

Based on articles 2, 9 and 11 of Law on citizen associations (published in Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina number 6/95), the Initial Assembly of the Association of Citizens Nansen dialogue centre Mostar, at its Assembly meeting held on 21. September 2007. in Mostar, decided on the following:

STATUTE OF THE ASSOCIATION OD CITIZENS NANSEN DIALOGUE CENTRE MOSTAR BASIC PROVISIONS

Article 1

Founders hereby associate themselves at their own free will, into the ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS NANSEN DIALOGUE CENTRE in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, in Mostar ("Association"), a non-governmental, non-political and non-profitable association of citizens.

Article 2

The Statute of the Association regulates main questions important for Association's functioning and work, especially:

The name and the Head Office of the Association

Official stamp and logo of the Association

Aims and area of work of the Association

Membership programme of the Association

Association's bodies

Moneys and material possessions of the Association

Financing structure of the Association

Procedure for Ceasing of work of the Association

Changes to the Statute of the Association

Other questions of importance to the functioning of the Association

THE NAME AND THE BASE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 3

The name of the Association is:

UDRUGA [association] NANSEN DIJALOG CENTAR

Shortened name of the Association is: **NDC**

Association is based in Mostar, Alekse Šantića/Tvrтка Miloša 19 Street.

The area of responsibility of the Association is the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton.

Article 4

The name of the Association in English Language is "Nansen Dialogue Centre"

Shortened name is: "NDC"

OFFICIAL STAMP AND LOGO OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 5

The Association has a Stamp and a Seal.

The Stamp is round shaped, 3 centimetres in diameter, and contains the full name and home city of the Association in Croatian language, with the English name of the Association beneath.

The Seal is rectangular shaped, 7 x 12,9 centimetres, contains the home city of the Association, and space for act number and date.

Article 6

The procedure for use of Stamp and Logo of the Association is regulated by special instructions written by the President of the Association.

Article 7

The Association has its own logo, identical to that of other Nansen Centres.

PURPOSE, PROGRAMME AIMS AND AREAS OF WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 8

Purpose and programme aims of the Association:

- Participation in building and developing civil society in the Herzegovina - Neretva Canton by using the experiences of developed democracies, also taking care of special needs and particularities of life and way of working in this region.
- Representation and creation of different relations to democratic participation, protection of human rights and gender equality.
- Training of programs participants for active and constructive relationship to peace initiatives.
- Preparation of citizens for active participation in the development of a democratic society through establishment of dialogue.
- Education of citizens on peaceful conflict resolution.
- Advancement and strengthening of democratic ideas and institutions.
- Advising and making suggestions to relevant bodies in questions important for these areas of work.
- Co-operation with other associations with similar program aims and areas of work.

Article 9

To accomplish the purpose and program aims from previous article of this Statute, the Association will:

- organize roundtables, seminars, study trips, forums, lectures and similar.
- Work on changes in laws and other regulations, which will lead to the development of democratic principles in the society.
- Publish magazines and expert papers.
- Aid the Association members in publishing expert papers and their professional knowledge.
- Organize and help media activities and organizations (radio, TV, internet, etc.)
- Co-operate with educational institutions at all levels, expert associations and other organizations in its surrounding.
- Monitor and aid the development of democratic institutions in its surroundings.
- Support the rights of minorities.
- Aid young and perspective persons of all profiles, committed to the building of civil society.
- Co-operate with non-governmental organizations and other institutions in the country.
- Monitor the development of the political, economical and security aspects, which can influence on programs of the Association.
- Encourage process of establishing and maintaining good relationships between countries

Article10.

Work of Association is oriented to education of all interested citizens in this canton, regardless of their political, religious ,ethnical, or any other background.

Program of the Association is focused on establishing confidence, reconciliation and improvement of neighbourly relations in all segments of society, as well as to act in the field of society and politics, in areas which refer to regional development and cooperation.

MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION

Acceptance of the members and Expulsion

Article11.

Member of this Association can be each person, who signs the acceptance card of the Association and accept the Program and the Statute of the Association.

Article12.

Decision about new members, as well as expulsion, is decided on the level of Assembly, with the majority of the voices for it. In documents of the Assembly will be precise conditions and reasons, which can lead to abovementioned decisions.

Membership in the Association will be ended in case of:

- resign, based on written statement; or
- death

Association gives membership cards to its members

Rights and obligations of members

Article13.

Member of the Association has right and obligation to participate in activities of the Association and implement Program, Statute and other decisions made by bodies in Association.

This include right :

- ✍ To give suggestions and requests, project's proposal and right to appeal to Association's bodies;
- ✍ To participate in the work of the Association;
- ✍ To elect and to be elected in the Association's bodies;
- ✍ To be informed about work of all bodies in the Association;
- ✍ To participate in seminars, conferences, and other professional meetings;
- ✍ To use other rights in accordance to decrees of this Statute and other acts of the Association

Obligation of the member is:

- ✍ To implement goals of the Association;

- ✍ To protect and preserve Association's reputation;
- ✍ To actively participate in the work of the Association;
- ✍ To implement decisions made by bodies in Association;
- ✍ To co-operate with other members in order to achieve Program's goals and aims;
- ✍ Coordinate his/her work with the work of the regional office of the Association.

