



# STATUTES

## Mediterranean Union of Surveyors (UMG)

### Preamble

Considering the will of Mediterranean surveyors to create a structure with a view to responding to their common vocation to strengthen the links inherent to their membership of the Mediterranean basin, the common cradle of the civilization, on 22nd June 2010 in Marseille – France it is founded between the members of the present statutes an international organization governed by the French Law of 1901 on the associations, which denomination is:

**MEDITERRANEAN UNION OF SURVEYORS (UMG)**

### TITLE 1: OBJECT – LANGUAGES – HEAD OFFICE - DURATION

#### Article 1 – Object

The Union aims at strengthening the links of existing cultural and professional exchanges between the surveyors of the Mediterranean Basin within the framework of a platform of exchange, cooperation and partnership.

For that purpose, the Union has settled for objective:

1. To strengthen the organization of the surveying profession ;
2. To develop the influence of the profession both at the national political level, and at level of the international authorities ;
3. To promote a high initial and continuous level of training ;
4. To facilitate the exchange of persons and services and to develop partnerships at the level of the professional market;
5. To organize every year, when the General Assembly is gathered, a meeting open to all members of the UMG Member Associations with scientific, technical, ecological topics related to the Mediterranean Area;
6. To promote the organization of training courses aimed to the professional education and exchange between professionals belonging to UMG Member States focusing especially on the youth.

### **Article 2 – Languages**

The official languages of the Union are English and French.

### **Article 3 – Head office**

The head office of the UMG is located in the country where the head office of the elected President' association is located.

### **Article 4 – Duration**

The duration of the association is unlimited.

## **TITRE II : COMPOSITION**

### **Article 5 : Members**

The UMG is composed of full members, associate members, observers and possibly honorary members.

#### **a- Full members**

Only the national organizations, created by law, of the Mediterranean Basin representative of the surveyors exercising their profession in private and liberal practice, in a company, in a private firm, within the national administration or in any public entity, can become full members of the UMG.

#### **b- Associate members**

Any national organization not belonging to the Mediterranean Basin representative of the surveyors exercising their profession in private and liberal practice, in a company, in a private firm, within the national administration or in any public entity, could be admitted as Associate members one year after the constituent general assembly.

#### **c- Observers**

Any international organization representative of the profession could be admitted as observers one year after the constituent general assembly.

#### **d- Honorary members**

The general assembly can, by simple majority, grant the title of honorary member of the Union to every natural person or legal organization chosen for the services rendered to the Union.

### **Article 6 : Decision authorities**

The decision authorities of the Union are:

#### **a- The General Assembly;**

#### **b- The Executive Board.**

## **TITRE III : FUNCTIONING**

### **Article 7 : General Assembly**

#### **a) Definition**

The general assembly is composed of the sole full members who can only benefit from one vote per country, whatever the number of their associations and whatever the number of their representatives within the associations.

The associated members, the observers and the honorary members can attend the general assembly but cannot benefit from any voting right.

Every full member, associate member, observer or honorary member can be represented by a maximum of three delegates.

## b) Meetings

The general assembly gathers at least once a year after notification of the President of the Union to attend at the place and date decided by the Executive Board and approved by the General Assembly. The notification shall be sent two months before at the latest and it has to include the theme and the agenda of the annual meeting organized in fringe of the General Assembly (see art. 1, point 5). The general assembly can be convened for an extraordinary session on a decision of the Executive Board and on notification of the President no later than two months before the meeting. The venue and date shall be decided by the Executive Board.

The agenda of the General Assembly is proposed by the Executive Board and is sent to the members together with the notification to attend. The agenda is finally set by the General Assembly.

The general assembly is chaired by the President or the Vice-President in case of unavailability.

The general assembly can only legitimately deliberate by an overall majority if at least half of the full members are present at the time fixed in the notification. Should this quorum not be obtained and should at least 3 countries be represented, after two hours from the time and date fixed in the notification, the General Assembly is once more convened and shall deliberate by a simple majority whatever the number of the full members present.

## c- Competences

**The General Assembly holds exclusively the following competences :**

- The statutes on a proposal from the Executive Board ;
- The sharing out of the fees and voting rights ;
- The approval of the budgets and the annual balance sheet ;
- The approval of the date and venue of the General Assembly on proposal from the Executive Board;
- The discharge of the Executive Board on its actions, including the creation of working groups ;
- The election of the President and the members of the Executive Board ;
- The approval of the inner rules ;
- The admission and exclusion of a member on a proposal from the Executive Board ;
- The nomination of honorary members ;
- The voluntary dissolution of the association.

## Article 8 : Executive Board

### a- Definition

The Executive Board is composed of the President and eight members elected by the General Assembly.

The executive Board elects among its members who are nominated by the General Assembly :

- One or many Vice-president(s) ;
- The Secretary General ;
- The Treasurer and an « assistant treasurer » coming from the President's country ;
- Five members whose functions could be defined in the internal rules.

The Executive Board is elected for a period of four years which can be renewed. No member can be elected more than two times in a row. A member must belong to a national organization which is up to date with its subscriptions to become a valid candidate.

