

Articles of Association
R.O.N.G.E.A.D.

(Réseau des Organisations Non Gouvernementales Européennes sur le commerce international, les questions Agro-Alimentaires l'environnement et le Développement)

(European Non-Governmental Network for Agriculture, Food and Development)

I : UNDERTAKING & DEFINITIONS

Article 1 : The undersigned hereby undertake to be bound by the Articles of Association, and to fulfil additional conditions defined by the constitution of the Association set up under the legal provisions of the law dated 1st July 1901 and other legislation currently in force.

Article 2 : The official name of the Association is "Réseau des organisations non gouvernementales européennes sur le commerce international, les questions agro-alimentaires, l'environnement et le développement " : RONGEAD.

Article 3 : The registered address and head office of the association is: 21 rue Longue, 69001 LYONS.

II : PURPOSE - AIMS - MEANS

Article 4 :

- The general aim of the Association is to contribute to the development of European policies for of alleviating poverty and reducing inequalities world-wide.
- The specific aim of the association is to establish partnership and cooperation between the social and economic parties in this context, based on multilateral laws and agreements, and in particular the WTO and related issues (trade, environment, development).

Article 5 : The Association will work in coordination with all European non-governmental organisations having the same objectives, and will engage with socio professional organisations which wish to cooperate to reach these objectives.

III : FEES AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Article 6 : The Association is made up of subscribing members : individuals aged 19 or over. Candidates must be proposed by two members of the Board and accepted by the Board of Directors.

Article 7 : Membership shall lapse due to:

- Resignation
- Dismissal by the Board of Directors, the member concerned having had the right to make representation in person
- Failure to pay membership fees

Article 8 : Membership fees are payable annually at a rate fixed by the Board of Directors, on a proposal from the Chair

IV : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Article 9 : The association shall hold an Annual General Meeting to be called by the Chair. Members attending must have paid their current membership fees.

Notification of the AGM shall be sent out a minimum of twenty days in advance.

Article 10 : The AGM shall elect the Board of Directors, to a maximum of 15 members.

Article 11 : An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called either by the Board of Directors, or at the request of a quarter of the membership.

Article 12 : The agenda of the AGM shall be drawn up by the Board.

V : BOARD OF DIRECTORS – CLOSED MEETINGS

Article 13 : The Board of Directors shall meet as often as necessary, at the request of the Chair. A quorum of half the membership of the Board in person or by proxy shall be required to decisions to be binding. Decisions are adopted by a majority of those present and those represented by proxy. The Chair holds the casting vote.

Written minutes shall be taken of all Board meetings. Minutes shall be signed by the Chair and the General Secretary. Absent members of the Board of Directors may deliver a proxy vote in writing via another member. Associate members may be invited to meetings.

Article 14 : The Board of Directors shall elect one each of the following :

- Chair
- General Secretary
- Treasurer

These three shall constitute the executive officers of the Association.

This Board is elected for one year and is responsible for the day-to-day running of the Association and the monitoring of fulfilment of RONGEAD's mission.

VI: SUPPORT & ADVICE

Article 15 : The Association may seek all appropriate sources of support and information relevant to its mission in the framework of the development of a European and international network.

VII : RESOURCES :

Article 16: The financial resources of the association shall be made up of the following:

- Membership fees
- Grants
- Fees from services undertaken to fulfil the objectives of the association
- Expenses for services rendered
- Donations

VIII : MISCELLANEOUS

Article 17 : The Association has no fixed term of existence.

Article 18 : The Articles of Association may only be modified at an Extraordinary General Meeting. Such a meeting must be attended by at least one quarter of the membership.

If this proportion is not reached, the meeting shall be reconvened 15 days later, when a binding decision may be taken, whatever the number of participants. In every case the Articles of Association may only be modified by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

Article 19 : An Extraordinary General Meeting to decide the winding up of the association shall be convened for this specific purpose and must be attended by a minimum of half the membership, plus one additional member. The winding up may only be approved by a majority of two thirds of the members present.

Article 20 : In the event of winding up, the Board of Directors shall appoint one or more officers to liquidate the assets of the Association. They shall transfer the net assets of the Association to a similar association, as required by law.

Article 21 : All measures not defined in these Articles shall be at the Board's discretion.

Lyon
15th February 2006

Signatures :

Chair :

General Secretary :