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STATUTE 1. - NAMES, SPIRIT AND AIMS

1.1. NAMES

The non-profit association known as the “Centre International de Liaison des Ecoles de Cinéma et de Télévision”, CILECT, was formed at Cannes in May 1955, on the initiative of the “Institut des Hautes Etudes Cinématographiques” (IDHEC), Paris, during the second international meeting of film and television schools, with the participation of the film school delegates from Czechoslovakia, France, Italy, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom, USA, and USSR. CILECT shall also be known as the “International Association of Film and Television Schools”.

1.1.1. The existence of CILECT shall be of indefinite duration.

1.1.2. The legal headquarters shall be in Paris, France. The administration headquarters shall be designated by the Executive Council when the need arises.

1.1.3. Official communication shall be in English or bilingual, where English is one of the languages used.

1.2. SPIRIT AND AIMS

1.2.1. CILECT believes in the inherent inter-connectivity of humankind and fully supports creativity, diversity, cross-cultural thinking and sustainable development as fundamental prerequisites to human existence and progress.

1.2.2. CILECT is committed to developing and promoting the highest standards of education, research and training for film, television and related media through establishing and organizing global and regional forums for the exchange of artistic, pedagogical, methodological and managerial best practices for all its members.

STATUTE 2. - INSTRUMENTS OF ACTION

In keeping with the spirit and the aim expressed in Statute 1, and in order to create effective links between its members, the instruments of action of CILECT shall be as follows:

2.1. Congresses, conferences, symposia, festivals, forums, workshops, ateliers, seminars, collaborations, joint degree programmes, mobility and exchange programmes, research projects, websites, publications, and all other means and instruments of action not enumerated above, but considered necessary by its governing bodies.

2.2. Associations of CILECT members operating within specified regions, i.e. “Regional Associations”;

2.3. A secretariat under the direction of the Executive Director.

STATUTE 3. - MEMBERS

3.1. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS

3.1.1. CILECT’s membership shall be composed of Full Members, Partner Members, Candidate Members, and Corresponding Members. In addition CILECT may include Honorary Members.

3.1.2. Full Members are established film, television and related media schools that:

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3.1.2.1. have been recognized by the appropriate educational authorities in their countries;

3.1.2.2. offer a degree of Bachelor or higher, based on a full-time curriculum over a period of at least three years;

3.1.2.3. have the appropriate curricula, facilities, equipment, finances and teaching staff to support the educational process.

3.1.3. The previous paragraph does not in any way infringe the rights acquired in the past of Full Membership of any present members.

3.1.4. Partner Members are institutions which collaborate with CILECT for the benefit of CILECT and its members.

3.1.5. The previous paragraph does not in any way infringe the rights acquired in the past of Partner Membership of any present members.

3.1.6. Candidate Members are film, television and related media schools applying for Full Membership.

3.1.7. Corresponding Members are Rectors (Deans/Heads/Directors) of training institutions that do not fulfil the criteria to become Full Members.

3.1.8. The previous paragraph does not in any way infringe the rights acquired in the past of Corresponding Membership of any present members.

3.1.9. Honorary members are eminent specialists invited by the General Assembly to join CILECT for their recognised contribution in the field of film, television and related media teaching and/or research, and/or extraordinary services rendered to CILECT.

3.2. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

3.2.1. A film, television and related media school wishing to become a Full Member should apply to the Executive Director submitting the following documents:

3.2.1.1. evidence of official accreditation from the relevant educational agency which has been awarded at least five years before applying for membership;

3.2.1.2. a detailed list of the sources of financial support;

3.2.1.3. a detailed list of all degrees, certificates or other academic awards and acknowledgements of study that are awarded;

3.2.1.4. a detailed description of all curricula in all specialisations by degrees;

3.2.1.5. a detailed description of all facilities and equipment available for students;

3.2.1.6. a detailed list of the teaching staff members, their fields of professional specialisation, and their training, qualifications and achievements;

3.2.1.7. a list of at least twenty graduates, detailing their fields of professional specialisation, and their achievements demonstrating the success of the school in training to a professional level;

3.2.1.8. prospectuses, brochures, statements of school mission and philosophy, etc.

3.2.2. In case the requirements outlined in 3.2.1 are met, the Executive Director presents the application to the Executive Council. The Executive Council may either reject the application or approve a visit of its representative to the applicant school.

