



AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO

THE PROGRAMS AND STATUTES OF THE

INTERNATIONAL PEACE COMMISSION

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ARTICLE I: OPENING DECLARATION

In this Agreement and in all other official documents, the International Peace Commission is also referred to as 'the IPC' or simply as 'the Organization'.

Par. (1) Origin

By means of appropriate instruments attached hereto, several States have approved the present agreement and secured participation in the International Organization defined hereby.

Par. (2) General Declaration

The Participating Parties,

HAVE reaffirmed their commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and their desire to live in peace with all peoples and governments; and

ENDEAVOUR to promote the Sustainable Development of their nations, while taking into account the social, economic, legal, ecological, educational, ethical and spiritual dimensions of this goal; and

ARE AWARE that pluralism endows individuals, as well as national and international organizations with distinctively different tasks and mandates that cannot be subsumed by others;

ARE RESOLVED to unite their efforts to secure within the international community a high level of cooperation and responsibility on issues related to Peace and Social Development; Human Rights, Peace Keeping and Disarmament, Social Development, Education, NGO Networks, Environment, Youth, Health, the Empowerment of Women, Media and Democracy, and

RECOGNIZE that a meeting place for reflection and dialogue is needed to create a common voice for the affirmation of sound Sustainable Development principles which take into consideration the multifaceted dimension and complexity of this issue; collectively

ARTICLE II: ESTABLISHMENT AND STATUS

HAVE AGREED that the International Peace Commission, IPC is hereby constituted and established as an inter-governmental organization with full

jurisdictional power, identity and ability as may be necessary to exercise its functions and fulfill its objectives, *inter alia*, with the capacity to:

- a. *Acquire and dispose of real and personal property;*
- b. *Create and Enter into contractual and other types of agreements;*
- c. *Employ persons and accept seconded personnel on loan;*
- d. *Institute and defend in legal proceedings;*
- e. *Invest money and property of the Organization; and*
- f. *Take any lawful or considered actions necessary to accomplish the objectives of the Organization.*

The legal headquarters of the Organization shall be in Australia (Sydney), unless the participating Members or the Oversight Council decides to relocate the Organization elsewhere. The Organization may establish offices and regional headquarters in other locations as required to support its activities, goals and objectives.

TO THIS END THEREFORE, the Participating Parties enable the Organization to serve as an International Forum and Instrument of sustainable economic development, disaster relief, educational access and bioethical reflection.

ARTICLE III: MISSION

The Mission of the International Peace Commission shall be to:

- a. Facilitate the creation of cooperative networks and economic development programs enlisting and involving financial institutions, traditional and alternative energy producers, private enterprises, diplomatic representations, universities, governmental bodies and other concerned parties;
- b. Promote peace, health, equality, human rights, economic development and educational access in developing nations, especially within the territory of the Organization's Participating States;
- c. Broaden the understanding of sustainable economic development and promote the implementation and dissemination of norms, rules and guidelines that apply to this field;
- d. Assist developing nations by identifying and retaining businessmen, professionals and scholars willing to act as pro-bono economic advisors to their diplomatic and consular network;

- e. Develop, establish and maintain 'Sister' relationships with institutions and like minded organizations located in high GNP countries and IPC Participating States and Nations;
- f. Strengthen and support a Participating State or Nation's capacity to engage in Sustainable Development through educational access, relief programs, ecological and bioethical reflection and action, while taking into consideration the traditional social and cultural values of each Nation;

In order to accomplish the foregoing objectives, the Organization may engage in the following types of activities:

- a. Develop networks globally in the sphere of economic, ecological, educational and bioethical reflection and actions;
- b. Establish, collect, maintain and share Statistical and Demographic Data and Information Services;
- c. Provide advice, guidance, direct action and support in regards to issues pertaining to the field of and implementation of Sustainable Development and Peace,
- d. Encourage peace and disarmament education, research and the dissemination of research findings within the Organization's sphere of influence and globally;
- e. Organize and facilitate conferences, seminars and educational programs dealing with sustainable economic development, gender equality, environmental and corporate social responsibility, education access, peace, disarmament, bioethics and human rights,
- f. Engage in other activities related to the furthering or obtaining the goals, objectives and Mission of the Organization, as the need arises.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION RELATIONS AND REPRESENTATION

Par. (1) Relations with Host Governments

Definition: Any government which is a Participating State or Member of the IPC or Host Nation of an IPC program or project.

