# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE SAFETY OF ELECTRICITY USERS FISUEL STATUES

#### TITLE I

CONSTITUTION – PURPOSE – TITLE - REGISTERED OFFICE – DURATION

#### **Clause 1 Constitution**

An Association, registered in France under French law dated 1st July 1901and regulated by the latter and its application texts, is hereby created between private or public legal entities of all nationalities who subscribe to these articles of association.

# Clause 2 Purpose

The purpose of the Association is:

- to act on behalf of its members to increase electrical safety,
- and to this end, within the framework of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), to organise information exchanges and feed-back from its members.

#### Clause 3. Title

The Association takes the title:

International Federation for the Safety of Users of Electricity

and shall be usually known under the logo FISUEL.

Hereinafter it is called "the Federation".

# Clause 4. Registered office

Its registered office is at 21, rue Ampere - Paris 17, France. It may be transferred to any other place through a decision of the Board of Directors, ratified by the Ordinary General Meeting.

# Clause 5. Duration

It is constituted for an unlimited period.

# TITLE II

**COMPOSITION - ADMISSION - RESIGNATION - RADIATION** 

# Clause 6. Members

The Federation is made up of active members, partner members, sponsor members, then Invited members:

An **active member** is any legal person in charge of any mission relating to the safety of electricity users.

A **partner member** is any legal person involved in or interested in the safety of electricity users and wishing to contribute to its development.

To be an active or partner member, the legal person in question must be recognised nationally or regionally, or by any other administrative district.

A **sponsor member** applies to any legal person that makes a financial contribution greater than that of the active member. They are in fact considered an active member with the same prerogatives.

An **invited member**, studied on case-by-case by the Board of Directors, applies to any legal entity that has an information and / or protection mission to consumers. The invited members support the objectives of the Federation. They may be invited to participate in the work of the Working Groups in order to bring their expertise if appropriate. They may attend but do not vote in the General Assembly. They must pay an annual fee, the amount of which is fixed by the General Assembly (Clause 14, 2<sup>nd</sup> §).

# Clause 7. Admission - Resignation - Radiation.

#### 1. Admission

Applications must be submitted to the President of the Federation. They must be accompanied by a copy of the candidates' articles of association or of the laws which institute them, or of their entry in the official register applying in their country (commercial register or its equivalent).

The admission of members is decided by the Board of Directors; the refusal of admission does not have to be motivated

#### 2. Resignation - Radiation

A member will cease to have the status of member of the Federation following:

- resignation, by registered letter to the president of the Federation.
- dismissal pronounced by the Board of Directors for failure to pay the annual subscription, or for any other serious reason, after the member concerned has been asked to defend his position.
- the winding-up of the legal person for any reason whatever.

Whatever the event, the legal person remains liable for the payment of contributions due and those for the current year.

# TITLE III

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# Clause 8. Board of Directors: composition and functioning

1. The Board of Directors is made up of legal persons (active and partner) represented by physical persons, the directors.

- It includes at least 8 directors and at most 13 directors.
- 3. The President and the members of the Board of Directors are elected by the Ordinary General Assembly on the basis of the candidatures expressed and according to the conditions defined in the Internal Regulations

The newly-elected President establishes the functions of the members of his Board of Directors and informs the Ordinary General Meeting.

4. The duration of the functions of the members of the Board of Directors is 3 years.

Each mandate, President and Directors is renewable.

The functions of director end at the end of the Ordinary General Meeting which decides on the accounts for the past financial year, held in the year in which the term of office of said member of the Board of Directors expires.

In addition to the end of the term, the mandate of member of the Board of Directors ends with resignation, loss of membership of the Federation, dissolution of the legal entity or revocation pronounced by the General Assembly.

5. In the event of a vacancy (resignation, dissolution, etc.) of a member of the Board of Directors, the latter may provide for his replacement by making a provisional appointment.

This appointment is subject to ratification by the nearest Ordinary General Meeting. Co-opted members only remain in office for the remainder of their predecessor's term of office.

- 6. The directors exercise their functions on a voluntary (unpaid) basis.
- 7. The decisions of the Board of Directors shall only be valid if at least half of its directors are present or represented.

Any director who is absent or unable to attend may be replaced by a representative duly authorised.

Any member may ask for a particular point to be included in the agenda of the meeting, as long as he has already submitted it to the President one month before, accompanied by an explanatory document.

Decisions are taken by a simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors present or represented. In the event of a tie, that of the President is decisive.

8. On the proposal of the Board of Directors, the Ordinary General Assembly has the option of appointing an Honorary President from among the representatives of the former Presidents of the Association. The Honorary President will be invited to participate, in an advisory capacity, in the meetings of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

# Clause 9. Powers of the Board of Directors

The Board has extensive powers to achieve the purpose of the Federation, to administer it, and approve any acts and operations which are not confined to the Annual General Meeting.

The Board of Directors is specifically responsible for implementing the Federation's general policy, as established by the OrdinaryGeneral Meeting.

The Board of Directors prepares the budget and annual accounts of the Federation, which will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

In particular, he has the authority to entrust agents / consultants with specific missions and to appoint or dismiss a Secretary General, a General Delegate or a Technical Director of the Federation whose remuneration he can set as well as all the conditions he deems appropriate for the proper exercise. of its functions..