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- 3.2.3. In case the Executive Council rejects the application, this decision is final. It shall be formally reported to the next General Assembly.
- 3.2.4. In case the Executive Council approves a visit to the applicant school, the Executive Director or the President shall visit the school not later than six months after the approval. In case they cannot visit the school, they can delegate the visit to the respective Regional Association Chair.
- 3.2.5. A non-refundable assessment fee is due by the applicant school before the visit can be performed. The level of the assessment fee is fixed by the Executive Council.
- 3.2.6. In no case can the assessor visiting the applicant school be a representative of another school from the same country.
- 3.2.7. The assessor shall submit a written report of his/her findings not later than the next Executive Council meeting after the visit of the applicant school.
- 3.2.8. In case the report is favourable, the Executive Council shall propose the applicant school for Full Membership at the next General Assembly. The school automatically acquires the status of Candidate Member until that General Assembly.
- 3.2.9. In case the report is not favourable, the Executive Council shall either reject the application for Full Membership or grant the applicant school the status of Candidate Member until the school meets the requirements for Full Membership.
- 3.2.10. In case the Executive Council rejects the application, this decision is final. It shall be formally reported to the next General Assembly.
- 3.2.11. A school that has been granted the status of Candidate Member cannot hold that status for a period longer than four years.
- 3.2.12. For a school to be accepted as a Full Member its presence at the General Assembly held during the period of its candidacy is obligatory.
- 3.2.13. Full Members are admitted by the General Assembly in an open ballot by simple majority and can take part in all sessions of the same General Assembly with full voting rights.
- 3.2.14. An institution wishing to become a Partner Member should apply to the Executive Director submitting the following documents:
- 3.2.14.1. a letter indicating the shared goals and interests between the applicant and CILECT;
 - 3.2.14.2. a statement of intent concerning the applicant's understanding of support for the activities of CILECT.
 - 3.2.14.3. a copy of the applicant's annual report and other written material that would help the Executive Council to understand the institution more fully.
- 3.2.15. In case the requirements outlined in 3.2.14 are met, the Executive Director presents the application to the Executive Council. The Executive Council may either reject the application or take a decision to propose the institution for Partner Membership at the next General Assembly.
- 3.2.16. In case the Executive Council rejects the application, this decision is final. It shall be formally reported to the next General Assembly.
- 3.2.17. For an institution to be accepted as a Partner Member its presence at the General Assembly held during the period of its candidacy is obligatory.

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3.2.18. Partner Members are admitted by the General Assembly in an open ballot by simple majority and can take part in all sessions of the same General Assembly.

3.2.19. Rectors (Deans/Heads/Directors) of training institutions wishing to become Corresponding Members may be granted such status by the Executive Council under the provision of 3.1.7. They should apply to the Executive Director submitting all the documents required in 3.2.1. They should also add:

3.2.19.1. a plan for aligning their institution with the requirements for Full Membership;

3.2.19.2. a detailed personal CV.

3.2.20. In case the requirements outlined in 3.2.19 are met, the Executive Director presents the application to the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall either reject the application or grant the status of Corresponding Member to the applicant. Any such decision is final. It shall be formally reported to the next General Assembly.

3.2.21. In case the Executive Council grants the status of Corresponding Member, the respective individuals can hold that status until the school they represent is admitted as Candidate Member. In no case this period can be longer than six years. Such individuals lose the said status if they leave their positions at the respective schools. Their successors do not obtain the said status automatically but need to apply for it under the provision of 3.2.19.

3.2.22. Any Full Member may submit to the Executive Director a proposal for inviting individuals as Honorary Members. The proposal should be submitted at least twelve weeks before the General Assembly at which it is intended to be considered and should contain a detailed personal CV of the proposed individuals with a special argumentation of their merits to CILECT.

3.2.23. In case the requirements outlined in 3.2.22 are met, the Executive Director presents the proposal to the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall either reject the proposal or decide to present it at the next General Assembly.

3.2.24. In case the Executive Council rejects the proposal, this decision is final. It shall be formally reported to the next General Assembly.

3.2.25. In case the Executive Council decides to present the proposal, it shall inform all CILECT members at least eight weeks before the General Assembly at which the proposal shall be considered. Not later than six weeks before the General Assembly members may submit to the Executive Director official written agreements or disagreements with supporting evidence.

3.2.26. The Executive Director shall present disagreements submitted under the provisions of 3.2.25 to the Executive Council, who shall decide to proceed with the proposal or reject it.

3.2.27. In case the Executive Council decides to proceed with the proposal it should organize the presence of the considered individual and his/her accommodation at the General Assembly. In case the individual is unable to be physically present, the proposal for his/her admission as honorary member cannot be considered.

3.2.28. Honorary members are admitted by the General Assembly by acclamation and may take part in all sessions of the same General Assembly.

3.3. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERSHIP

3.3.1. Different categories of members pay different fees as per decisions, adopted by the General Assembly. Members shall be in good standing as long as they have paid all past and due fees by 31st March of the current financial year.

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3.3.2. All members in good standing have the right to take part in all CILECT activities except in cases when, at the decision of the Executive Council or the General Assembly, certain activities are open only to certain categories of members.

3.3.3. Members in good standing have the right to be represented at all the meetings of the General Assembly or of their respective Regional Assemblies. Members not in good standing may be present as observers.

