

Statute of the SAVIO Civic Association

1. General provisions

- 1.1. The name of the association shall be SAVIO o.z. /Slovak Activity Volunteer International Organization/ (hereinafter the ‘Association’).
- 1.2. The Association is a non-political, voluntary, non-profit, non-governmental and interest association of personal entities.
- 1.3. The registered office of the Association is located at Miletičova 7, 821 01 Bratislava, Slovakia.

2. Purpose and objectives of the Association

- 2.1. The fundamental purpose of the Association shall be to conduct social and humanitarian activities on national and international level, to participate in projects of the development aid, to promote solidarity among humans, and to educate people in view of their responsibility for the lives of those in social need and danger in accordance with this Statute.

2.2. Fundamental objectives

Fundamental objectives of the Association shall include the following:

- a) to promote the solidarity among people;
- b) to raise the sense of people’s responsibility for the lives of those in social need and danger;
- c) to assist in human, cultural, social and economic raise, young people in particular, in the countries and regions with economic, social and political difficulties;
- d) to prepare programmes and co-operating in projects of development aid on national and international level;
- e) to support further education, training and information of target groups;
- f) to meet the vital necessities of target groups in accordance with this Statute;
- g) to reinforce sustainability of living conditions;
- h) to raise public empathy with the problems of people, in particular of children and young people, in regions and countries in which the Association is performing its activities;
- i) to produce, develop, protect, restore and present spiritual and cultural values;
- j) to educate, train and develop physical training;

- k) to create and preserve environment and protect public health;
 - l) to promote services supporting regional development and employment;
 - m) to assist young people in becoming involved in a proper family and social life
- 2.3.** The Association shall perform mostly the following activities:
- a) on its own or in co-operation with other organisations on national and international level, to prepare and implement projects aimed at the benefit of young people in social, economic, cultural and moral danger;
 - b) to search for endangered groups of population, young people in particular;
 - c) to conduct educational projects and information campaigns for the purpose of improving the distribution of information about problems in countries and regions with economic, social and political difficulties;
 - d) to counsel and provide aid to corporate and personal entities;
 - e) to prepare programmes and plans meeting the requirements of countries and regions where young people in need and danger are living;
 - f) to search for and produce financial resources necessary for financial and material funding of projects and programmes in accordance with this Statute;
 - g) to arrange and co-operate in the international exchange of volunteers;
 - h) to prepare, equip and transport volunteers to selected countries and regions;
 - i) to co-operate with other organisations of similar purpose in Slovakia and abroad;
 - j) to co-operate with personal entities in meeting the aims of the Association.

3. Membership

- 3.1.** Membership in the Association shall be optional. Membership can be ordinary or honorary. Any personal entity identified with the aims, activities and purpose of the Association may become a member of the Association.
- 3.2.** Membership of the Association shall be based on the expression of will to become a member by the candidate and on the decision of the Board of Directors.
- 3.3.** A person who has made an outstanding contribution to the purpose and objectives of the Association can become an honorary member. An appointment of an honorary member is decided by the General Assembly.
- 3.4.** Membership shall be terminated by
- a) a written notice of a member,
 - b) exclusion of a member,
 - c) decease of a member,
 - d) liquidation of the Association
- 3.5.** Exclusion of a member shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Exclusion of an honorary member shall be decided by the General Assembly.

4. Rights and duties of members

- 4.1.** Members shall be entitled to the following:
- a) to vote and to be elected for members of the Association bodies,
 - b) to participate in the activities of the Association and to be informed of the activities,
 - c) to terminate their membership.
- 4.2.** Ordinary members shall be entitled to vote and elect. The vote of an honorary member shall have advisory status, not decisive.
- 4.3.** Members shall be obliged to the following:
- a) to comply with the provisions of the Statute,
 - b) to take an active part in meeting the tasks and to advocate the interests of the Association.

5. Association bodies

- 5.1.** Bodies of the Association shall be as follows:
- 1. General Assembly
 - 2. Board of Directors
 - 3. Chairman
 - 4. Auditor

5.2. General Assembly

The General Assembly shall be the supreme body of the Association comprised of all the ordinary members.