The Organization shall cooperate with the government of each Host Nation in all areas of common interest, including but not limited to, peace, education, sustainable economic development, international relations, law enforcement, human rights and counter-terrorism.

The Organization shall communicate to the government of each Host Nation updated information on all treaties and conventions entered into with the Host Nation organizations or parties.

Par. (2) Logo and Seal

The official logo and seal of the Organization are reproduced hereunder and posted on the official Internet site of the IPC for public reference and protected by legal copyright, not to be reproduced without official permission.



Par. (3) Language

The official languages of the Organization are English and French.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Par. (1) General Conditions

Original Participants of the International Peace Commission are the States, Nations and Inter-Governmental Organizations, which have secured Participating Status before December 31, 2009.

Whether with Full Membership or Observer Status, every Participant Party may properly be called 'Participating State' or 'Participating Organization'.

The admission of any State, Nation or Inter-Governmental Organization to the status of IPC Participant Party can only be enforced and effective by and through the registration and approval of the World Chairman initiating the appropriate instrument.

Participation in the International Peace Commission is open to all States, Nations, Inter-Governmental Organizations and individuals desiring to accede to this Agreement and who have been invited to do so by official invitation of the World Chairman or his authorized representative.

Par. (2) Participant Parties with Priority Status

Participant Parties with Priority Status are the States, Nations or Inter-Governmental Organizations who have secured Participating Status in the Organization before December 31, 2009.

Participant Parties with Priority Status enables their citizens or members preferential consideration, priority and special status in accessing IPC-related programs and scholarships, in accordance with implementation policies as recommended, revised and or defined by the World Chairman.

Par. (3) Denunciation

Members may terminate their Status at any time by means of a notice of denunciation or request for change of status, signed by an authorized official, delivered to the World Chairman of the Organization. Such a Change of Status becomes effective 30 days after reception of the notice, without prejudice to the actions already accomplished by the Organization.

The World Chairman will inform all Participant Parties of the receipt of each notice of denunciation or change of status.

ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATION FINANCES

The Participant Parties to this Agreement shall not be required to provide financial support to the Organization beyond voluntary contributions, nor shall they be responsible, individually or collectively, for any debts, liabilities or obligations of the Organization.

ARTICLE VI: OTHER FORMS OF PARTICIPATION

Par. (1) Associate Organizations

The World Chairman may invite and approve non-governmental organizations to participate under the status of Associate Organization.

ARTICLE VII: ORGANS AND ADMINISTRATION

Par. (1) Organs

The Principal Organs of the International Peace Commission are: the General Assembly, Board of Advisors, Secretariat-General and the Supreme Council.

Additional Sub-Organs and Administrative Agencies such as Regional Secretariats and Regional Overview Councils, as required from time to time, permanently or temporarily, may be introduced and established with the approval of the World Chairman, without compromise or negation of the tenets of this Agreement.

Par. (2) The General Assembly

The General Assembly shall include all Participant Parties.

The official representative of each Participant Party shall be appointed in consultation and approval of the World Chairman.

The General Assembly may discuss any questions or any matters within the scope of this Agreement and may make recommendations to the World Chairman or Supreme Council for consideration, discussion and implementation with the World Chairman and his/her approval of such implementation.

The General Assembly shall also initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of: (a) promoting international cooperation in the field of Sustainable Economic Development, Peace, Disarmament, Education, Human Rights, Environmental and Corporate Social Responsibility, Gender Equality, Counter Terrorism, Bioethical and related issues; and (b) encourage the progressive development of common instruments of international law relevant to the fulfillment of the Organization's Mission.

Only Participant Parties shall have the right to vote. The Assembly is empowered to adopt resolutions by a two-thirds majority vote. In the spirit of paragraph 5 of this article, all General Assembly resolutions shall be presented to the Supreme Council for approval by the World Chairman.

The Chairman's Secretariat, in consultation with all concerned Participant Parties, prepares the agenda of the meetings of the General Assembly.

A Secretary-General voted upon by an election of the General Assembly shall have the prerogative to schedule and Chair General Assembly meetings.

A Deputy Secretary-General shall be appointed by the World Chairman who will act in the absence of the Secretary-General.

Par. (3) The Board of Advisors

The Board of Advisors will comprise of individuals who are paid members of the Organization, representatives of business, government, IGO and NGO organizations who have attained a level of expertise in their chosen profession to advise and provide guidance to the World Chairman.