3.3.4. Only Full Members in good standing have the right to vote in the General Assembly or in their respective Regional Assemblies, and only representatives of Full Members may serve on the Executive Council or on their respective Regional Councils.

3.3.5. Any Full Member shall have only one vote in any voting session of the General Assembly or of its respective Regional Assembly.

3.3.6. Any Full Member, unable to send its representative to the General Assembly or to its respective Regional Assembly, may give a proxy to another Full Member in good standing. The proxy shall be officially addressed in written form to the CILECT Executive Director. It shall specify to whom the Full Member wishes to give the proxy and include the written acceptance of the Full Member chosen for the proxy. No Full Member can carry more than two proxies.

3.3.7. Only Full Members in good standing and Honorary Members have the right to attend as observers the meetings of the Executive Council or their respective Regional Councils.

3.3.7.1. Members wishing to use the above right must submit to the Executive Director a written request at least thirty days before the scheduled date of the meeting. The Executive Director shall then inform the President and/or the respective Regional Chair and shall together with him/her detail the conditions under which such attendance can be organised.

3.3.7.2. In no case shall CILECT be deemed responsible for any expenses incurred by said attendance.

3.4. LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

3.4.1. CILECT membership status may be lost by resignation, removal, or expulsion.

3.4.2. Any member wishing to resign must inform the Executive Director at least thirty days before the General Assembly. The letter of resignation must contain the proposal of the resigning member concerning the settlement of its commitments to CILECT or to its members.

3.4.3. Any member in arrears of payment of fees for two years shall be removed from membership by the Executive Council. All such removals shall be exercised in case there has been no repair of the breach after three reminders sent by email and one reminder sent by registered mail to the address of the member in the CILECT Directory. All such removals shall be formally reported to the next General Assembly.

3.4.3.1. Under special circumstances the Executive Council may grant an extension of payment of the fees due for a period not longer than six months. Members wishing to use this provision shall submit a written request to the Executive Director not later than 1st March of the current financial year.

3.4.3.2. Removed members can be readmitted under the provisions of 3.2 not earlier than five years after their removal from membership by the General Assembly.

3.4.4. Any CILECT member shall be expelled for grave offences committed against the spirit and the aims of CILECT, upon proposal of the Executive Council at the General Assembly.

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3.4.4.1. Expulsion shall be proposed by a simple majority of the members of the Executive Council or shall be considered by the Executive Council if proposed by at least 25% of the Full Members of CILECT.

3.4.4.2. No proposal for expulsion shall be considered by the Executive Council without valid written evidence in support.

3.4.4.3. The General Assembly may approve the proposal, or reject the proposal, or refer the matter back to the Executive Council if circumstances have arisen that the Executive Council has not taken into account.

3.4.4.4. In any of the cases listed in 3.4.4.3 the General Assembly shall take its decision in a secret ballot by a two-thirds majority.

STATUTE 4. - GOVERNING BODIES

The Governing bodies of CILECT shall be the General Assembly and the Executive Council.

4.1. GENERAL ASSEMBLIES – DUTIES

The General Assembly shall:

- 4.1.1. admit new Full, Partner and Honorary Members;
- 4.1.2. approve proposals for the expulsion of members;
- 4.1.3. elect the President;
- 4.1.4. establish, suspend or dissolve Regional Associations;
- 4.1.5. approve biennial reports of the President, the Executive Council, the Executive Director and any other reports as appropriate;
- 4.1.6. approve biennial accounts and endorse the retiring Executive Council's administration of them; the financial year of CILECT being the calendar year;
- 4.1.7. approve biennial strategies and give necessary directives for the future activities of CILECT;
- 4.1.8. approve biennial budgets and fix the amounts of the annual membership fees;
- 4.1.9. take decisions concerning the affiliation to or the withdrawal from other international organisations;
- 4.1.10. take decisions concerning the modification of the Statutes;
- 4.1.11. take decisions concerning the dissolution of CILECT;
- 4.1.12. legislate on all other matters relating to CILECT.

4.2. GENERAL ASSEMBLIES – PROCEEDINGS

4.2.1. A General Assembly shall be convened by the President, acting with the agreement of the Executive Council. Notice of the General Assembly, including the agenda shall be sent to all members at least twelve weeks in advance of its meeting.

4.2.2. The proceedings of the General Assembly shall be according to the normal established rules for the conduct of democratic meetings.

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4.2.3. A General Assembly shall be quorate if one half plus one of all Full Members are present or represented by a proxy. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director to confirm the quorum at the commencement of the General Assembly and at the beginning of every voting session.

4.2.4. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director to ask the General Assembly to elect tellers from the members attending, excluding the members not in good standing, at the commencement of the General Assembly, and at the beginning of every voting session.

4.2.5. Non-members of CILECT may be invited by the Executive Council, to attend and/or participate in any of the meetings of the General Assembly as observers or guests.