The General Assembly

- a) shall approve the Statute of the Association and its amendments,
- b) shall elect and revoke the Chairman and the Board of Directors,
- c) shall approve the schedule of its activities for the following period,
- d) shall decide about the ceasing of Association's existence,
- e) shall decide about an honorary membership.

The Board of Directors shall summon the General Assembly at least 1 time per year. Extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened by the Board of Directors if at least one third of the ordinary members so request. The General Assembly may also be convened by the Chairman of the Association.

The General Assembly shall have a quorum if it is attended by a majority of the ordinary Members. The adoption of proposals shall be decided by a majority of the ordinary members present, amendment of the Statutes and dissolution of the Association shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the votes of the present ordinary members.

5.3. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the Executive Body of the Association and is accountable to the General Assembly. It shall consist of at least three members elected for a term of two years by the General Assembly. The Chairman of the Association shall be a member of the Board of Directors. It convenes at least three times a year and it shall have a quorum if at least half of the members are present. Resolutions are adopted by the majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

The Board of Directors

- a) shall make decisions on the actions of the Association between General Assemblies,
- b) shall propose plan of activities of the Association, annual report, its budget and its annual account statement,
- c) shall approve and revoke the ordinary membership in the Association.

5.4. Chairman

The Chairman shall be the statutory representative of the Association with the powers to sign and decide the matters consequential from the purpose and the plan of action. The Chairman shall convene and conduct meetings of the Board of Directors. The Chairman shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of three years.

5.5. Auditor

The auditor shall be an inspecting body of the Association supervising its activities. The auditor shall be a personal entity eligible for conducting legal acts and shall have a clear crime record. A member of the Board of Directors may not become an auditor. The term of an auditor shall be two years. The auditor shall be elected and revoked by the Board of Directors.

Auditor

- a) shall audit the management of the Association, the keeping of the accounts and other documents;
- b) shall submit his/her statement to the Board of Directors at least once a year, shall present shortcomings and submit proposals for their elimination to the Board of Directors;
- c) shall be entitled to consult the relevant records and documents relating to the activities and accounting of the Association;
- d) shall be eligible to take part in the General Assembly and meetings of the Board of Directors.

6. Office of the Association

- 6.1.** In order to ensure the tasks of the Association, the Board of Directors may establish an Office to implement the programme of the Association and decisions of the Board of Directors. Its staffing shall be decided by the Chairman of the organisation.

7. Principles of the management

- 7.1.** The Association shall manage its assets in accordance with an approved budget and national legislation.
- 7.2.** Income of the Association shall include the following:
- a) subsidies from national administration, self-government administration, etc.
 - b) subsidies from national budget, national funds budget, budgets and funds of local municipalities;
 - c) donations from sponsors, grants from European and world institutions;
 - d) public collections;
 - e) gifts, subsidies and grants from personal and corporate entities from Slovakia and abroad;
 - f) heritage;
 - g) tangible assets of the Association;
 - h) means obtained from activities organised for the purpose meeting the objectives of the Association;
 - i) incomes from performing the economic activities in accordance with the above mentioned purpose of the Association;
 - j) loans and interests.
- 7.3.** The management of the Association shall be in competence of the Board of Directors.
- 7.4.** The Association may on its own behalf and responsibility perform business activities for the purpose of making profit, provided that these activities enable more effective utilisation of its assets and that the profit made from these activities is fully used with the view of meeting its objectives in accordance with the Statute of the Association.
The Association shall manage its operation in line with its budget approved by the General Assembly.

8. Liquidation of the Association

- 8.1.** The Association shall be liquidated upon the following:
- a) merger with other association,
 - b) voluntary dissolution,
 - c) legal decision of a competent national administration body on its dissolution.
- 8.2.** The liquidation of the Association shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the General Assembly who shall also make resolution on the transfer of rights and duties of the Association.
In case of a voluntary dissolution, the General Assembly shall appoint a liquidator. The liquidator shall meet the liabilities of the Association and handle the rest of the assets according to the resolution of the meeting.

9. Final provisions

- 9.1.** Details on the organisation of the Association shall be covered by its bylaws.