#### Clause 10. The President of the Board

The President represents the Federation, and especially in court actions and all acts of civil life. He may be replaced by a representative of his choice for one or more specific aims, and may, with the Board's agreement, delegate certain functions.

Using his power of delegation, the President may open bank accounts in the name of the Federation, and may deposit or withdraw any amounts in securities, and give any receipts.

# TITLE IV

**MEETINGS** 

# **Clause 11. General Meetings**

General Meetings comprise active members, partner members and sponsor members referred to in clause 6 above.

Invited members may attend the General Assembly but do not vote.

Members must be up to date with their subscriptions on the day of the meeting otherwise their vote will not be taken into account.

The President convenes members to Meetings at least one month in advance by personal letter, giving the place or the type of support, date, time and agenda of the meeting, accompanied by any significant documents related to the agenda.

The agenda is drawn up by the Board of Directors. Any member may propose one or more items to be included on the agenda by submitting a request to the Secretariat at least six weeks before the meeting.

These items will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

The Meeting is chaired by the President of the Board of Directors, or by one of the Vice-Presidents in his absence.

# Clause 12. Voting system

1. The representative of each legal person member, authorized to vote for this member, must submit to the Secretariat, before each meeting, a written mandate from his principal.

The members of the first college, whether present or represented, have 2 votes each. The members of the second college, whether present or represented, have 1 vote each. Members may be represented by another member of the same college. Decisions are taken by a majority vote of members present or represented.

2. Generally speaking, decisions taken by General Meeting are by a show of hands. Exceptionally, nominative decisions may be taken by secret ballot. If a member present or represented so requests, a vote may be held by secret ballot.

#### Clause 13. Debates

The debates held during the Meeting are recorded in minutes signed by the person who chairs the General Meeting.

# **Clause 14. Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting is held once per year when convened by the President.

It establishes the federation's policy, takes cognisance of the activity report for the previous year, approves or corrects the accounts for the previous year, adopts the budget for the next year and sets the level of subscriptions for the following year.

Generally speaking, it debates all the items on the agenda which concern the development of the Federation and the management of its interests.

The Ordinary General Meeting may appoint two auditors from among its members, who will have access to all accounts.

The Ordinary General Meeting shall be held, as a first convocation, if at least two thirds of the active members and half the partner members are present or represented. If this condition is not met, it will be held, in second convocation, one hour later, if a third of the members are present or represented. If this new condition is not met, it will be held, in third convocation, fifteen days later, regardless of the number of members present or represented

Decisions must be taken by a two-thirds majority of members present or represented.

# **Clause 15. Extraordinary General Meeting**

At the request of half the members of the Board of Directors plus one, and threequarters of the members of the Federation, the President convenes an Extraordinary General Meeting following the rules set out in clause 11.

It will be convened to rule on questions which have some urgency or importance, and especially modifications to the articles of association which are deemed useful and are not contrary to the law, and the winding-up of the Federation.

The Extraordinary General Assembly will be held, as a first convocation, if at least two thirds of the active members and half of the partner members, present or represented. If this condition is not met, it will be held, in second convocation, one hour later, if a third of the members are present or represented. If this new condition is not met, it will be held, in third convocation, fifteen days later, regardless of the number of members present or represented

Decisions must be taken by a two-thirds majority of members present or represented.

# TITLE V FINANCIAL YEAR

# Clause 16. Financial year

The financial year begins on 1st January and ends on 31st December each year.

**TITLE VI** 

# SUBSCRIPTIONS & RESSOURCES OF THE FEDERATION

#### Clause 17

The resources of the Federation include

- the annual subscriptions paid by members
- subsidies
- interests and revenues of the assets and securities it possesses

and generally speaking, any resources allowed by law.

Members are required to pay an annual subscription, whose amount is proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the Annual General Meeting.

#### **TITLE VII**

# **DISSOLUTION — PUBLICATION**

# Clause 18

The accepted resignation or exclusion of a member shall not terminate the Federation, which shall continue to exist between the other members.

In the event of a voluntary or mandatory winding-up, the General Meeting shall appoint one or more administrators responsible for the liquidation of the Federation's assets, who shall have the widest authority to sell the assets and discharge the liabilities.

This Meeting shall decide to what use the net assets shall be put after payment of the Federation's winding-up fees and costs, in compliance with legal requirements.

# TITLE VIII

#### INTERNAL RULES

#### Clause 19.

The Board of Directors may, if it deems it necessary, draw up internal rules to establish the details of performance of present statutes.

Any Internal Rules once in place may be revised according to the evolution of the life of the Federation by the Board of Directors.

Regarding the interpretation of the Internal Rules, only the French language version is authentic.

#### **TITLE IX**

# **REVISION OF THE STATUTES**

# Clause 20. Revision of the Statutes

These statutes may be revised according to the evolution of the life of the Federation according to the procedure and the conditions provided for in Article 15.

With regard to the interpretation of the Statutes, the French language version shall prevail.

# **TITLE X**

# **FORMALITIES - RESPONSABILITIES**

# Clause 21. Formalities

The Board of Directors shall carry out the formalities of declaration and publication prescribed by the law. In this respect the President is entrusted with all necessary authority, with the power to delegate.

# Clause 22. Responsibilities

The Federation's assets shall be its sole guarantee against commitments undertaken on its behalf, and none of its members shall be held liable for these commitments, subject to any application of legal provisions relating to collective procedures.

Paris, May 25th 2021

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