



# **STATUTES OF MILSET Europe**

## **Article 1**

### **Name, Seat and Legal status**

1. The name of the organisation is "MILSET Europe".
2. "MILSET Europe" is an international youth non-governmental, non-profit and politically independent organisation, created from member associations of "MILSET" (Mouvement International pour le Loisir Scientifique et Technique) having their seat in Europe.  
The concerned geographical area is, generally speaking, Europe.  
This association is founded in the Czech Republic in accordance with the Czech Civil Code.
3. The seat of "MILSET Europe" is Bubenská 6, 170 00 Praha 7, Czech Republic.
4. "MILSET Europe" is a legal entity.

## **Article 2**

### **Aims and Nature of Activities**

The aims of "MILSET Europe", according to the Charter of Milset as agreed in Québec on July 17th 1987, are to:

1. Support the development of scientific and technical activities destined for children and youth in Europe;
2. Support international co-operation, particularly the exchanges of young people between member organisations of "MILSET Europe";
3. Encourage, by its activities, co-operation among young scientists on a European level and thus help in the creation of a united Europe;
4. Aid member organisations to develop further by means of international seminars, training and conferences;
5. Organise "Expo-Sciences", on a European level, during which young people meet and present their projects which reflect their creativity in the sphere of science and technology, in particular the biennial European Expo Sciences (ESE)
6. Co-operate with MILSET, which is active in the same field of activities on a global level.



### **Article 3**

#### **Actual Members - Membership and Dismissal Conditions**

1. The association is open to all non-governmental non-profit organisations with a legal status which are members of MILSET and which are active in the field of science and technology and are oriented towards children and youth with the same aims of "MILSET Europe".
2. The General Assembly decides on the entry of new members on the basis of a written proposal of an actual member addressed to the Secretariat before the General Assembly.
3. The General Assembly accepts resignations on the basis of a written document from the member organisation.
4. The General Assembly can also consider a member organisation which has not paid the membership fee for more than a year as a resigning member.
5. The General Assembly can also decide on a dismissal of a member organisation if that one is acting in opposition to the aims of "MILSET Europe".

### **Article 4**

#### **Rights and Obligations of Members**

1. All members of "MILSET Europe" have equal access to all information, sources, services and the entire communication which takes place within the net of "MILSET Europe".
2. All members of "MILSET EUROPE" have equal rights to ask for financial subsidies that are available within the organisation.
3. All members have the right to take part in General Assemblies.
4. All members have to pay an annual membership fee. The amount of this fee is established by the General Assembly. Only those members who paid the membership fee before the General Assembly have the right to vote in it.



**Article 5  
General Assembly**

1. The General Assembly is the highest body of "MILSET Europe".  
A statutory general assembly takes place every year; every even year, during the European Expo Science and every odd year at a place which is determined by the Executive Committee.
2. An extraordinary general assembly can be summoned if at least one third of the members ask for it.
3. The General Secretariat prepares the summons for the General Assembly and sends it to the members at least 60 days before the General Assembly. The agenda of the session is sent at least 20 days before the meeting.  
The agenda of the session can be updated at the General Assembly with the exception of issues that need to be decided upon by an absolute majority.
4. The quorum of the General Assembly is made of the presence of the simple majority of its members.  
The General Assembly takes its decisions by a simple majority of its members present or represented, except when directed differently by these same statutes.
5. Unless one of the members asks for a secret vote, voting takes place by a show of hands.
6. The General Assembly elects members of the Executive Committee. The General Assembly also holds the power for their potential dismissal.
7. The General Assembly nominates members for the MILSET Executive Committee..
8. The General Assembly can :
  - 8.1.propose modifications of statutes;
  - 8.2.divide the Association, or merge with one or more other association(s), as well as decide on the abolition of the Association;
  - 8.3.set up a board of appeal
  - 8.4.approve the annual budget, accept the financial report of the Association;
  - 8.5.establish commissions and/or work groups and elect their members;
  - 8.6.deal with any other issues that the General Assembly considers to be important.
9. decisions concerning points 7.1 and 7.2 of the present article are taken by the absolute majority of present members.

**Article 6**  
**The Executive Committee and its President**

1. The Executive Committee is responsible for the everyday management of the Association.
2. The Executive Committee comprises at least seven members, elected by the General Assembly for the period of two years, out of which five are less than 30 years old. Its members can be re-elected.
3. The Executive Committee meets at least twice a year on the initiative of the President or if more than a half of its members request so.
4. The Secretariat makes the summons and sends them to members of the Executive Committee at least 21 days before the session. The summons contain the date, place and agenda of the session.
5. The quorum of the Executive Committee is made of the presence of a simple majority of its present members.  
It takes its decisions by a simple majority of its members present.  
Voting is made by a show of hands unless one of the members asks for a secret vote.
6. The Executive Committee can take its decisions out of its sessions: every member of the Executive Committee can introduce his/her draft decision. This draft has to be sent to other members of the Executive Committee, as well as to the Secretariat by regular mail, fax or email. The date of sending will determine the reply deadline. It is understood that the absence of a reply is neither an agreement with the proposition, nor its refusal and such a proposition will not be accepted unless at least half of the members of the Executive Committee reply positively. The Secretariat of "MILSET Europe" will announce the result of such consultation to the members of the Executive Committee within seven days.
7. The Executive Committee charges its members with special functions and elects, within itself, a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary General.
8. The President is authorized to act on behalf of the Association.
9. Tasks of the Executive Committee are to:
  - 9.1 collect and diffuse information among the members, as well as with MILSET;
  - 9.2 organise exchanges;
  - 9.3 follow up open files;
  - 9.4 put the information on the web site of Milset where MILSET Europe pages will be created;
  - 9.5 prepare General Assemblies;
  - 9.6 provide multilingual translations (French - English - Spanish - Czech) of distributed documents as well as of the information during meetings;
  - 9.7 look for new members;
  - 9.8 encourage the creation of scientific activities for young people in countries where such type of activities is not yet sufficiently developed;
  - 9.9 keep in touch with the European Commission and different governments;
  - 9.10 develop contacts with financial partners.



**Article 7  
General Secretariat**

1. The General Secretariat of "MILSET Europe" is in Prague.  
The General Assembly can be held at different locations.
2. Its task is to apply decisions taken by the Executive Committee and to take all the necessary administrative steps to perform the assigned task.  
Its task is also to technically prepare the sessions (General Assemblies and sessions of the Executive Committee).
3. Its task is also to keep the accounting of the Association.
4. The General Secretariat is managed by the Secretary General of the Association.

**Article 8  
Management rules**

1. The management of "MILSET Europe" is in accordance with the laws and regulations on the association of citizens of the Czech Republic and according to other rules determined by the Executive Committee.
2. The financial sources of the Association are: membership fees, grants, donations from partner organisations and results from its own activities.
3. The General Secretariat is in charge of management, record keeping and use of the property. The use of means is subject to an annual revision report.
4. In order to use the property effectively or to assure the efficient functioning of the Association, the Executive Committee can establish a legal entity.
5. In case of cancellation of the Association, the Executive Committee will appoint a liquidator who will be in charge of the liquidation. The remainder property will be divided among member organisations on the basis of a decision by the General Assembly.
6. "MILSET Europe" is not responsible for its member organisations' commitments.

**Article 9  
Final stipulations**

The association of "MILSET Europe" can be cancelled on the basis of a decision by the General Assembly.

The official liquidator, appointed by the Executive Committee of "MILSET Europe", will perform the liquidation. The Executive Committee of "MILSET Europe" will decide on the possibilities of the distribution of the remainder.