Statute

International Management Group

Statute of the International Management Group (IMG)

Chapter I-Purposes and Functions

Article 1

1. IMG is established as an International Organisation whose purposes and functions shall be:

a) In the fields of infrastructure and of all projects based on reconstruction and development, upon the request of the Standing Committee or upon the request of a Donor Country or Agency or some other body, as appropriate:

- Collecting, elaborating and disseminating the information on the progress of activities and on the actions being undertaken within the rehabilitation and development programme;

- Assessment of essential needs of infrastructure;

- Selection of sectors and areas which hold priority, in common agreement with national institutions;

- Identification of programme and projects and their subsequent submission to potential donors, with a view to promoting their financing;

- Management of projects implementation on behalf of donors;

- Contribution to the coordination of Reconstruction and Development Programme;

- To maintain contact with States, Governments, international institutions and other potential donors, which may, directly or indirectly, be in position to fund the above programmes or project proposals and, upon request, to assist them in their action.

Chapter II-Headquarters

Article 2

The Organisation shall have its Headquarters in Belgrade.

CHAPTER III-Membership and Organs

Article 3

There are established as organs of the Organization:

(a) The Standing Committee;
(b) The Secretariat

The Standing Committee

Article 4

The functions of the Standing Committee shall be:

(a) to establish policy guidelines for IMG and reporting requirements of the Secretariat;

(b) to review the reports and determine the follow up actions which ought to be taken;

(c) to approve the budget, the staffing requirements and the accounts of the Secretariat;

(d) to examine all issues which may be submitted by the General Manager, or by a member of the Standing Committee; and

(e) to take any other appropriate action to further the purposes of IMG.

Article 5

1. The Standing Committee shall be composed of States having established IMG and all other States and International/Regional Organizations contributing in cash and/or in kind on a regular basis to the budget and/or operation of the organization with each member having one vote, and all other States and International/Regional Organizations having expressed an interest in and support of IMG . UNHCR shall be considered to be *ex officio* member of the Standing Committee.

2. Members of the Standing Committee may decide to withdraw from the Standing Committee subject to sending a notification to the Presidency. Such withdrawal shall become effective at least 3 months following the date of the notification.

3. Membership of the Standing Committee may be reviewed by the Committee at the first regular session of each year should a member no longer be contributing to IMG in accordance with Article 5.1.

4. Following the announcement of a pledge by a State not member of the Standing Committee, the Presidency of the Committee will advise all member thereof. If no objections are raised, the pledging State will be invited to the next Standing Committee meeting as a new member. Otherwise, the issues of membership will be tabled at the next meeting where the State may be admitted as a member of the Standing Committee.

Article 6

1. Contributions to the budget and/or operation of IMG are deemed to be part of the budgetary process and consequently cannot be withdrawn.

2. Although Contributions by States and international organizations to the budget and/or operation of IMG are made on a voluntary basis they however are expected to be durable and hopefully to be maintained as long as the contributing members which together constitute the Standing Committee decide to continue IMG.

Article 7

The Standing Committee may as required at its meetings invite experts and/or representatives of other International Organizations. Such observers shall not have the right to vote.

Article 8

1. The Standing Committee shall meet in regular sessions at least once a year. Unless otherwise decided, the meetings shall take place in Belgrade.

2. The Standing Committee shall meet in special sessions at the request of the Presidency, The General Manager, or by three members of the Standing Committee.

3. The Standing Committee shall elect, at its last regular meeting prior to each of the periods from 1 January to 30 June and 1 July to 31 December, the Presidency for a six month term. The Presidency may be re-elected.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this Statute, decisions of the Standing Committee shall be considered as adopted as long as there is no objection to such decision by a member of the Standing Committee.

Article 9

Nil

Article 10

Nil

The Secretariat

Article 11

1. The Secretariat shall comprise a General Manager and such staff the Standing Committee may determine. The terms of references of the General Manager shall be established by the Standing Committee and of the staff by the General Manager.

2. The General Manager shall appoint the staff of the secretariat within the limits set forth by the Standing Committee.

Article 12

1. The General Manager shall be appointed by a two thirds majority of the Standing Committee. The term of the Office will be one year, renewable and subject to the continuing existence of the organisation. The General Manager shall serve under a contract signed either by the State or the international institution seconding him to IMG or by the Presidency of IMG.
   In this last case the contract shall be approved by the Standing Committee.

2. The General Manager shall be responsible to the Standing Committee. The General Manager shall discharge the administrative and executive functions of IMG in accordance with this statute and the policies and decisions of the Standing Committee. The General Manager shall formulate proposals for appropriate action by the Standing Committee.

Article 13

The General Manager or his designated representative shall be present without vote at all sessions of the Standing Committee.

Article 14

At each regular session of the Standing Committee, the General Manager shall make a report on the work of IMG and give a full account of its activities during the period covered.

CHAPTER IV – Finance

Article 15

The financial year shall be from April 1of one year to March 31 of the following year.

Article 16

The General Manager shall submit to the Standing Committee an annual administrative budget and an annual operational budget.

1. The Administrative budget shall be composed of two parts:

International staff
Other administrative expenses

The part concerning international staff will:

- list with no budgetary amounts the number of staff seconded and fully paid by members of the Standing Committee

- provide budgetary lines for staff to be financed from IMG administrative budget.

The part concerning other administrative expenses will provide for related necessary allocations

The administrative budget shall be approved by the Standing Committee.

2. The operational budget shall provide for the resources necessary to cover anticipated expenses for necessary surveys or emergency actions.

The General Manager is empowered to implement the budget.

Article 17

The utilization of assets and funds shall be subject to independent financial verification. The Standing Committee may, as appropriate, upon proposal by the General Manager nominate one or more responsible bodies for financial verification.

CHAPTER V - Legal Status

Article 18

IMG shall posses such legal capacity, as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfilment of its purposes, and in particular the capacity:

a) to contract;
b) to acquire/rent and dispose of immovable property;
c) to receive and disburse private and public funds;
d) to institute legal proceedings; and
e) to take all other lawful action necessary to accomplish the purpose of IMG.

Article 19

1. The proper exercise of the functions and the fulfilment of the purposes of IMG shall require the organization to enjoy all necessary privileges and immunities being granted to the Specialized Agencies Pursuant to the Convention of the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies approved by the General Assembly of the UN on 21st November 1947.

2. The General Manager and the international key staff of IMG shall be considered to be entitled to privileges and immunities being granted to the officials of the Specialized Agencies Pursuant to the aforementioned Vienna Convention.

3. Privileges and Immunities may be further defined between IMG and Standing Committee Members where IMG is operating.

CHAPTER VI - Miscellaneous Provisions

Article 20

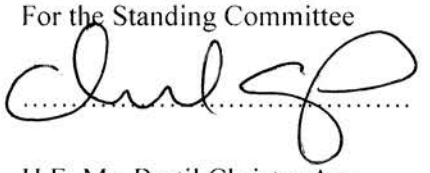
1. Text of proposed amendments to the Statute either by members of the Standing Committee or the General Manager shall be communicated through the Presidency at least three months in advance of their consideration by the Standing Committee.

2. Amendments shall come into force when adopted by two-thirds of the members of the Standing Committee present at the session considering the amendments.

Article 21

The Standing Committee may decide to dissolve IMG with a two-thirds majority.

For the Standing Committee



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