The Board of Advisors shall have up to fifteen and not fewer than three members, recommended by the Supreme Council, General Assembly approval and appointment by the World Chairman for a period of not less than one year and not more than the tenure of the serving World Chairman with a review, reinstatement, or termination of their appointment on the induction of a successive World Chairman.

The General Assembly may request the appointment or removal of a Board Member, and shall present such request to the Supreme council for

consideration, discussion and implementation with the approval of the World Chairman.

The final approval and execution of all such appointments or removals remains the prerogative of the World Chairman, unless the appointee is found to misrepresent, diminish or prejudice the reputation of the Organization through impropriety or involvement in questionable practices or by association could be or is construed to be unlawful or unbecoming to the goals, objectives or Mission of the Organization.

Par. (4) The Secretariat-General

The Secretariat-General or Secretariat shall comprise of the World Chairman and such administrative staff as the World Chairman requires and will provide all administrative functions of the General Assembly and the administrative coordinating organ of the Organization.

Par: (5) The World Chairman and Ambassador

The World Chairman has Ambassador Status and is the Chief Administrator and Executive Officer of the Organization.

The World Chairman and Ambassador is the Organization's most senior representative and is the head of the Secretariat-General.

The World Chairman, may appoint a Secretary-General or Vice Chairman to act as his/her personal representative, especially in the case of anticipated or extended absence from the Organization's headquarters, the Secretariat-General..

Specific duties of the World Chairman in addition to those addressed in the Articles outlined in this Agreement include:

- Acting Ambassador of the Organization
- Diplomatic Relations with all UN Member States
- Relations with Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGOs)
- Relations with Participant Party, Nation and Host Government IPC delegations, organizations and associations
- Relations with non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- General Administration and hiring of staff
- Oversight of all IPC agencies and programs
- Financial reporting, budgeting and Fund Raising
- Creation of projects and joint ventures
- Recruitment of new members
- Promotion of the Organization's Mission
- Official Spokesperson re Press and Public Relations
- Development of Sister Relationships in GNP and Developing Nations

The World Chairman may bring to the attention of the General Assembly Supreme Council any matter relevant to the fulfillment of the Mission of the Organization.

The first World Chairman and Ambassador shall be H.E Prince Amir Hassan, current World Chairman of the IPC INGO, appointed July, 2004.

The World Chairman is appointed for a term of ten years, renewable by a two thirds consent of the Supreme Council.

The Vice Chairman, Country Chiefs, Country Vice Chairman, Deputy Secretary-General of the General Assembly and Peace Ambassador are appointed by the World Chairman for a term of four years, renewable by consent of the Supreme Council.

Par (6) The Supreme Council

The Supreme Council is also called the "Constitutional Council".

Its role is to maintain the ideals, principles and values of the Founders and Participant Party Members of the International Peace Commission and any IPC Taskforce, in the event that any Official, Organ or Member should attempt to commit the Organization to other values and activities.

The Supreme Council is a valued counterbalance to the Advisory Board and additional Administrative Organ of the Secretariat-General, taking on duties as required when staff is not available and supporting the World Chairman and Ambassador, Vice Chairman, Peace Ambassador, Country Chiefs, Country Vice Chairman and acting as a sounding board for Participant Parties and Individual Members bringing recommendations from the General Assembly for Advisory Board appointments, projects, fund raising, member recruitment, research and general discussion and advice for the world chairman and Officials of the Organization.

The original Supreme Council consists of five Councilors, Members in good standing, appointed by the World Chairman for the duration of his/her tenure plus one year, after which the new World Chairman will review and reappoint, or terminate their appointment.

The out going World Chairman will automatically become the sixth Councilor, and hold his/her position on the Supreme council for the tenure of the new World Chairman at which time the second World Chairman will join the Supreme Council. ,The number of Councilors shall then be seven, at the end of the third World Chairman's tenure he/she shall join the Supreme Council and the fourth World Chairman shall review the Supreme Council and the first World Chairman will vacate his/her position on the Council.

Par (7) Other Bodies and Agencies

The following bodies or agencies are constituted and under the direct authority of the World Chairman and Ambassador.

- The Peace Squad International
- The International Volunteer Training Exchange Agency

In case of need and by decision of the World Chairman, the present Agreement authorizes the creation of international legal entities for each of the above-mentioned agencies.