4.2.6. The General Assembly shall be presided over by the President with the assistance of the Executive Director.

4.2.7. All CILECT matters shall be voted on the principle of “one school – one vote”.

4.2.8. All CILECT matters shall be voted by a show of hands, with a majority of at least one half plus one of the Full Members present at the voting session, except in the cases when either a secret ballot, or a specified majority, or both, is obligatory.

4.2.9. A secret ballot is obligatory for the vote on:

4.2.9.1. the expulsion of a member;

4.2.9.2. the election of the President;

4.2.9.3. the affiliation to or the withdrawal from other international organisations;

4.2.9.4. the modification of the Statutes;

4.2.9.5. the dissolution of CILECT.

4.2.10. A majority of two-thirds of the Full Members present at the voting session is obligatory for the vote on:

4.2.10.1. the expulsion of a member;

4.2.10.2. the affiliation to or the withdrawal from other international organisations;

4.2.10.3. the modification of the Statutes;

4.2.10.4. the dissolution of CILECT.

4.2.11. In the case of an equal vote cast by a show of hands, the President shall exercise the casting vote.

4.2.12. In the case of an equal vote cast by a secret ballot, a second vote shall be taken. In the case of a repeated tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote except when the vote is for the election of President.

4.2.13. Any Full Member of CILECT may request a vote by a secret ballot on any matter which shall be agreed following an affirmative vote by a show of hands, with a majority of at least one half plus one of all Full Members present at the voting session.

4.3. GENERAL ASSEMBLIES – DOCUMENTATION

4.3.1. The Minutes of the General Assembly shall be compiled by the Executive Director and shall contain:

4.3.1.1. a list of all the participants;

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4.3.1.2. a summary of all discussions;

4.3.1.3. the texts of all the policies and resolutions agreed;

4.3.1.4. the results of all elections;

4.3.1.5. the strategy and budget voted for the following biennium.

4.3.2. The Minutes shall be sent by email to all members not later than sixty days after the General Assembly.

4.3.3. The members must within thirty days of receiving the Minutes send any amendments by email to the Executive Director. The Minutes shall then be considered temporarily approved and all decisions of the General Assembly shall be implemented by the Executive Council.

4.3.4. The amended Minutes of the General Assembly shall be circulated to all members within thirty days of the temporary approval being given.

4.3.5. Formal approval of the Minutes, including all amendments, shall be given by the next General Assembly in a vote by a show of hands, and shall be signed by the President (or the Acting President) and the Executive Director and kept in the archives of CILECT.

4.4. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

4.4.1. An Extraordinary General Assembly can be convened by the President, with the agreement of the Executive Council. Notice of the Extraordinary General Assembly, including the agenda, shall be sent to all members at least six weeks in advance of its meeting.

4.4.2. An Extraordinary General Assembly can also be convened at the written demand of at least one-third of the Full Members. In the event that no action is taken by the President and/or the Executive Council within four weeks following the receipt of such a demand, the Executive Director shall send all members the notice thereof, including the agenda. In that case, the dates of the meeting cannot be set for a period earlier than four weeks after the notice has been issued.

4.4.3. The conduct of an Extraordinary General Assembly, including voting procedures, shall be the same as for ordinary General Assemblies.

4.5. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

4.5.1. The Executive Council consists of the President and the Chairs of the Regional Associations recognised by CILECT.

4.5.2. No member of the Executive Council shall serve more than two consecutive terms of four years each or eight consecutive years.

4.5.3. No member of the Executive Council may delegate his/her function to another representative of his/her institution, or to another member of the Executive Council.

4.5.4. The President shall represent and direct CILECT, shall carry out the decisions of the Executive Council, and shall take all initiatives necessary for the activity of CILECT between the meetings of the Executive Council.

4.5.5. Any representative of a Full Member in good standing, and present at the General Assembly, shall be eligible for the position of President.

4.5.6. In case no candidacies for the position of President have been received by the officially announced deadline, the Executive Council shall decide which of its members shall assume the function

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of Acting President until the following General Assembly or Extraordinary General Assembly. No new candidacies to fill in that position may be accepted at the current General Assembly.

4.5.7. The President shall be elected by the General Assembly in a secret ballot, with a majority of one half plus one of the Full Members present at the voting session.

4.5.8. In case no candidate for the position of President receives the required majority of votes after three consecutive ballots, the Executive Council shall decide which of its members shall assume the function of Acting President until the following General Assembly or Extraordinary General Assembly. No new candidacies to fill in the position of President may be accepted at the current General Assembly.

4.5.9. Members of the Executive Council shall resign if they are unable to meet their responsibilities for a period of six months or if they are no longer entitled to represent a Full Member. A one month written notice of resignation must be facilitated to the Executive Director.