ORGANISATION AND BODIES IN THE ASSOCIATION

Article14.

Association is organized on the level of Herzegovina-Neretva canton.

By separate decision will be determinant internal structure of the Association (boards and branches)

Article15.

Bodies in the Association are:

- ✍ Assembly
- ✍ Management board
- ✍ President of the Association

Assembly

Article16.

Assembly is the highest decision making body in the Association.

Assembly is consisting from all members of the Association.

Assembly:

- ✍ Brings Program and Statute of the Association;
- ✍ Brings Standing Orders of its work program and adopts reports about work of the Association;
- ✍ Brings annual programs and plans at the end of the year;
- ✍ Brings annual financial plan and verify final account;

- ✍ Elects and acquits of the president and vice president of the Assembly;
- ✍ Brings and acquits of the president of the Association and members of the Management board;
- ✍ Decides about cease of the work of the Association;
- ✍ Decide about other employments, in accordance to the law, statute and other acts of the Association.

Article17.

Call for Assembly is made by Management board or president of the Association.

President of the Association has duty to call for the Assembly if the one third of the members express wish for it. Assembly is working in accordance to its Standing orders.

President of the Assembly prepares, presides and runs Assembly.

President of the Assembly has deputy, which is presiding in case of president's absence.

President and his/her deputy are chosen by Assembly and they are members of the Association.

Article18.

Regular Assembly is held at least once a year, but if there is a need it could take place more than once.

Regular or exceptional Assembly must be announced at least eight days in advance with time table and agenda.

Assembly is valid if majority of the members is present, and the decisions are valid if the majority of the members vote for them.

Assembly brings decisions trough public voting, but some of the decisions can be reached trough private voting .

Management board

Article19.

Management board is executive body in the Association. Management board has following duties and rights:

- ✍ To execute decisions of the Assembly;

- ✍ To give annual report about its work, finance and use of the entrusted property;
- ✍ To organize regular and occasional professional committees, working groups, boards, etc, for specific jobs;
- ✍ To decide about proposed projects, which are in the program of the Association;
- ✍ To organize lectures and other activities, which have aim to increase the level of professional knowledge of its members ;
- ✍ To execute other jobs, which are under their jurisdiction according to Statute and other acts of the Association.

Article20

Management board consists from 5 members, which are chosen by the Assembly for the period of one year, and with the right to be re-elected.

President of the Association is presiding in Management board. Assembly elects president and vice president of the Management board.

All decisions of the Management board are reached through public voting.

Decision is valid if majority of the members is voting for it.

Management board works according to its Standing Orders.

President of the Association

Article21.

President of the Association represents and presents Association in all legal and other matters with third parties.

President is elected by Assembly for the period of one year, with right to be re-elected.

President of the Association has the following duties:

- ✍ To execute all programs and plans of the Association;
- ✍ To execute financial plan of the Association;
- ✍ To preside and lead the Management board meetings;
- ✍ To call for meetings of the Management board;

✍ To work, together with other members of the Management board, on informing members of the Association and public;

✍ To carry out other duties, in accordance to the Statute and his/her position.

President of the Association has obligation to give annual report about accomplishment of the program activities and fulfilment financial obligations, including annual financial statement.

President of the Association can, in accordance to his/her rights, give power to other persons for specific jobs, signing contracts and other legal matters.

PROPERTY AND FINANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article22.

Association has its property, which include all real estates, and movable property as well as financial resources of the Association.

Association is financed trough donations, gifts, projects and other resources, which are in accordance to the law.

Association has legal statute and transfer account.

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Article23.

Association will, in accordance with Program and Statute, co-operate with other local and international organizations and associations, especially with other Nansen Dialogue Centres.

CEASING OF WORK

Article24.

Association can cease with its work, in accordance to the law, if the Assembly decides to end the work. Decision is valid if two thirds of the members of the Association vote for it.

In case of cease of the work all property of the Association will be given to one or more organizations, humanitarian or other institutions, in accordance to the decision of the Assembly.

If Association ceases with its work, president of the Association will give request for the erasing the Association from Register.

CHANGES TO THE STATUTE

Article25.

Assembly with two third of the votes can change statute. Proposition for changing the statute can be given by at least one half of the members.

Assembly has duty to reach the decision about abovementioned proposition at most three months after the proposition is given.

PUBLICITY OF THE WORK

Article26.

Association's work is public. Association will work on reaching its goals and aims trough public broadcast systems, Medias, and by publishing magazines, publications, etc.

OTHER AND FINAL STATEMENTS

Article27.

Other general acts of the Association will be reached by procedure given by the Assembly.

Article28.

This statute is valid from the day of the decision, and the previous statute from 8th October 2000 has ceased to apply.

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Mostar, 21. 09. 2007

President of the Assembly:

Elvir Đuliman