

ELIZABETH II



1977 CHAPTER X

An Act to incorporate the International Planned Parenthood Federation; to define the objects and powers of the new incorporated body; and for other purposes. [22nd July 1977]

WHEREAS—

(1) The International Planned Parenthood Federation (hereinafter referred to as “IPPF”) was established in 1952 as an unincorporated body:

(2) IPPF, believing that knowledge of planned parenthood is a fundamental human right and that a balance between the population of the world and its natural resources and productivity is a necessary condition of human happiness, prosperity and peace, has as its aims—

- (a) to advance the education of the countries of the world in family planning and responsible parenthood in the interest of family welfare, community wellbeing and international goodwill;
- (b) to increase the understanding by people and governments of the demographic problems of their own communities and of the world;

(c) to promote population education, sex education and marriage counselling;

(d) to stimulate appropriate research in the following subjects:—

the biological, demographic, economic, eugenic, psychological and social implications of human fertility and its regulation; methods of contraception, fertility, subfertility and sterility; and to collect and make known the findings of such research;

(e) to stimulate and assist the formation of family planning associations in all countries;

(f) to stimulate and promote family planning in all countries through other appropriate organizations;

(g) to encourage and organise the training of all appropriate professional workers such as medical and health personnel, educationalists, social and community development workers in the implementation of the objectives of IPPF;

(h) to organise regional or international workshops, seminars and conferences;

(i) to take all appropriate measures to further the above objectives:

(3) IPPF receives voluntary contributions from private individuals, charitable trusts and bodies from many parts of the world, and grants from numerous governments and United Nations agencies:

(4) The annual budget of IPPF has increased annually and for 1978 is expected to be some £20,000,000:

(5) The central office of IPPF is in London, and IPPF is a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners:

(6) It is expedient, in order to enable IPPF to carry on its business to the best advantage, to regulate the management of its affairs in accordance with present-day requirements and practice, that the objects and powers of IPPF should be regulated by statute, that regulations should be substituted for the existing rules as the regulations of IPPF and that further provision should be made for the regulation and management of IPPF:

(7) It is expedient that IPPF should be incorporated:

(8) It is expedient that the other provisions contained in this Act should be enacted:

(9) The purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the International Planned Parenthood Federation Act 1977. Short title and commencement.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on 1st September, 1977.

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

“ regulations ” means the regulations set out in the Schedule to this Act and includes any altered or new regulations made under section 12 (Regulations) of this Act but excludes any regulation revoked under the said section 12;

“ the Central Council ” means the Central Council of IPPF appointed in pursuance of this Act;

“ the court ” means the High Court and, within the limits of its jurisdiction, any other court in England or Wales having a jurisdiction in respect of charities concurrent (within any limit of area or amount) with that of the High Court, and includes any judge or officer of the court exercising the jurisdiction of the court;

“ the former IPPF ” means the unincorporated body known as International Planned Parenthood Federation;

“ IPPF ” means The International Planned Parenthood Federation incorporated by this Act;

“ the Secretary General ” means the Secretary General of IPPF;

“ year ” means a period of twelve months ending on the 31st December, or such other date as the Central Council may decide.

3. On and after the commencement of this Act the several associations who immediately before the commencement of this Act were members of the former IPPF and all other organizations who shall thereafter be members of IPPF in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be and they are hereby incorporated for the purposes hereinafter mentioned by the name of “ The International Planned Parenthood Federation ” and by that name shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may by and in the same name sue and be sued and do all things incidental or appertaining to a body corporate. Incorporation.

Objects of
IPPF.

4. The objects of IPPF are—

- (1) to promote the education of peoples of the world in family planning and responsible parenthood;
- (2) to preserve and protect the good health both mental and physical of parents, children and young people through promoting and supporting effective family planning services;
- (3) to educate people in the demographic problems of their own communities and of the world;
- (4) to stimulate appropriate research in all aspects of human fertility and its regulation and to make known the findings of such research.

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IPPF.