4.5.10. If the position of President becomes vacant, the Executive Council shall decide which of its members shall assume the function of Acting President until the following General Assembly or Extraordinary General Assembly.

4.5.11. If the position of a Chair of a Regional Association becomes vacant, the Vice-Chair of that Regional Council shall assume the function of Acting Chair until the following Regional Assembly.

4.6. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – DUTIES

The Executive Council shall:

4.6.1. enact the spirit and aims of CILECT;

4.6.2. carry out the decisions of the General Assembly;

4.6.3. direct the business of CILECT between General Assemblies;

4.6.4. convene the General Assembly and all other meetings, on behalf of CILECT;

4.6.5. convene Extraordinary General Assemblies whether at the request of the Executive Council or the membership;

4.6.6. present to the General Assembly proposals and motions concerning the admission, resignation, removal or expulsion of members; as well as to admit Candidate Members and Corresponding Members;

4.6.7. establish such sub-committees, boards and standing committees as shall from time to time be determined as necessary either by the General Assembly or by the Executive Council;

4.6.8. receive all kinds of reports, including reports from sub-committees, boards, standing committees, Regional Associations and shall present them to the General Assembly;

4.6.9. receive donations or subsidies for the purposes outlined in the statutory aims of CILECT and to report the use of such donations or subsidies to the General Assembly;

4.6.10. present to the General Assembly audited annual accounts;

4.6.11. appoint and dismiss the Executive Director and supervise his/her work;

4.6.12. present to the General Assembly motions to affiliate to or to withdraw from other international associations;

4.6.13. present to the General Assembly motions for modifications of the Statutes;

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4.6.14. take all other necessary decisions to make the work of CILECT effective.

4.7. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – PROCEEDINGS

4.7.1. The Executive Council shall be convened by the President, either on his/her initiative, or at the request of one half plus one of its members.

4.7.2. The Executive Council shall be quorate if one half plus one of its members are present, including the President.

4.7.3. The Executive Council shall meet as frequently as required but in any case no less than twice each year. Notice of the meeting shall be sent to all members by the Executive Director at least six weeks in advance of the meeting. The agenda and the relevant materials supplementing it shall be sent to all members by the Executive Director at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

4.7.4. Members or non-members of CILECT may be invited to attend and/or participate as observers or guests in any of the meetings of the Executive Council. Such invitations may be extended either by the President or at the request of a member of the Executive Council, following an affirmative vote by a show of hands with a majority of one half plus one of the members present at the voting session.

4.7.5. The Executive Council shall be presided over by the President with the assistance of the Executive Director.

4.7.5.1. In the absence of the President, the Executive Council shall be presided by a member appointed by the President.

4.7.5.2. In case the President has resigned or is unable to fulfil his/her functions the Executive Council shall be presided by the longest continuously serving member present.

4.7.6. The proceedings of the Executive Council shall be according to the normal established rules for the conduct of democratic meetings.

4.7.7. The Executive Council shall endeavour to reach its decisions by consensus. If this proves impractical any member of the Executive Council can ask that the decision be taken in a vote by a show of hands. In the case of an equal vote the President shall exercise the casting vote.

4.7.8. Any member of the Executive Council may request a vote by a secret ballot on any matter which shall be agreed following an affirmative vote by a show of hands, with a majority of one half plus one of the members present. If such a vote is tied, a new vote shall be taken for which the President shall exercise the casting vote.

4.8. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – DOCUMENTATION

4.8.1. The Minutes of the Executive Council meetings shall be compiled by the Executive Director and shall contain:

4.8.1.1. a list of all the participants;

4.8.1.2. a summary of all discussions;

4.8.1.3. the texts of all the policies and resolutions agreed.

4.8.2. The Minutes shall be sent by email to all members of the Executive Council not later than thirty days after the meeting.

4.8.3. The Executive Council members must within fifteen days of receiving the Minutes, send any amendments by email to the Executive Director. The Minutes shall then be considered temporarily approved and all decisions of the Executive Council shall be implemented by the Executive Director.

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4.8.4. The amended Minutes of the Executive Council meeting shall be circulated to all CILECT members within thirty days of the temporary approval being given.

4.8.5. Formal approval of the Minutes, including all amendments, shall be given by the next Executive Council meeting in a vote by a show of hands, and shall be signed by the President (or the Acting President) and the Executive Director and kept in the archives of CILECT.

STATUTE 5. - REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

5.1. REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT AND CONDUCT

5.1.1. To enable CILECT to achieve its objectives the General Assembly may establish Regional Associations so that all members shall be affiliated to one.

5.1.2. Where a Regional Association has been established, its role shall be to enact and further the spirit and aims of CILECT within the specific conditions of that region.

5.1.3. Full members may wish to propose other areas of definition of regions which are subject to approval of the General Assembly.

