



Statutes of medica mondiale e.V.

§1 Name and Registered Office of the Association, Business Year

- (1) The association is called “medica mondiale e.V.” and has its registered office in Cologne. The association is entered in the Register of Associations at the Cologne Municipal Court.
- (2) The association’s business year corresponds to the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose of the Association

- (1) The purpose of the association is to support traumatised women and girls in war and crisis zones – irrespective of their political standing, ethnic origin or religious affiliation. The association shall undertake in particular to promote:
 - the implementation of human rights for women and girls in war and crisis zones
 - public awareness of the situation of traumatised women and girls in the affected regions as well as of the underlying causes of violence against women in conflict areas
 - education and training for work with traumatised women and girls
 - education and vocational training for women and girls
 - public health care systems
 - charitable support of traumatised women and girls in need
 - international understanding
 - scientific and research projects relating to the causes and prevention of violence against women in war and crisis zones as well as methods of coping with violence-induced trauma.
- (2) In order to fulfil its purpose, the association focuses mainly on:
 - projects to provide medical, psychosocial and legal support for women and girls who have been raped and traumatised during wartime
 - developing work guidelines, conducting studies and evaluating of data
 - scientific monitoring and evaluation of projects on working with survivors of sexualised violence
 - women’s projects to promote public preventive health care measures
 - aid programmes to improve the income levels, nutrition and living conditions of these women
 - material support for women and girls who are traumatised and in need
 - building organisational structures in crisis zones for the support of traumatised women and girls
 - political lobbying, advocacy and sensitisation work as well as raising public awareness
 - setting up autonomous areas for women

§ 3 Charitable Aims

- (1) The association shall exclusively and directly engage in non-profit or charitable welfare work pursuant to the Tax Code (AO) section on aims “eligible for tax relief”. The association shall act altruistically and shall not act primarily to serve its own economic ends.
- (2) The association funds shall only be utilised for purposes in line with the statutes. Members of the association may not in their capacity as members receive any grants or other benefits from association funds. No one may benefit from expenditure that is not in accordance with the aims of the association or from disproportionately high levels of remuneration.

§ 4 Membership

- (1) The association shall be composed of active members and associate members.
- (2) Any natural person who plays an active part in attaining the aims of the association may become an active member.
- (3) Any natural and any legal person who wishes to support the aims of the association financially may become an associate member. Associate members receive the association's periodicals. They may participate in the General Assembly of Members, but have no right to vote.
- (4) A written application for active membership shall be addressed to the executive committee. The executive committee shall decide upon written applications to join the association.
- (5) Membership shall terminate through
 - (a) death
 - (b) voluntary withdrawal
 - (c) expulsion
 - (d) cancellation
- (6) Membership may only be terminated at the end of a calendar year. Three months' notice is required. A letter of intent to leave the association shall be submitted to the executive committee in writing.
- (7) A member may be excluded from the association if she has seriously violated the interests of the association. A member will be excluded if the membership fee is not paid after two reminders. The Executive Committee shall decide by simple majority to exclude a member after the member in question has been given an opportunity to defend herself. The member has the right to appeal to the General Assembly of Members.
- (8) All claims arising from membership shall lapse when membership is terminated, without prejudice to claims on the part of the association for payment of membership fees in arrears.

§5 Fees

- (1) A fee shall be collected from members. The sum due will be established by the executive committee.
- (2) The executive committee may exempt active members from the obligation to pay.

§ 6 Organs of the Association

- (1) Organs of the association are the Executive Committee and the General Assembly of Members.
- (2) Both the Executive Committee and the General Assembly of Members may form committees or advisory councils to work on special topics or act in an advisory function.

§ 7 Executive Committee

- (1) The Executive Committee shall comprise at least three women. It shall be responsible for dealing with association matters and shall decide upon the substantive direction of activities in accordance with the aims of the association.
- (2) The Executive Committee is the legal and out of court representative of the association in accordance with §26 of the German Civil Code (BGB). Every member of the committee is authorised to legally represent the association on his or her own.
- (3) Members of the Executive Committee may only work on a voluntary basis; a member can also be employed full-time. The voluntary members of the Executive Committee shall decide on the guidelines for full-time employment.

- (4) The Executive Committee is elected by the General Assembly of Members for the duration of three years, and may be repeatedly re-elected. Only members of the association can be elected as members of the Executive Committee.
- (5) Should a member of the committee leave before the end of her term of office, the Executive Committee may elect a successor for the remainder of the term of office of the member who has left.
- (6) Changes to the statutes demanded by supervisory, judicial or tax authorities for formal reason may be carried out by the committee on its own initiative. Such modification to the statutes of the association must be communicated to all members in writing as soon as possible.
- (7) The existing committee remains in office until the new one is elected.

§ 8 General Assembly of Members

- (1) In the General Assembly of Members, every active member has the right to vote. The right to vote can only be executed in person; associate members have no right to vote in the General Assembly of Members.
- (2) The General Assembly of Members shall be responsible for:
 - a) electing and dismissing members of the Executive Committee,
 - b) electing two editors for the duration of two years,
 - c) changing the statutes and dissolving the association,
 - d) discharging the committee at the end of the year.
- (3) The General Assembly shall be held once a year.
- (4) The Executive Committee shall convene the General Assembly in writing together with notification of the agenda at least four weeks prior to the meeting.
- (5) An Extraordinary General Assembly of Members shall be convened by the Executive Committee if it is necessary for the interest of the association or upon written request of one third of the members citing the reason and purpose. Two weeks' written notice shall be given.

§ 9 Decision-Making Powers of the General Assembly of Members

- (1) The General Assembly shall first elect a Chairperson and a Secretary.
- (2) A vote shall be held in written form if a member requests this.
- (3) The General Assembly of Members is quorate irrespective of the number of the members present provided that the meeting was convened in accordance with the statutes.
- (4) The General Assembly of Members may pass resolutions with a simple majority of the votes counted. For changes to the statutes or the dissolution of the association, a three-fourths majority of valid counted votes is needed. When an election is held, the member who receives most votes is elected. A member is not allowed to vote on a General Assembly of Members if the subject matter is a contract between her and the association.
- (5) Minutes shall be taken at each General Assembly. These shall be signed by the Chair of the meeting and the Secretary and shall be forwarded to all members within three months.

§ 10 Dissolution of the Association

Should the association be dissolved or should there be the cessation of tax concession purposes, the association's assets shall pass to TERRE DE FEMMES e.V. which shall use these funds exclusively for charitable purposes.