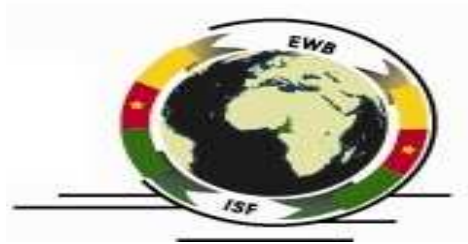


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TITLE I- GENERAL CLAUSES

ARTICLE 1 : Creation and denomination

- 1) In accordance with the Cameroonian law n. 90/053 of the December 19th, 1990, about the freedom of association, the July 11th, 2003, was created, by the present status, an association named «Engineers Without Borders » shortened «EWB». Its designation in French language is « Ingénieurs Sans Frontières » shortened « ISF ».
- 2) The EWB headquarter was established in Yaoundé. It can be relocated in another of the Cameroon capital city of the tenth (10th) provinces, upon General Assembly's decision.
- 3) EWB is apolitical, non-religious and non-profit-making.

ARTICLE 2: Object

The small expansion of the new technologies in developing countries such as Cameroon, have as a consequence for most people a limited access to ressources that enable people to satisfy their needs in the economical and technical development matter, therefore Engineers Without Borders association has as an object:

- To promote human development through technological access
- To share information and experiences in order to improve the governance in technological and scientific initiatives, established in complex circumstances created by poverty, alienation and lack of dialogue,
- To help underprivileged and stricken communities improving their life quality through establishing engineering project which are environmental respectful, economically enduring and socially adapted,
- To develop partnerships and create synergism to facilitate exchanges between students and professionals in the engineering field.

In order to realise these objects, the association mean to establish the following actions:

- To coordinate the technical studies giving value to exchanges between students and professionals and by creating synergy between the various professionals and the beneficiary communities.
- To create a platform of exchange and of experience transfer in scientific and technological field.
- To assist poor populations in the identification of their technological needs and their efficient involvement in the development process,
- To promote available skills and technology on a local level in order to provide sustainability and appropriation of long-term projects,
- To accompany appropriate and replicated technologies transfers through training courses and accessible communication channel.
- To establish engineering project which are environmental respectful, economically enduring and socially adapted,
- To give to organised structures, with the support of the civil society consultation process, the technical expertise they need for the achievement of their development action.

ARTICLE 3: Members

- 1) EWB has three capacity members:
 - the active members
 - the observant members
 - the honour members
- 2) Is active member, any engineers legally recognised , who purchased accession rights and therefore commit to respect the EWB Status and Internal Regulations. Engineers wanting to join EWB have to adress a membership application to EWB Coordinator, coming with the require justification (diplomas, certificates, ...).

- 3) Is observant member any organisation of engineers, governmental or non-governmental, demonstrating the willpower of work in the same direction as EWB objects and joining EWB principles and values.
- 4) Is honour member any individual named by the General Assembly according to their contribution.
- 5) The capacity member is lost through:
 - resignation
 - suspension
 - expulsion
 - death
 - EWB dissolution.

ARTICLE 4: Organs

1) EWB organs are:

- the General Assembly (GA)
- the Management Council (MC)
- the Executive Bureau (EB)
- the Technical Committee (TC)

2) The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the EWB. It is constituted by all members as a whole. It is in session deliberates with at least 2/3 of its member's presence with their updated duty. Nevertheless, observant members and honour members or guests can contribute to the work as observer without playing a part in votes. The GA is held every two (2) years in ordinary session. In case of need, an extraordinary session can be convened.

The GA competences are:

- to define the general policy and the action plan of EWB,
- to elect the Executive Bureau,
- to vote the budget,
- to amend the statutory documents of EWB,
- to give its opinion on the member admission, suspension or exclusion ratification,
- to examine the Executive Bureau reports,
- to examine any other question it decides to seize.

3) The Management Council, as an advisory organ, has the role to lead the association's missions in accordance with the defined objects which are submitted to the GA for assessment. It evaluates the EWB activities and ratifies the executive bureau members elected by the GA. It is constituted by six (6) members such as:

- a General Adviser,
- a Tell-tale,
- Four members

4) The Executive Bureau is the EWB execution organ. The Executive Bureau takes operational decisions and renders an account to the others association's organs. It is elected for a two years mandate renewable once. It is constituted by six (6) members such as:

- a Coordinator,
- a Coordinator Assistant,
- a General Secretary,
- a General Secretary Assistant,
- a General Treasurer,
- a Count-Commissioner.

