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INTRODUCTION

The Swiss Academy for Development (SAD) was founded in 1991 as an institution for applied research in the field of development. SAD aims to make a relevant contribution to development and cooperation through research, evaluation of lessons learned, education and further education, intercultural forums, collaboration and public relations work. It brings together practical experience and knowledge from politics, economics, aid agencies and development organisations with the work of universities and research institutes. Its main concern is using culture-specific knowledge regarding developing and transition countries in research work, and ensuring that this knowledge is a fully-fledged part of development work. SAD launches and leads projects as well as participating in them.

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I. NAME, LOCATION AND DURATION OF THE FOUNDATION

1. ‘Schweizerische Akademie für Entwicklung’ (Swiss Academy for Development, SAD) is a non-profit foundation founded in 1991 pursuant to art. 80 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

2. The foundation is headquartered in Biel/Bienne. Its duration is unlimited. It is registered in the commercial register.

II. PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION

1. The aim of the foundation is to promote and implement all kinds of projects that contribute to new approaches and solutions for overcoming increasing global imbalances and potential for conflicts, in Switzerland and abroad.

2. The foundation is dedicated to development policy formed and applied on the basis of scientific evidence.

3. In the interests of its objectives, it seeks cooperation with:
   · Politics, economics and culture
   · National and international research institutes
   · Academic institutions and training bodies for development and cooperation in industrialised and non-industrialised countries
   · Aid agencies and development organisations.

4. The foundation supports students and young scientists in Switzerland and abroad through practical projects, and supervises their academic work.

5. The foundation can provide or undertake further activities that are appropriate to supporting the aims and purposes of the foundation. It can own property and establish, purchase, divest, terminate, or participate in legal persons.

6. The foundation is non-profit. The foundation’s funds are used solely for the objectives described above.
III. FINANCIAL RESOURCES

1. The financial requirements of the foundation shall be covered by:
   · Contributions by the funding body;
   · Public funding;
   · Contributions by international organisations;
   · Donations by private donors;
   · Bequests;
   · Income from contracts and services;
   · Income from the foundation’s assets.

IV. ORGANISATION

1. The bodies responsible for the foundation are:
   · Foundation board;
   · Head office;
   · Control body.

2. Further bodies of the Swiss Academy for Development are the scientific board and the funding body.

1. The foundation board is the highest body of the SAD foundation. It has all competences that are not explicitly allocated to another body in these statutes. It bears ultimate responsibility for managing, supervising and monitoring the foundation and the head office. It takes fundamental decisions and issues directives on foundation policy. The foundation board works together with the head office to provide the means necessary for fulfilling the foundation’s purposes.

2. The foundation board is made up of at least six people. It selects its members by co-optation.

3. The term of office of the members of the foundation board is three years. Re-election after the term of office is possible.

4. The foundation board is, in particular, responsible for the following operations:
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- Taking decisions on projects and other activities.
- Taking decisions on the annual budget, annual accounts and annual report of the foundation.
- Accepting the control body's audit report.
- Granting discharge to the president, committees and the executive director.
- Electing the president and the vice president of the foundation board for one year. Re-election is possible.
- Electing the foundation board committee and other committees for one year. Re-election is possible.
- Electing the executive director and other members of management.
- Electing the control body.
- Adopting organisational regulations and other regulations.
- Regulating signing rights.
- Choosing the members of the scientific board.
- Amending the statutes subject to the agreement of the governmental foundation oversight.
- Nominating people who have made a particular contribution in the field of development and cooperation to become honorary members of the academy.

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1. In order to fulfil its mission, SAD has a head office.

2. The executive director leads the head office and is responsible for all tasks conferred to him/her by the foundation board. He/she takes part in foundation board meetings and committee meetings in an advisory capacity.

3. He/she is responsible for all of the foundation’s operational activities, leading and preparing negotiations regarding conclusion of contracts and commitments of the foundation, as well as commitments of members of staff who are not members of management.

4. He/she is responsible for bookkeeping and adhesion to the budget set by the foundation board.

5. He/she represents the foundation externally within the scope of his/her function.

6. He/she prepares the annual budget, the annual accounts, the annual report and the meetings of the foundation board.

7. He/she organises at least one activity per year for the members of the funding body.
8. He/she maintains regular contact with all bodies and ensures that the members of the scientific board can contribute their experience and opinion to all projects that serve primarily scientific aims.

1. The foundation board chooses a recognised Swiss fiduciary company as control body. Their term of office is one year. Re-election is possible.

2. The control body checks the accuracy and legality of SAD’s annual accounts and presents a written report to the foundation board.

1. The scientific board is an advisory body of the foundation. The foundation board and the executive director must inform and listen to the members of the scientific board regarding academic or scientific matters.

2. The scientific board is made up of at least six appointed people who are established experts in the academic field.

3. The scientific board cooperates with the head office regarding the resources necessary to the fulfilment of its internal tasks and organisation. The administrative work of the scientific board is carried out by the head office. The executive director is secretary of the scientific board.

4. The tasks of the scientific board include, in particular:
   - Encouraging and supporting academic and scientific work.
   - Preparing the programme of work.
   - Setting up working groups, which can include additional specialists.
   - Commenting on the academy’s scientific projects.

5. The term of office of the members of the scientific board is three years. Re-election after the term of office is possible.

6. The scientific board adds new members by suggesting people to the foundation board for election.
7. The scientific board organises itself. It elects the president and the vice president for a term of office of one year. Re-election is possible.

8. The scientific board meets at least once a year. Invitations are made by the president of the scientific board.

9. The scientific board makes its decisions by simple majority. It has a quorum with any number of members present. Resolutions made by circular letter are permissible.

10. The president of the scientific board is a member of the foundation board. A substitute can be appointed.

11. The president of the foundation board and the executive director take part in meetings of the scientific board in an advisory capacity. A substitute can be appointed.

1. The funding body unites people and institutions that support and contribute to the foundation’s objectives. It includes (list not exhaustive):
   · Public bodies (representatives of the federal government, cantons and municipalities, churches, universities).
   · Private bodies (aid agencies, development organisations, economy, economic institutions, interested organisations and associations).
   · Benefactors, donors and sympathisers.

2. The funding body is regularly informed about the activities and operations of the foundation.

1. All persons involved in the administration, management or audit of the foundation are responsible for damage caused by intentional breach of their duties or by negligence.

2. Further liability of members is excluded.
1. Amendments to the statutes of the foundation can be proposed by the foundation board with a majority of two thirds of the votes cast. The objects of the foundation can only be amended by the supervisory authority pursuant to the provisions of art. 85/86 CC.

11. Article

12. Article

1. The Foundation Board can dissolve the foundation with a majority of two thirds of the votes cast.

2. In the event of dissolution, income and capital will be given to another legal person that is non-taxable because of its non-profit status, that is domiciled in Switzerland and that has as similar as possible a purpose.

3. This is subject to the approval of the supervisory authority.

13. Article

1. The supervisory authority is the Federal Department of Home Affairs.

The statutes were adopted by the foundation board on 22 November 2002 and approved by the supervisory authority.

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