5.1.4. All founding documents of the Regional Associations shall follow the Statutes of CILECT.

5.2. REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES – PROCEEDINGS

5.2.1. A Regional Assembly shall be convened either by the Executive Council or by its Regional Chair, acting with the agreement of the Regional Council. Notice of the Regional Assembly, including the agenda shall be sent to all its members at least twelve weeks in advance of its meeting.

5.2.2. The proceedings of the Regional Assembly shall be according to the normal established rules for the conduct of democratic meetings and shall follow, in general, the structure and conduct of the General Assembly.

5.2.3. A Regional Assembly shall be quorate if one half plus one of its Full Members are present or represented by a proxy. It shall be the responsibility of the Regional Chair to confirm the quorum at the commencement of the Regional Assembly and at the beginning of every voting session.

5.2.4. It shall be the responsibility of the Regional Chair to ask the Regional Assembly to elect tellers from the members attending, excluding the members not in good standing, at the commencement of the Regional Assembly, and at the beginning of every voting session.

5.2.5. Non-members of CILECT or of the respective Regional Association may be invited by the Regional Council, with the agreement of the Executive Council, to attend and/or participate in any of the meetings of the Regional Assembly as observers or guests.

5.2.6. The Regional Assembly shall be presided over by its Chair.

5.2.7. All Regional Assembly matters shall be voted on the principle of “one school – one vote”.

5.2.8. All Regional Assembly matters shall be voted by a show of hands, with a majority of one half plus one of its Full Members present at the voting session, except in the cases when either a secret ballot or a specified majority or both is obligatory.

5.2.9. In the case of an equal vote cast by a show of hands, the Chair shall exercise the casting vote.

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5.2.10. In the case of an equal vote cast by a secret ballot, a second vote shall be taken. In the case of a repeated tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote except when the vote is for the election of a Regional Council Chair.

5.2.11. Any Full Member of the Regional Assembly may request a vote by a secret ballot on any matter which shall be agreed following an affirmative vote by a show of hands, with a majority of one half plus one of all Full Members present at the voting session.

5.3. REGIONAL COUNCILS – COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

5.3.1. The administrative body of any Regional Association is the Regional Council which is elected by the Regional Assembly.

5.3.2. The Regional Council consists of a Chair, a Vice-Chair and up to three (but not less than one) Members.

5.3.3. No member of the Regional Council shall serve more than two consecutive terms of four years each or eight consecutive years.

5.3.4. No member of the Regional Council may delegate his/her function to another representative of his/her institution, or to another member of the Regional Council.

5.3.5. The Chair of the Regional Council shall represent the Regional Association on the Executive Council, shall carry out the decisions of the Regional Council, and shall take all initiatives necessary for the activity of the Regional Association between the meetings of the Regional Assembly.

5.3.6. Any representative employed by a Full Member in good standing, affiliated to the respective Regional Association, and present at the Regional Assembly, shall be eligible for the positions at the Regional Council.

5.3.7. The representatives elected to the Regional Council must be drawn from Full Members of five different countries, or in the case where there are fewer than five countries in a Regional Association, from five different Full Members, provided all member countries are represented.

5.3.8. In case no candidacies for one vacant position have been received by the officially announced deadline, candidates who have already been registered for other positions may state their wish to be re-considered for the vacant position at the current Regional Assembly before the election process starts. In case no such statements are made, the position shall remain vacant until the next Regional Assembly is held. No new candidacies to fill in that position may be accepted at the current Regional Assembly.

5.3.9. In case all positions at the Regional Council are vacant and no candidacies have been received for any of those positions by the officially announced deadline, the Executive Council shall appoint an ad hoc Regional Council of three members (including a Chair and Vice Chair), chosen from Full Members of three different countries, until the next Regional Assembly.

5.3.10. Candidates for any of the vacant positions on the Regional Council shall be elected by a secret ballot, with a majority of one half plus one of the Full Members present at the voting session.

5.3.11. The vote shall be organised in consecutive ballots, a first one to elect the Chair, a second one to elect the Vice Chair, and separate ballots to elect each Member.

5.3.12. In case no candidate receives the required majority of votes after three consecutive ballots, the position for which he/she is running shall stay vacant until the next Regional Assembly. No new candidacies to fill in that position may be accepted at the current Regional Assembly.

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5.3.13. In case a candidate for the Chair or Vice-Chair positions is not elected, he/she may announce his/her wish to be re-considered for a Member position and may be added to the respective list of candidates ad hoc.

5.3.14. In case no candidates are elected for any of the vacant positions under the provisions of 5.3.9, the CILECT Executive Council shall appoint an ad hoc Regional Council of three members (including a Chair and a Vice Chair) until the next Regional Assembly, and under the provisions of 5.3.7.

5.3.15. Members of the Regional Council shall resign if for any reason they are unable to meet their responsibilities for a period of six months or if they are no longer entitled to represent a Full Member. A one month written notice of resignation must be facilitated to the Executive Director and to the respective Regional Chair.

