

STATUTE OF THE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

“INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTER DESIGN HANDMADE IN ... ®”

Article 1 – Establishment, Name, Registered Office and Duration

1. An unincorporated, non-profit association is hereby established pursuant to the provisions of the Italian Civil Code under the name “**International Study Center Design HandMade in ... ®**” (hereinafter referred to as the “Association”).
 2. The Association has its registered office in the Municipality of Naples, at Via Gabriele Jannelli no. 45/A. Any transfer of the registered office within the same municipality shall not require an amendment to this Statute.
 3. A representative office is established at Fondazione Plart, located in Naples, Via Giuseppe Martucci no. 48.
 4. The duration of the Association is unlimited. The Association may be dissolved exclusively by resolution of the Extraordinary General Assembly in accordance with this Statute.
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Article 2 – Purpose and Activities

1. The Association operates on a non-profit basis and pursues exclusively civic, cultural and social solidarity purposes.
 2. The purpose of the Association is to promote, develop and disseminate research, study and cultural activities concerning design works and their restoration, at both national and international level.
 3. In particular, the Association promotes the concept of “**Design HandMade in ...**”, a registered trademark (no. 302024000073780), referring to the interaction between craftsmanship and design, and to the enhancement of the so-called *Artidesign*, understood as the integration between artisanal production and design processes.
 4. The Association aims to foster collaboration among universities, research centers, cultural institutions and professionals, in Italy and abroad, in order to promote excellence in craftsmanship and contemporary design culture.
 5. The Association also seeks to preserve, develop and institutionalize over twenty years of scientific research conducted by Prof. Claudio Gambardella in the field of relationships between craftsmanship (“know-how”) and design culture.
 6. For the achievement of its purposes, the Association may, inter alia:
 - a. design and implement research projects;
 - b. organize conferences, seminars, workshops and exhibitions;
 - c. publish books, journals and research reports;
 - d. promote international cooperation with public and private institutions;
 - e. manage, promote and protect the trademark “Design HandMade in ...”.
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Article 3 – Membership

1. Membership in the Association shall be open to an unlimited number of individuals who share its purposes.

2. Applicants for membership shall submit a written application to the Board of Directors, including full personal details and an express declaration of acceptance of this Statute and any internal regulations.
 3. The Board of Directors shall resolve upon applications according to objective and non-discriminatory criteria consistent with the purposes of the Association.
 4. Membership shall be of a permanent nature, without prejudice to the cases of termination set forth in Article 5.
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Article 4 – Rights and Obligations of Members

1. Members shall have the right to:
 - a. participate in the General Assembly with voting rights;
 - b. elect and be elected to the governing bodies;
 - c. participate in the activities of the Association;
 - d. access the Association's documents and information;
 - e. receive reimbursement of duly authorized expenses.
 2. Members shall be obliged to:
 - a. comply with this Statute and internal regulations;
 - b. act in a personal, voluntary and non-remunerated manner;
 - c. pay membership fees as determined by the General Assembly.
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Article 5 – Termination of Membership

1. Membership shall terminate upon death, resignation or exclusion.
 2. Exclusion may be resolved in the event of serious breach of the Statute or conduct detrimental to the Association, in compliance with due process and the right to be heard.
 3. Members who withdraw or are excluded shall have no right to reimbursement of membership fees or claims against the Association's assets.
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Article 6 – Governing Bodies

The governing bodies of the Association shall be:

- the General Assembly;
- the Board of Directors;
- the President;
- the Supervisory Body, if appointed.

All offices shall be performed on a voluntary basis, except for reimbursement of documented expenses.

Article 7 – General Assembly

1. The General Assembly shall be composed of all members and shall represent the supreme governing body of the Association.
 2. It shall have exclusive competence over:
 - appointment and removal of the Board of Directors;
 - approval of financial statements;
 - amendments to the Statute;
 - dissolution of the Association.
 3. The Assembly may be held in person, remotely or in hybrid form, provided that participants can be properly identified and may intervene in real time.
 4. Resolutions shall be adopted by majority vote, unless otherwise required by law or this Statute.
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Article 8 – Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than five and no more than nine members, appointed by the General Assembly.
 2. Members of the Board shall remain in office for a term of three years and may be reappointed.
 3. The Board shall be responsible for the overall management of the Association, including:
 - implementation of Assembly resolutions;
 - admission and exclusion of members;
 - preparation of financial statements;
 - management of assets and activities.
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Article 9 – President

1. The President shall be the legal representative of the Association vis-à-vis third parties and in legal proceedings.
 2. The President shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among its members.
 3. The President shall remain in office for three years and may be re-elected.
 4. The President shall convene and chair the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.
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Article 10 – Assets

The assets of the Association shall be used exclusively for the pursuit of its statutory purposes.

Article 11 – Prohibition of Profit Distribution

The Association is prohibited from distributing, directly or indirectly, profits or surpluses to its members, officers or collaborators.

Article 12 – Financial Resources

The financial resources of the Association may derive from:

- membership fees;
 - public and private contributions;
 - donations and bequests;
 - income from assets;
 - fundraising activities.
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Article 13 – Financial Statements

1. The Association shall prepare annual financial statements.
 2. Such financial statements shall be approved by the General Assembly within six months from the end of the financial year.
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Article 14 – Registers

The Association shall maintain:

- a register of members;
- minutes of the General Assembly;
- minutes of the Board of Directors;
- a register of volunteers.

Members shall have the right to inspect such records.

Article 15 – Volunteers

Volunteers shall carry out their activities freely, without remuneration, and solely for purposes of solidarity, except for reimbursement of documented expenses.

Article 16 – Employees and Collaborators

The Association may employ staff or engage external collaborators to the extent necessary for its proper functioning.

Article 17 – Dissolution and Winding-up

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets shall be transferred to other organizations pursuing similar purposes, in accordance with applicable law.

Article 18 – Governing Law

For all matters not expressly provided herein, reference shall be made to the provisions of the Italian Civil Code.