### b- Meetings

**The Executive Board gathers at least twice a year after a notification by the President to attend.** It can also gather on a notification of the President to attend at the express request of the Executive Board members.

The quorum for the Executive board meetings is four members, including the President.  
The Executive Board decisions are adopted at the majority of the present or represented members.  
In the event of a tie in the voting, the President's voting is preponderant.

c- Prerogatives

**The Executive Board holds the following prerogatives :**

- To plan the date and venue for the General Assembly on a proposal from a member country which will be in charge of its organization. In the absence of candidature, the General Assembly gathers in the country where the head office stands;
- To set up the draft agenda of the General Assembly ;
- To suggest to the General Assembly the admission of a new member, the suspension or exclusion of a member ;
- To look after the execution of the decisions and recommendations of the General Assembly ;
- To present the projects and work plans of the Union to the General Assembly;
- To present the Executive Board's report activities to the General Assembly ;
- To prepare the provisional budget and to present it to the General Assembly ;
- To present the annual balance sheet to the General Assembly ;
- To set up working groups which prerogatives and functions are to be defined in the inner rules ;
- To accomplish every mission necessary to the achievement of the objectives of the Union.

## **Article 9 : President**

Within the framework of his functions, the President :

- Represents the Union in all the dealings with the national and international organizations, - the Court and for every legal civil action. He concludes the agreements and contracts in accordance with the Union's program of activities. The outgoing president remains at the disposal of the Executive Board during one year to ensure the continuity of the association's activities. The Executive Board can as such entrust him with missions.
- Convenes ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Board ;
- Chairs the General Assembly as well as the Executive Board's meetings ;
- Looks after the execution of the decisions and recommendations of the General Assembly and Executive Board ;
- Can delegate part of his functions to the Vice-President(s) or Secretary General;
- Nominates the "assistant treasurer".

In the event of a tie in the General Assembly's or Executive board's voting, the President's voting is preponderant.

## **TITRE IV : RESSOURCES OF THE ASSOCIATION – BUDGET**

### **Article 10 : Financial resources**

The Union's financial resources come from :

- The full members' annual membership fees. The annual fees are suggested by the Executive Board in the provisional budget, which is voted by the General Assembly. The annual fees are set up partly by an amount equal for all member states and partly by a fixed amount proportional to the number of the members represented by each country till a maximum of 5.000 members.
- The associate members and the observers' annual membership fees. The annual fees are suggested by the Executive Board in the provisional budget, which is voted by the General Assembly.

The annual fees correspond to the fixed amount paid by each country.

- Grants, subventions and contributions ;

Incomes from the services or activities of the Union.

#### **Article 11 : Provisional budget**

The provisional budget is put forward by the Executive Board and voted by the General Assembly.

It contains two chapters:

a- Operating budget which contains the Secretariat and Executive Board's overheads.

b- Working budget : every operation included in the Union's working budget contains its executive budget.

### **TITRE V : RESIGNATION – LOSS – DISSOLUTION**

#### **Article 12 : Resignation**

Every member can resign. He must notify its decision in writing to the UMG President three months before. The resignation of a member cannot entail any reimbursement right regarding part of the current fees.

#### **Article 13 : Loss**

A member can lose his position following an exclusion which is pronounced by the Executive Board for the lack of payment of his fees during three consecutive years or for other serious reasons. The loss of the position is confirmed by the General Assembly.

#### **Article 14 : Dissolution**

The dissolution of the UMG can be pronounced by a General Assembly which would be specially convened for that purpose and which would gather at least two-third of its permanent members. In case of dissolution, its credits can be distributed to every declared association pursuing a similar object or every public or private establishment with official approval of its choice.

### **TITRE VI : MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES AND INNER RULES**

#### **Article 15 : Modification of the statutes**

The current statutes can only be modified by a simple majority decision of the General Assembly.

#### **Article 16 : Inner rules**

Inner rules can be drafted for the application of the current statutes. They shall be prepared by the Executive Board and be adopted by the General Assembly by simple majority.

#### **Article 17: Provisional Regulations**

The founder members encourage the biggest number of the Mediterranean Countries to join the Union through:

1- The election of an Executive Board composed of the President, two Vice-Presidents, the secretary general/treasurer, with a term of office of one year, whose principal task is to organize the Union and to involve new members through direct and suitable contacts;

2- Until 30th April, 2010 new members can be admitted, as founder members of the Union, with the faculty of proposing changes to the Statutes.

3- The planning of the date May 2011 in Marrakech in Morocco to hold the General Assembly for the approval of the Statutes on behalf of the new members together to the former founder members.

During the meeting in Marrakech in May 2011, after the approval of the Statutes, the member states will elect the Executive Board. The bodies provided in the current statutes will be established to fulfill

the full and ordinary competences.

The founding members agree June 22th, 2010 in Marseille, France, that the UMG President elected for a mandate of one year, will remain President for a term of office of five years:

- One year from June 22th, 2010 in Marseille to May 2011 in Marrakech in Morocco;
- Four years from May 2011 in Marrakech in Morocco to the next election of the executive board and the President in 2015.