5.3.16. If the position of a Chair of a Regional Association becomes vacant, the Vice-Chair of the Regional Council of that association shall assume the function of Acting Chair until the following Regional Assembly.

5.3.17. If both the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of a Regional Association become simultaneously vacant, the members of the Regional Council shall decide which of them shall assume the respective functions (as Acting Chair and Vice-Chair) until the following regional Assembly.

5.4. REGIONAL COUNCILS – PROCEEDINGS

5.4.1. The Regional Council shall be convened by the Chair, either on his/her initiative, or at the request of one half of its members.

5.4.2. The Regional Council shall be quorate if one half plus one of its members are present, including the Chair.

5.4.3. The Regional Council shall meet as frequently as required but in any case no less than once each year. Notice of the meeting shall be sent to all members by the Chair at least six weeks in advance of the meeting. The agenda and the relevant materials supplementing it shall be sent to all members by the Chair at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

5.4.4. Members or non-members of CILECT may be invited to attend and/or participate as observers of guests in any of the meetings of the Regional Council. Such invitations may be extended either by the Chair or at the request of a member of the Regional Council, following an affirmative vote by a show of hands, with a majority of one half plus one of all members present at the voting session.

5.4.5. The Regional Council shall be presided over by the Chair.

5.4.5.1. In the absence of the Chair, the Regional Council shall be presided by the Vice Chair.

5.4.5.2. In case the Chair and the Vice Chair have resigned the Regional Council shall be presided by the longest continuously serving member present.

5.4.6. The proceedings of the Regional Council shall be according to the normal established rules for the conduct of democratic meetings.

5.4.7. The Regional Council shall endeavour to reach its decisions by consensus. If this proves impractical any member of the Regional Council can ask that the decision be taken by a vote by a show of hands. In the case of an equal vote the Chair shall exercise the casting vote.

5.4.8. Any member of the Regional Council may request a vote by a secret ballot on any matter which shall be agreed following an affirmative vote by a show of hands, with a majority of one half plus one

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of all the members present at the voting session. If such a vote is tied, a new vote shall be taken for which the Chair shall exercise the casting vote.

5.4.9. The President and the Executive Director may at any time attend any meeting of any Regional Council, without voting power.

5.5. REGIONAL COUNCILS – DOCUMENTATION

5.5.1. The Minutes of the Regional Council meetings shall be compiled by the Chair and shall contain:

- 5.5.1.1. a list of all the participants;
- 5.5.1.2. a summary of all discussions;
- 5.5.1.3. the policies and resolutions agreed.

5.5.2. The Minutes shall be sent by email to all members of the Regional Council not later than thirty days after the meeting.

5.5.3. The Regional Council members must within fifteen days of receiving the Minutes, send any amendments by email to the Chair. The Minutes shall then be considered temporarily approved and all decisions of the Regional Council shall be implemented by the Chair.

5.5.4. The amended Minutes of the Regional Council meeting shall be circulated to all members of the region, to the Executive Council and to the Executive Director within thirty days of the temporary approval being given.

5.5.5. Formal approval of the Minutes, including all amendments, shall be given by the next Regional Council meeting in a vote by a show of hands, and shall be signed by the Chair (or the Acting Chair) and kept in the archives of the Regional Association, with a copy in the archives of CILECT.

STATUTE 6. - FINANCES

6.1. The expenses of CILECT shall be met in principle by the annual fees, the amount of which shall be fixed by the General Assembly.

6.2. Supplementary fees or contributions in any other form may be requested for special purposes determined by the General Assembly.

6.3. CILECT may receive donations or subsidies for the purposes outlined in its statutory aims.

6.4. The accounts of CILECT shall be subject to an external financial audit annually. The selection of auditors and management of the audit shall be arranged by the Executive Director and approved by the Executive Council.

6.5. CILECT shall purchase and maintain Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance.

STATUTE 7. - SECRETARIAT

7.1. The Secretariat shall be the permanent instrument of CILECT. It shall be directed by the Executive Director.

7.2. The Executive Director shall provide to CILECT (as may be necessary):

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7.2.1.1. Administrative Management: preparation, organisation and coordination of the General Assembly, the Congress/Conference and the Executive Council meetings as well as the Minutes of those events (when required); organisation of effective record keeping of the proceedings and decisions of the said meetings, and timely updates of the legal status of CILECT in accordance with those decisions; ensuring and keeping the daily liaison between the Executive Council and the members; arrangement for the preservation of the existing and for the search of missing CILECT archives; representation of CILECT at non-CILECT organized events, in coordination with the President; signing of contracts on behalf and for the account of CILECT with any third party, after approval by the President; leadership of the staff employed for the implementation of all tasks related to the achievement of CILECT's strategic and operational decisions.

