate the Statutory Auditors

7-to provide the association’s general orientations

8-to verify that any draft amendment to the Rules of Procedure is in conformity with the Statute.

**Title IV.2**

**The Executive Committee**

Art.20- The management of "Actions Citoyennes Madagascar" is ensured by an Executive Committee which is the operational management body of the association. It is managed by a Project Manager.

Art.21- The functions of the Project Manager are as follows

1- To attend personally all the meetings of the General Assembly;

2 - To execute the decisions of the meetings;

3- To take the necessary initiatives to achieve the association's objectives;

4- Recruiting the enforcement staff;

5- To assume the functions delegated to him/her by the President;

6- To present the organization chart to the Members of the Bureau for approval. This organizational chart describes the administrative, technical, financial and human functions made available to the association;

8- Design, implement and follow the procedures manual.

**Title V**

**THE ASSOCIATION'S BUDGETARY RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURE**

Art.22 - The resources of "Actions Citoyennes Madagascar" come from :

- membership fees, contributions from active members,

- national or international subsidies,

- donations from private or legal persons or other bodies duly authorised by the laws in force.

Art.23 - The expenses of the association are those inherent to the execution of the activities foreseen by the Annual Work Plan and approved by the General Assembly. Such expenditure may include the purchase of materials and equipment to carry out the activities.

Art.24 - The accounting must be kept according to the generally accepted financial principles and described in the Internal Regulations.

**Titre VI**

**MODIFICATION OF THE STATUS AND CHANGE IF THE NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Art 25 - Amendments to the Articles of the Status as well as the dissolution of "Actions Citoyennes Madagascar" may only be pronounced upon a decision of a General Assembly specially called for this purpose.

The requirements relating to quorum and approval of deliberations are those laid down in Articles 16 and 17 of Title IV.1.

Art.26 - The procedures for amendments and dissolution are described in the Internal Regulations.

Art.27- If the dissolution is decided and after discharge of the liabilities, the assets will be devolved to an association whose activities come closest to the objective for which the association was created.

The assets of the dissolved association shall in no case be shared among the Members.

Art.28 - Any dispute between them, two or more Members of "Actions Citoyennes Madagascar", or any disputes relating to the application of the Statute and Regulations will be settled first amicably, then through hierarchical and finally judicial channels.

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