5. Without prejudice to the generality of the last preceding section and in addition to any powers conferred upon IPPF elsewhere in this Act IPPF shall in furtherance of its objects but not otherwise have the following powers, namely, to:—

- (1) stimulate and promote family planning in all countries itself and through appropriate organizations;
- (2) lend and advance money or give credit to any person, to guarantee and give guarantees or indemnities for the payment of money or the performance of contracts or obligations by any person or company acting on behalf of IPPF, to secure or undertake in any way the repayment of money lent or advanced to or the liabilities incurred by any person or company, and otherwise to assist any person or company;
- (3) accept, receive and retain legacies, devises, gifts, grants, annuities, allowances and other benefits and consistently with the objects set forth in the last preceding section undertake and perform any services or conditions attached to the acceptance, receipt or retention thereof;
- (4) borrow or raise or secure the payment of money for any purpose and in any manner approved by IPPF and to secure the same or the repayment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other repayment incurred or to be entered into by IPPF, and so that no lender shall be concerned to see for what purpose any money is raised or as to the application thereof;
- (5) make appeals, advertise and conduct such other lawful activities as may be appropriate to raise funds for IPPF or to make known its existence, purposes or work;
- (6) undertake, manage and execute any charitable trusts which may be lawfully undertaken by IPPF in its capacity

as a body corporate established for charitable purposes only, being trusts conducive to the furtherance of its objects;

- (7) employ such persons as may be required for the purposes of IPPF;
- (8) appoint any person or persons (whether incorporated or not), being a bank, trust corporation or member of a recognised stock exchange or of a professional body to accept and hold in trust for IPPF any property belonging to IPPF or in which it is interested and to execute and do all such deeds, acts and things as may be requisite in relation to any such trust and to provide for the remuneration of such trustee or trustees;
- (9) promote or oppose any Bill, order, scheme or application in Parliament or before any government department or authority or tribunal and prosecute or defend any legal proceedings;
- (10) enter into and carry into effect any agreement or arrangement with any international, national or local authority or any institution, association or other body (whether incorporated or not) or individual for co-operating with or assisting or being assisted by such authority, institution, association or other body or individual in any manner and for any purpose which is consonant with the objects of IPPF;
- (11) do all such other lawful things as shall be necessary for the attainment of the objects of IPPF or any of them.

6. Any provision of either of the last two foregoing sections may be modified or superseded by the court or the Charity Commissioners as if those sections formed part of a scheme brought into effect by order of the Charity Commissioners under section 18 of the Charities Act 1960. Power to vary objects.
1960 c. 58.

7. Subject to the provisions of this Act all property, real and personal, of every description, including things in action, and all rights and privileges of the former IPPF which immediately before the commencement of this Act belonged to or were vested in or exercisable by the former IPPF shall, by virtue of this Act without any conveyance, transfer or other instrument, be transferred to, vested in and exercisable by IPPF for all the estate and interest therein of the former IPPF. Transfer of property to IPPF.

Transfer of liabilities.

8. On the commencement of this Act all debts and liabilities of the former IPPF shall, by virtue of this Act, be transferred and attached to IPPF and shall thereafter be discharged and satisfied by IPPF.

Saving for agreements, deeds, etc.

9. All agreements, awards, contracts, resolutions, authorisations, deeds and other instruments which immediately before the commencement of this Act were existing in relation to the former IPPF shall continue and may be carried into effect and enforced by or in favour of or against IPPF to the same extent or in like manner as if IPPF instead of the former IPPF had been party to or interested in the same.

Construction of bequests, etc., in favour of former IPPF.

10. On and after the commencement of this Act any bequest, gift or trust in favour of or connected with the former IPPF shall be read and have effect as if IPPF had been named or referred to therein instead of the former IPPF whether such bequest, gift or trust is made, regulated or constituted by any will, settlement, scheme, arrangement, order of the court or of the Charity Commissioners, Act of Parliament or in any other manner, and whether made or executed or taking effect before or after the commencement of this Act and the receipt in writing of the Treasurer of IPPF or other person authorised in that behalf shall be an effectual discharge for any property transferred or paid to IPPF.

Savings for actions, etc.