The Executive Bureau deliberates with at least 2/3 of its member's presence. Its competences are:

- to officially represent EWB,
- to prepare and organise the GA,
- to apply and follow the GA's decisions,
- to suggest new memberships,
- to prepare the budget,

- to provide members link,
 - to look after the harmonious functioning, of the various technical committees through their sustained work realisation in accordance with the reference terms.
- 5) The Technical Committees are EWB decentralised technical units. They constitute an efficient intermediary of EWB action and radiance, originally from priorities actions field defined by the GA in accordance with the socio-economic situation in Cameroon. Every TC is managed by a Technical Adviser and include in addition others technical assistants. According to its expertise, each active member is de facto member of a TC. The TC is designated by the EB.
- 6) The EWB various organs functioning modalities which complete the present status disposal are defined by the Internal Regulations.

ARTICLE 5: Persons in Charge

EWB activities will be followed by the EB and assesses by the MC.

1) Management Council

- The General Advisor will assist the Coordinator in the EWB strategic management. He will have to inform regularly the Coordinator about the EWB action progress, as well as other matters that fall within its competence.
- The Tell-tale, acting in concert with the General Advisor will prepare and distribute the instructions, will organise every Council meeting, will keep these meetings reviews and will have at the GA's disposal.
- Members are natural persons leading similar activities as the association's ones or cheering EWB programs and projects. Even if members do not play a part in votes, they may be invited to certain EWB meetings.

2) Executive Bureau

- The Coordinator is the first EWB member in charge which represents the association in all civil acts. For that purpose, he is in charge of coordinating all EWB activities and ordering expenditure. He orders EWB internal till and current account disbursement. He is also the partnership lever between EWB and any other partner structure.
- The Assistant Coordinator assists the Coordinator. He replaces him by power delegation.
- The General Secretary is the administration manager of EWB. As well as he is the transmission belt between the EB, the GA, the various TC and the MC. He prepares and distributes the instructions, organises with the coordinator all meetings.
- The General Secretary Assistant assists the General Secretary. He writes the minutes of all meetings and the EWB report activities. He will have them at all members disposal.
- The General Treasurer is the financial agent of EWB. For that purpose, he is the EWB financial and material resources guarantor. Within its framework, he will prepare the budget, acting in concert will the EB members and will follow the execution according to his aptitudes. With the General Secretary Assistant presence, he will draw up, at the end of each exercise, the EWB financial report.
- The Count-Commissioner is the financial administrator of EWB. He is EWB internal listener. He will have to inform regularly the Coordinator about the financial situation of the association.

ARTICLE 6: Disciplinary disposals

1) Are considerate as disciplinary errors:

- insubordination,
- failure to comply with the principles, the values and the Status and Internal Regulations,
- embezzlement.

2) Applicable penalties in case of disciplinary errors are:

- fine
- temporary or definitive suspension
- judicial proceedings

3) The General Assembly provides EWB discipline through a disciplinary hearing including five members, one of whom is an EB representative which insures the presidency and the work report.

4) The disciplinary hearing functioning modalities are fixed by the Internal Regulations.

ARTICLE 7: Funds

EWB funds are constituted by:

- Its member's statutory contributions. The contribution amount will be fixed by the EWB Internal regulations.
- Its member's voluntary contributions.
- Voluntary subscriptions and other subsidies from National or International Organisations which targets are compatible with the EWB's.
- Funds coming from the provisions of the EWB's service in projects execution and programs initiated by the State, NGO's, Specialised Agencies and Institutions.
- Funds coming from micro enterprise and projects joint management,
- Any other source allowed by the law.

ARTICLE 8: Spending payment mandate

EWB will have at its disposal a bank account in a financial institution regally recognised for its funds maintenance which both signatories will be the Coordinator and the general Treasurer. If there is a hitch of one of them duly noticed by the Executive Bureau, it will be replace by the Count-Commissioner.

ARTICLE 9: Financial control

1) The EWB financial control is provided by an Audit Accounting Firm designated to that purpose by the General Assembly with a two-year mandate, renewable once.

2) The Management Counsellor has as mandate to verify books and accounting part in order to secure the EWB good financial management. He draws up an audit accounting report for the General Assembly at the end of each exercise.

3) At the end of the mandate, the financial control can also be made by an expert accredited by a financial partner, at the General Assembly request and ordered by the Management Council.

ARTICLE 10: Status application

The present Status applies to all EWB members without restriction and remains in force until disposals modification.

ARTICLE 11: Status modification

The present Status and Internal Regulations can be modified only over 2/3 of EWB members by right's decision during an ordinary General Assembly.

ARTICLE 12: Affiliation

EWB can consort to any International Organisation having the same development objectives.

ARTICLE 13: Dissolution

The association is created for a limited term. Nevertheless, EWB can be dissolve at any moment according to the following mechanisms:

- 1) Over decision of 4/5 active members present to an extraordinary General Assembly called to this purpose.
- 2) In case of the association dissolution, the General Assembly decides the allocation of its capital and determines its commitments.

ARTICLE 14: Disagreement rules

Any disagreement which has been upraised from application or from de present Status interpretation, if there is no mutual consent solution, would be judged in front of the competent court.

Made in Yaoundé, July 11th, 2003
For EWB

The Coordinator