7.2.1.2. Financial Management: timely and professional collection of all fees as well as performance of all necessary financial operations and keeping of all related records for the effective work of CILECT; organizing an annual external financial audit, subject to approval by the Executive Council.

7.2.1.3. Project Management: coordination, monitoring and dissemination of the results of all CILECT supported activities such as (but not limited to) congresses, conferences, forums, festivals, workshops, ateliers, symposia, programmes, projects, activities, initiatives, exchanges of teachers, students and materials, and other events in the general framework of CILECT's strategic policies approved by the General Assembly and implemented by the Executive Council.

7.2.1.4. Promotional Management (in accordance with the Executive Council): initiation and coordination of fundraising projects, public relations campaigns and advertising activities; initiation of the creation of promotional materials for the traditional and emerging media; participation in events for the purpose of presenting the CILECT brand and/or boosting of the CILECT image internationally; initiation and monitoring of liaisons with existing and prospective members and partners.

7.2.1.5. Any other activities appropriate for the performance of the above.

7.3. The Executive Director shall be appointed and dismissed by the Executive Council under conditions detailed in his/her contract. Such decisions shall be formally reported to the General Assembly.

STATUTE 8. - MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES

8.1. The Statutes of CILECT shall only be modified by the General Assembly or by an Extraordinary General Assembly.

8.2. Proposals for modification of the Statutes may be made by any Full Member, by the Executive Council, or by the Executive Director.

8.3. All proposals for modification of the Statutes shall be presented in writing and shall indicate clearly the intentions of the proposed changes and describe as fully as possible all foreseeable consequences.

8.4. All proposals for modification of the Statutes should reach the Executive Council and the Executive Director at least twelve weeks before the General Assembly or the Extraordinary General Assembly.

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8.5. In case the provisions of 8.3 and 8.4 are met, the Executive Director shall send to all members a draft of all proposals for modification of the Statutes at least eight weeks before the General Assembly or the Extraordinary General Assembly.

8.6. Not later than six weeks before the General Assembly or the Extraordinary General Assembly members may submit to the Executive Council and the Executive Director motivated written agreements or disagreements with any of the proposals.

8.7. Not later than four weeks before the General Assembly or the Extraordinary General Assembly the Executive Director shall send to all members an amended draft of all proposals for modification of the Statutes, taking in consideration all responses that meet the provisions of 8.6.

8.8. The task of presenting the proposals at the General Assembly or the Extraordinary General Assembly devolves upon the Executive Council and the Executive Director.

8.9. Following discussion of all proposals for modification of the Statutes, the General Assembly or the Extraordinary General Assembly shall have the authority to endorse, or amend, or reject the proposals.

8.9.1. In the case of endorsement the changes shall have immediate effect.

8.9.2. In the case of amendment or rejection, the General Assembly or the Extraordinary General Assembly may refer the proposal back to the Executive Council and the Executive Director for further study with the requirement to report back to the next such meeting be it a General Assembly or an Extraordinary General Assembly.

8.10. Any modification of the Statutes requires a secret ballot, and a majority of two-thirds of the Full Members present at the voting session.

8.11. English shall be designated as the official language of the Statutes. Translations in Spanish and French languages shall be provided to all members.

STATUTE 9. - DISSOLUTION

9.1. The decision for the dissolution of CILECT shall be taken only by an Extraordinary General Assembly convened especially for this purpose by not less than twelve weeks advance notice, and at which two-thirds of the Full Members are present or represented.

9.2. The decision for the dissolution of CILECT requires a secret ballot, and a majority of two-thirds of the Full Members present at the voting session.

9.3. The proposal for the dissolution of CILECT shall be made by one third of the Full Members. It shall be presented in writing and shall indicate clearly the intentions of the proposed dissolution and describe as fully as possible all foreseeable consequences. It should reach the Executive Council and the Executive Director at least twenty four weeks before the Extraordinary General Assembly.

9.4. In case the provisions of 9.3 are met, the Executive Director shall send the proposal to all members at least eighteen weeks before the Extraordinary General Assembly.

9.5. Following discussion of the proposal, the Extraordinary General Assembly shall have the authority to endorse or to reject the proposal. In the case of endorsement the dissolution shall have immediate effect.

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9.6. In the event of such voluntary dissolution of CILECT, the Extraordinary General Assembly shall designate one or more Receivers to be responsible for liquidating the assets of CILECT, the net proceeds of which shall be assigned to an international organisation pursuing aims close to the statutory aims of CILECT. In the absence of appointment, the Executive Director shall serve as the Receiver.

9.7. At the time of such voluntary dissolution of CILECT, if CILECT shall be in debt, the Executive Council shall be responsible, to the limit of five Euros.

9.8. A new proposal for the dissolution of CILECT under the provisions of 9.3 can be made no earlier than twelve months after the previous Extraordinary General Assembly.

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