11. All actions and proceedings and causes of action or proceedings which immediately before the commencement of this Act were existing or pending in favour of or against the former IPPF shall continue and may be prosecuted by or against IPPF to the same extent or in like manner as if IPPF instead of the former IPPF had been a party to or concerned in the same.

Regulations.

12.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act IPPF shall have power to make, alter and revoke regulations with respect to the organization and management of IPPF and the government and administration of the affairs of IPPF, its undertaking, property and income.

(2) The regulations shall provide the procedure whereby regulations may be altered or revoked, and shall specify the requirements to be complied with before a new regulation takes effect.

(3) The first regulations shall be those set forth in the Schedule to this Act and they shall continue in force until altered or revoked.

13. Subject to section 15 (Transitional provisions) of this Act— Central Council and officers.
- (1) the affairs of IPPF shall be managed by a Central Council constituted in accordance with the regulations;
 - (2) there shall be such officers of IPPF as may be appointed in accordance with the regulations.

14. A general meeting of the Central Council shall be held General meetings. once at least in every year and shall be called and held in accordance with the regulations.

15. Until the First President, Officers and Central Council of Transitional provisions. IPPF are elected or appointed, their functions shall be performed by the President, Officers and Governing Body respectively of the former IPPF.

16. No act done at a meeting of IPPF or of the Central Council Validity of acts done at meetings. shall be invalid by reason of the subsequent discovery that there was some defect in the appointment or qualification of a person participating in such meeting.

17.—(1) Any instrument which if made by a private person Authentication of documents. would be required to be under seal shall be under the seal of IPPF and every such instrument shall be signed by one of the members of the Central Council and countersigned by the Secretary General or some other person authorised by the Central Council to act in that behalf.

(2) Any document made or issued by or on behalf of or proceeding from IPPF not required by virtue of subsection (1) of this section to be given under the seal of IPPF shall be deemed to be duly executed if signed by a member of the Central Council authorised to sign by a resolution of the Central Council but it shall not be necessary in any legal proceedings to prove that the member signing any such document was authorised to sign and such authority shall be presumed until the contrary is proved.

18. IPPF may defray any expenses wholly, necessarily and Expenses of members, etc. exclusively incurred by members of the Central Council or any committee, sub-committee or panel for the purpose of carrying out their duties as such members.

19.—(1) IPPF shall cause to be kept proper books of account Books of account. with respect to all sums of money received and expended by IPPF and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure take place and the assets and liabilities of IPPF.

(2) For the purpose of subsection (1) of this section, proper books of account shall not be deemed to be kept with respect to the matters aforesaid if there are not kept such books as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of IPPF and to explain its transactions.

Audit.

20. Once at least in every year the accounts of IPPF shall be examined and audited by an auditor or auditors to be appointed annually at a general meeting of the Central Council and any previously appointed auditor or auditors shall be eligible for reappointment:

Provided that a person shall not be qualified to be appointed as an auditor under this section unless he is a member of one or more of the following bodies:—

the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales;

the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland;

the Association of Certified Accountants;

the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland;

any other body of accountants established in the United Kingdom and for the time being recognised for the purposes of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 161 of the Companies Act 1948 by the Secretary of State;

1948 c. 38.

and a Scottish firm may not be so appointed unless each of the partners is so qualified.

Accounts.

21.—(1) The accounts of IPPF shall be laid before a general meeting of the Central Council and shall include—

(a) one or more statements dealing with the income and expenditure, and all other movements, of funds of IPPF and of trusts administered by IPPF for the preceding year; and

(b) one or more statements dealing with the funds, assets and liabilities of IPPF and of trusts administered by IPPF as at the end of the preceding year.

(2) The accounts shall give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of IPPF at the end of the preceding year and of its transactions for that year.

(3) The accounts shall be approved by the Central Council and be signed on their behalf by two members of the Central Council.

(4) The accounts shall have annexed thereto the report of the auditors, who shall have the right to attend and be heard at the general meeting of the Central Council to which the accounts are presented.

SCHEDULE

Section 12.