Par (8) Peace Squad International Service

The Peace squad International Service was constituted in 1991 as the Non Profit organization. In order to implement the education objective of the Organization, this agreement also constitutes a Peace Squad within the framework of IPC. As the Volunteer, Protocol and Security Agency of the Organization, Peace Squad International is a treaty-based organization authorized to provide protocol. Protocol, Volunteers and Security Staff accredited by the Participant Parties, and hereby receives the mandate to facilitate universal access to Protocol, Volunteer and Security and to foster the acquisition of knowledge and competencies in fields related to the Mission of the Organization.

Peace Squad International Service is a member of the International Peace Commission-IPC network and does not modify the overall operation, programs and purposes of the organization.

In the event of the appointment of a Peace Ambassador, the Peace Squad International Service will provide a security force and network to operate directly under the supervision of the Peace Ambassador.

Par. (9) The International Volunteer Training Exchange Agency

The International Volunteer Training Exchange Agency is a partner organization through the IPC of Earth Corps. The Agency is the administrative body of the organization for volunteer exchange management, training and the global study abroad program as well as the direct Planning of Volunteer Projects and Campaigns.

The aims of the IPC, International Volunteer Training Exchange Programme are:

To provide students from institutions of higher learning practical experience abroad relative to their studies in the broadest sense.

To expose young people to other cultures and promote international understanding, tolerance and goodwill.

To provide skills and technology transfer at the most basic level regardless of gender, race, creed or class by providing an opportunity to acquire best business and technical practices at an international level and standard for people from all nations.

These objectives are fulfilled through a reciprocal exchange of students for paid on-the-job training in foreign enterprises and organizations during their long vacations usually 6 – 12 weeks, with special arrangements made possible for 3 – 18 months.

ARTICLE VIII: VOTES AND ELECTIONS

In the deliberations of the General Assembly, the representative of each Participating State shall have one vote.

All those entitled to vote in any election or deliberation must act personally and may not appoint delegates or proxies.

Without prejudice to any other provision, the basis of any vote is calculated on those with a right to vote who are present and vote.

Where applicable, a two-thirds majority applies only for the first three ballots. For successive ballots, a majority of those present having the right to vote is sufficient, without prejudice to any other provision.

ARTICLE IX: COMMUNICATIONS

The Organization's official Internet site shall be publicly accessed at *www.ipc-online.info*

The Organization shall petition competent authorities in order to obtain the registration of the above-mentioned domain names upon entry into force of the present Agreement.

It shall be considered that the posting of any information on the 'Official Notices' page of the Organization's Internet site qualifies as proper notification, provided that such posting occurs at least fifteen days prior to the event.

ARTICLE X: FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

Par. (1) Acceptance in Trust

The World Chairman and Ambassador of the International Peace Commission shall accept this Agreement to be held in Trust and good faith.

The World Chairman and Ambassador shall post this Agreement on the official website and communicate and or deliver this Agreement to all requesting Participant Parties .

Par. (2) Dissolution

The Organization may be dissolved by unanimous vote of all Participant Parties if it is determined that the Organization is no longer required, or that it will no longer be able to function effectively.

In case of dissolution, any assets of the Organization, which remain after payment of its legal obligations, shall be distributed to institutions having objectives similar to those of the Organization as decided by the Supreme Council, in consultation with the Board of Advisors and founding World Chairman and Ambassador

Par. (3) Amendments

Amendments to this present Agreement shall come into force when they have been adopted by a two thirds vote of the Participant Parties of the General Assembly in accordance with this Agreement or any future established constitutional processes, and approved by the World Chairman and Ambassador.

Par. (4) Text and official translation of the Agreement

The official text of the Agreement is in English. The International Secretariat shall prepare an official French translation.

Par. (5) Entry into Force and Accession

This Agreement shall enter into force on the day upon which at least two States, Nations, Inter-Governmental Organizations have agreed to participation in the Organization, either by signing this original Agreement or by providing an adequate instrument of accession.

Any State, Nation or Inter-Governmental Organization may at any time notify the World Chairman and Ambassador of its request to accede to this Agreement. If the World Chairman and Ambassador approves the request, the Agreement will enter into force for that State, Nation or Inter-Governmental Organization 15 days after the date of receipt of its instrument of accession.

The text in English, bearing the signature of the World Chairman and Ambassador of the International Peace Commission, along with the original instruments of accession, is kept in the Archives of the Organization's Headquarters.

Attest and Seal:

H.E Prince Amir Hassan

World Chairman and Ambassador, International Peace Commission