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# STATUTES OF THE OLOF PALME INTERNATIONAL CENTER

- FOR DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS & PEACE

## §1. NAME & SEAT OF THE BOARD

The name of the association is the Olof Palme International Center. The Seat of the Board is in Stockholm.

## §2. OBJECTIVES

The Olof Palme International Center works in the spirit of Olof Palme for democracy, human rights, and peace. The Palme Center is the Swedish labour movement's umbrella organisation for co-operation on international issues. Its task is to support the international activities of member organisations.

## §3. ACTIVITIES

The Olof Palme International Center works through development co-operation and advocacy. In co-operation with the member organisations the Palme Center shall:

- Support and promote the creation of free and democratic organisations that work for popular participation, global justice, and common security in different parts of the world; this is done through mutual and equal co-operation.
- Provide relevant factual information on issues of democracy, human rights, and peace as a source of knowledge for the Swedish labour movement; this is a foundation for studies, debate, and the active advocacy.
- Initiate and co-ordinate activities and fund-raising in the labour movement for democracy, human rights, and peace; this is done in a spirit of international solidarity.

## §4. MEMBERSHIP

The active founding organisations of the Olof Palme International Center are the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO) and the Swedish Social Democratic Party. Over and above these, national organisations directly related to, or with links to, these organisations are eligible for membership.

Applications for membership are addressed to the Board which submits them to the General Assembly for decision along with its recommendation for approval or rejection.

## §5. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Every organisation affiliated to the Olof Palme International Center pays an annual fee determined by the General Assembly. This fee is calculated on the basis of the number of registered members of the organisation on 31 December of the preceding fiscal year.

For member organisations that do not have individual members or that are co-operatives or economic associations, the amount of the fee will be agreed in consultation between the organisation and the Board of the Olof Palme International Center. Any such agreements shall be put before the General Assembly for approval.

## §6. ORGANISATION

The organs of the Olof Palme International Center are the General Assembly, the Board and the Executive Committee.

## §7. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is the supreme decision-making authority of the Olof Palme International Center. The Ordinary General Assembly meets once a year in the second quarter of the year.

LO and the Social Democratic Party appoint five delegates each to the General Assembly. Other affiliated organisations each appoints one delegate.

Written notice to attend the General Assembly is given at least thirty days in advance.

### **The General Assembly deals with the following matters:**

1. Appointment of chairperson, secretary and tellers for the meeting
2. Annual reports of the Board and the Auditors
3. Discharge from liability for the Board
4. Determination of membership fees
5. Election of the President of the Board
6. Election of members of the Board and Deputies
7. Election of Auditors and Deputies
8. Election of the Election Committee
9. Operational plan and budget for the following year

Other questions that members wish to submit to the General Assembly shall be communicated to the Board at least fourteen days in advance.

## §8. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

An Extraordinary General Assembly is convened as decided by the Board. Notice to attend shall follow the same procedure as for the Ordinary General Assembly.

An Extraordinary General Assembly only considers the business stated in the notice to attend.

## §9. THE BOARD

The activities are led by a Board consisting of eleven members; LO and the Social Democratic Party nominate two members each. ABF (the Workers' Educational Association) nominates one member. The other organisations nominate a total of six members. Deputies are nominated in the same number and according to the same distribution.

The Board is responsible for managing the affairs of the Olof Palme International Center.

The term of office of the Board is one year.

The Board shall present an operational report and an annual report to the General Assembly.

## §10. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Board may appoint an Executive Committee from among its own members to make decisions on behalf of the Board on delegated matters.

## §11. THE PALME CENTER SOLIDARITY FUND

The Palme Center administers the Palme Center Solidarity Fund. The Board is responsible for the Fund's assets and their use. The Board appoints a committee for the administration of the Fund's assets. The Committee is elected for one year at a time and reports to the Board.

## §12. SECRETARIAT

The Board is assisted by a Secretariat that prepares matters in hand and implements the decisions made. The Secretariat is headed by the Secretary General appointed by the Board.

## §13. AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES

The person or persons designated by the Board are the authorized signatories of the Olof Palme International Center. The Board also adopts authorization rules.

## §14. AUDIT

The Board's administration and annual reports shall be examined by two elected auditors appointed for that purpose before the Ordinary General Assembly. At least one of the auditors and his or her deputy shall be a Certified Public Accountant.

The auditor shall present his or her report to the General Assembly, with a recommendation of approval or rejection of discharge from liability for the Board.

The financial year is from 1 January to 31 December.

## §15. AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES

These Statutes may be amended by the Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly.

## §16. DISSOLUTION

On the dissolution of the Olof Palme International Center, its assets will be assigned to the founding organisations to be used in accordance with the objectives of the Center. The assets of the International Solidarity Fund shall be used in accordance with the objectives of the International Solidarity Fund.