REGULATIONS

1. MEMBERSHIP

(1) Membership of IPPF shall be one of the following three categories:—

- (a) full membership;
- (b) associate membership;
- (c) affiliate membership.

(2) Organizations and institutions are eligible for membership provided that—

- (a) they subscribe to the aims and policies of IPPF;
- (b) they are not controlled by commercial interests;
- (c) they do not discriminate regarding race, creed, colour, politics or sex.

(3) One non-governmental family planning organization in each country shall be eligible for full membership of IPPF provided that the major part of its activities is devoted to the furtherance of the objects of IPPF and provided that it is a national organization in accordance with the following criteria:—

- (a) it is the headquarters of branches or affiliated centres; or
- (b) (i) it has been recognised officially either through the receipt of a grant from public funds, or through being officially consulted or asked for assistance, or through other forms of recognition; and
(ii) it has an established position in its own country as either the only or leading organization.

(4) One non-governmental family planning organization in a country where no full member organization has been recognised shall be eligible for associate membership provided it fulfils the criteria in section (3) (a) or (b) of this Regulation, subject to confirmation by the Central Council at each ordinary meeting of the Central Council after taking into account any recommendations of the Regional Council.

(5) Any two or more non-governmental family planning organizations in adjacent countries or territories within a region may group themselves into a single organization which shall be eligible for membership of IPPF.

(6) Governments shall be eligible as affiliate members. Representatives of affiliate members shall not be eligible for election to the Central Council.

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(7) The Central Council shall decide on applications for associate and affiliate membership provided they have been approved by the Regional Council in which the applicant is situated, except where the Central Council otherwise decides.

2. MEMBERS' ASSEMBLY

(1) There shall be a Members' Assembly consisting of—

- (a) one representative from each member organization;
- (b) the Honorary Officers of IPPF, who shall be the President and those Honorary Officers elected under Regulation 3 (2) (a);
- (c) the Founder President as long as there shall be one;
- (d) the immediate past President;
- (e) members of the Central Council, who shall be members without vote unless they are representatives of member organizations.

(2) The Members' Assembly shall be deliberative and shall also have the following powers and duties only:—

- (a) to review the role and perspectives of IPPF;
- (b) to review and adopt three-year plans of IPPF;
- (c) (i) to ratify amendments to the Regulations in the form adopted by the Central Council where so empowered under Regulation 13 (1);
(ii) to make recommendations when necessary on matters relating to the Regulations to the Central Council;
- (d) to elect the President of IPPF;
- (e) to consider how to further the objects of IPPF;
- (f) to provide a forum in which experience can be exchanged among members;
- (g) on the recommendation of the Central Council—
 - (i) to establish regions;
 - (ii) to admit associate member organizations into full membership;
 - (iii) to expel members as set forth in Regulation 7;
 - (iv) to appoint patrons and define their privileges and functions.

(3) The Members' Assembly shall meet on call by the Central Council at least once in every three years.

(4) (a) The President of IPPF shall be the Chairman of the Members' Assembly.

(b) In the absence of the President the Assembly shall appoint a temporary Chairman.

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- (1) There shall be a Central Council consisting of—
- (a) the President of IPPF;
 - (b) the immediate past President who shall be a member without vote;
 - (c) six representatives of each region (or twelve in the case of a double region) for the period of their appointment by their respective regions;
 - (d) the Chairmen of Standing Committees;
 - (e) the Founder President, as long as there shall be one who shall be a member without vote.
- (2) (a) The Central Council shall elect from among its members the following Honorary Officers of IPPF:—
- (i) the Chairman of the Central Council;
 - (ii) one Vice-Chairman of the Central Council from each region (two from a double region) to be elected from among the representatives of that region on the Central Council;
 - (iii) the Treasurer.
- (b) The Central Council may define the functions of its Honorary Officers.
- (3) Except where otherwise provided in their respective constitutions, Regional Councils shall elect regional representatives from among the members of their respective Regional Councils. If a Regional Council fails to do so its regional representatives shall be elected in such manner as may be determined by the Central Council.

4. FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

- (1) With the exception of those powers and duties assigned to the Members' Assembly in Regulation 2 (2) (c), (d) and (g), the Central Council shall determine the policies of IPPF and direct the work of IPPF in accordance with these Regulations. It shall, inter alia—
- (a) elect the Associate and Affiliate Members of IPPF;
 - (b) fix dues or subscriptions;
 - (c) determine the time and place of international conferences;
 - (d) collect and allocate funds;
 - (e) formulate rules;
 - (f) appoint the Secretary General, who shall be the chief executive officer of IPPF, and determine his terms of reference;
 - (g) receive annual and other reports and proposals for action from the regions, member organizations, the Secretary General or others;
 - (h) receive requests for advice and financial assistance from regional organizations, member organizations and others and meet them as far as possible within the objects of IPPF;
 - (i) consider, and if deemed appropriate—
 - (i) approve the constitutions of member organizations and Regional Councils and any amendments made thereto;

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(ii) approve the annual work programme and budget to be prepared by the Secretary General, and revise the three-year plans adopted by the Members' Assembly as may be necessary between meetings of the Members' Assembly;

(iii) confirm the executive actions of the Secretary General.

(2) Subject to Regulation 11 the Central Council shall make its own rules of voting including balloting by post.

5. MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

In addition to the annual general meeting as provided in section 14 (General meetings) of this Act, the Central Council shall meet in extraordinary session whenever the Executive Committee shall so decide.

6. COMMITTEES

(1) *Executive Committee of the Central Council*

(a) There shall be an Executive Committee of the Central Council, consisting of the Honorary Officers, namely—

- (i) the President;
- (ii) the Chairman of the Central Council;
- (iii) the Vice-Chairmen of the Central Council;
- (iv) the Treasurer.

(b) The functions of the Executive Committee shall be—

- (i) to elect its Chairman from amongst its members;
- (ii) to assure follow-up action on decisions of the Central Council;
- (iii) to be available to the Secretary General for consultation;
- (iv) to take action on such other matters as it may deem necessary in between meetings of the Central Council;
- (v) to initiate and develop policy for consideration by the Central Council.

(c) The Executive Committee shall meet not less than twice annually.

(2) *Other committees of the Central Council and panels*

The Central Council may establish such other committees and panels as it sees fit and determine the composition and define the functions of such committees and panels.

(3) *Standing committees*

(a) There shall be the following Standing Committees:—

- (i) Budget and Finance;
- (ii) Communication;
- (iii) Medical.

(b) Each Standing Committee shall consist of one representative of each region (or two in the case of a double region) elected by their respective regions and one member of the Executive Committee, designated by that committee, and shall have the power to co-opt.

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(c) The Treasurer shall be the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee. The other Chairmen and the Vice-Chairmen of each Standing Committee shall be elected by the Standing Committee from amongst its members to serve until the next but one annual meeting after that at which they were elected.

(d) Officers shall be eligible for re-election for not more than three consecutive terms.

(e) Each Standing Committee shall meet at least once annually.

(f) Subject to the approval of the Central Council each Standing Committee may establish specialist sub-committees.

(g) The duties of the Standing Committees shall be to advise the Central Council on all matters falling within their purview relating to budget and finance, communication and medical matters; to co-ordinate and advise on the work of the regions relating to budget and finance, communication and medical matters respectively; to co-ordinate with all other committees; to present reports and recommendations to the Central Council.

(h) Subject to the approval of the Central Council each Standing Committee shall have power to adopt such rules as may be necessary for the conduct of the work entrusted to it.

(i) The Secretary General shall designate a senior official to serve as Secretary to each Standing Committee.

(4) *Duration of committees and panels*

No such committee or panel as is referred to in sections (2) or (3) of this Regulation shall be established for an initial period of longer than five years, at which time a review shall be made as to its existence and terms of reference.

(5) *The Secretary General*

By virtue of office, the Secretary General shall be entitled to attend meetings of all committees and panels either personally or by designating a senior official.

7. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

(1) The Members' Assembly on the recommendation of the Central Council may expel a member organization if it ceases to fulfil the criteria set forth in Regulation 1, if it becomes inactive, or for serious undesirable activities, under the following conditions:—

(a) notice in writing specifying the charges shall be given by registered airmail to the member organization concerned requiring it to show cause why it should not be expelled. A copy of the notice shall at the same time be sent by registered airmail to all members of the Members' Assembly.

(b) a period of ninety days from the date of the dispatch of the notice shall be allowed to the member organization to send in its written representation, a copy of which shall be sent by the Secretary General by registered airmail to all members of the Members' Assembly.

(c) if the explanation is found unsatisfactory, or if no reply is received within ninety days from the date of dispatch of the

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notice, the Members' Assembly may by a two-thirds majority of those voting expel the member organization concerned from membership of IPPF. Such member organization shall thereupon return to IPPF central office all the loans and unspent grants from IPPF.

(2) (a) The Central Council may by a two-thirds majority of those voting suspend a member organization if it ceases to fulfil the criteria set forth in Regulation 1, if it becomes inactive, or for serious undesirable activities, provided that within three months such member organization shall be given an opportunity to show cause why such suspension should be revoked and the decision shall be reviewed at the next meeting of the Central Council.

(b) No suspension taking effect under the preceding paragraph shall continue beyond the next meeting of the Members' Assembly unless the continuation of such suspension has been ratified at that meeting of the Members' Assembly.

(3) The recommendations of the appropriate Regional Council shall be taken into account in any action taken under this Regulation.

(4) The initiative of action under this Regulation shall be taken by the appropriate Regional Council, except in the case of a member organization not a member of a Regional Council, when the initiative shall be taken by the Central Council.

8. REGIONAL COUNCILS

(1) Regional Councils shall be established by member organizations in regions. They shall elect their own officers and establish such committees and panels as they see fit.

(2) Every full member organization shall have at least one representative on the Council of the region in which it operates. Associate and Affiliate Member organizations may have representation on the Regional Council at its discretion.

(3) Regional Councils shall have the following functions and duties:—

- (a) to aid and assist family planning organizations which already exist in their regions;
- (b) to encourage the establishment of family planning organizations in countries within their regions where none exist;
- (c) to sponsor applications of such organizations within their region for membership of IPPF;
- (d) to promote the exchange of information and stimulate new programmes through the organization of regional conferences and other means;
- (e) to assist the IPPF Secretariat in its dealings with family planning organizations within their regions;
- (f) generally to further the objects of IPPF in their regions;
- (g) to appoint the regional representatives to the Central Council, and to committees stipulating regional representation, and determine their tenure of office;

- (h) to submit reports and audited statements of accounts to the Central Council annually;
- (i) to make recommendations in respect of the suspension and expulsion of full member organizations and confirmation or otherwise of associate member organizations. Before a recommendation or non-confirmation, suspension or expulsion is made by the Regional Council the member organization concerned shall be informed and be given the opportunity to show cause why the recommendation should not be made;
- (j) to promote inter-regional activity;
- (k) to assist in the initiation, implementation and development of IPPF's policies.

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(4) (a) Any subscriptions or dues paid by family planning organizations in their regions to their own Regional Council shall be fixed by the Regional Council.

(b) Any subscriptions or dues paid by family planning organizations to IPPF shall be fixed by the Central Council and shall be paid to the regional office of the Secretariat.

(5) Regional Councils may decide their own form of organization within the framework of IPPF, but their constitution and regulations, and any amendments thereto, shall require the approval of the Central Council.

9. REGIONS

(1) The following are the regions of IPPF:—

- (a) Africa;
- (b) Europe;
- (c) Indian Ocean;
- (d) Latin America;
- (e) Middle East and North Africa;
- (f) North America;
- (g) South East Asia and Oceania;
- (h) Western Pacific.

(2) Until otherwise determined under this Regulation, the North America and Latin America regions and South East Asia and Oceania and Western Pacific regions shall be combined in the Western Hemisphere, and East and South East Asia and Oceania, regions respectively, and shall be treated as double regions for the purpose of these Regulations. Notwithstanding Regulation 13 the Members' Assembly may at any time determine on the recommendation of the Central Council that regions shall cease to be combined under this Regulation and shall cease to be treated as double regions.

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(3) The Members' Assembly, after consultation with the Regional Council concerned and the member organization in question shall determine to what region the member organization belongs.

10. TENURE OF HONORARY OFFICERS

(1) The President shall hold office until the next meeting of the Members' Assembly, and his total consecutive service period shall not exceed two terms.

(2) The Chairman of the Central Council, the Vice-Chairmen of the Central Council and the Treasurer shall hold office until the next but one annual meeting after their respective elections, and their respective total consecutive service periods shall not exceed three terms.

(3) If the Chairman or a Vice-Chairman ceases to be a regional representative to the Central Council, or if his post becomes vacant for any reason whatsoever, a replacement shall be elected at the next meeting of the Central Council and he shall serve out his predecessor's term.

(4) If the post of President becomes vacant for any reason whatsoever, the Central Council shall elect a replacement, who shall serve until the next meeting of the Members' Assembly.

(5) If the post of Chairman or Treasurer becomes vacant for any reason whatsoever, the Executive Committee shall elect a replacement from the members of the Central Council, who shall serve until the next meeting of the Central Council.

(6) If any of the posts of Vice-Chairmen become vacant for any reason whatsoever, the Executive Committee shall elect a replacement from the members of the Central Council from the same region, who shall serve until the next meeting of the Central Council.

11. PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS' ASSEMBLY AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

(1) *Quorum*

The quorum for the Members' Assembly and the Central Council shall be one-third of the members thereof respectively. Proxies shall not count for the purposes of the quorum.

(2) *Proxy Votes*

A member may give a proxy vote to another member from the same region provided this is done in writing and provided further that no member may hold more than one proxy vote.

(3) *Majority*

Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of those voting, except where otherwise provided by these Regulations.

(4) *Postal Ballot*

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- (a) On the direction of the Central Council, the Secretary General shall conduct a postal ballot of the Members' Assembly.
- (b) The Secretary General with the approval of the President, or the Chairman of the Central Council or the Chairman of the Executive Committee, may conduct a postal ballot of the Central Council, and shall do so when directed by the Executive Committee.

At least six weeks must elapse between the dispatch of the ballot papers, by registered airmail, and the closing time of their receipt by the Secretariat. The provisions of this Regulation regarding quorum and majority voting shall apply to postal ballots. The result of a postal ballot of the Members' Assembly or the Central Council shall be notified to the members of the Members' Assembly or the Central Council, as the case may be, within 30 days of the count.

12. NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

(1) The Secretary General shall invite from all the members of the Central Council nominations for Honorary Officers to be elected by it to be received by him before the commencement of the meeting of the Central Council at which the election is to be held. No subsequent nominations shall be valid. The Secretary General shall scrutinise such nominations and all valid nominations shall be placed before such meeting of the Central Council. The election shall be held as soon as possible thereafter and the result declared forthwith; provided, however, that at least 24 hours shall elapse between the presentation of the nominations to the Central Council and the voting. The newly elected officers shall assume office at the end of the final session of the Central Council at which the election is being held.

(2) The procedure of the Members' Assembly in electing the President shall be the same *mutatis mutandis* as provided in section (1) of this Regulation.

13. AMENDMENTS

(1) The following provisions of these Regulations, Regulations 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 (1), 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (in so far as it refers to the Members' Assembly), 12 (in so far as it refers to the Members' Assembly) and this Regulation may be amended, altered or revoked by the Central Council by a two-thirds majority of those voting, provided that not less than six weeks' notice of any such amendment, alteration or revocation is given by registered airmail to all members of the Central Council and shall not be valid unless ratified by the Members' Assembly by a simple majority of those voting.

(2) Provisions of these Regulations other than those mentioned in section (1) of this Regulation may be amended, altered or revoked by the Central Council by a two-thirds majority of those voting, provided that not less than six weeks' notice of any such amendment, alteration or revocation is given by registered airmail to all members of the Central Council.

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