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STATUTES

ARTICLE I

The name of this Institute shall be the International Institute of Space Law of the International Astronautical Federation.

ARTICLE II

The purposes and objectives of the Institute shall be as follows:

- (a) To provide advice to the President of the International Astronautical Federation when requested.
- (b) To co-operate with appropriate international organizations and national institutions in the field of space law.
- (c) To carry out such other tasks which may be considered desirable for fostering the social science aspects of astronautics, space travel and exploration.
- (d) To publish proceedings and reports and other publications.
- (e) To make awards.
- (f) To hold meetings and colloquia on juridical and sociological aspects of the space sciences and to make studies and reports.

ARTICLE III

Section 1

Members of the Institute shall be elected by the Board of Directors upon application presented by a Director, or by three members of the Institute.

Section 2

The election shall be by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in attendance at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, or by a majority of the Board of Directors if the vote is held by mail.

Section 3

The Board of Directors shall establish reasonable membership dues. It may make exceptions in special cases in the interest of the Institute.

Section 4

The name of a member who is in arrears of the dues for more than two years shall be dropped from the list of members by decision of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1

An annual meeting of the Institute shall be held each year at such time and place as the Board of Directors may determine at a regular or special meeting, or by a majority of the Board if the vote is taken by mail.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall submit to each annual meeting a report on activities of the Institute in order to consider the past and forthcoming policy of the Institute.

Section 3

The annual meeting shall elect among the members of the Institute, by a majority vote of the members present, officers and other members of the Board of Directors, in accordance with Article V, Section 2.

ARTICLE V

Section 1

The governing body of the Institute shall be the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the President, Presidents Emeriti, two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and eleven other members.

Section 2

It shall be the aim of the Institute to have represented on the Board different legal systems and regions of the world, due regard being paid especially to those countries in which considerable efforts to develop space law have been made.

Section 3

The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a period of three years. The members of the Board may be re-elected.

Section 4

In case of vacancy between two annual meetings, the Board of Directors may fill the vacancy by a majority vote.

Section 5

The outgoing President, who has served in this capacity over several years and has substantially contributed to the development and the activities of the Institute, may be elected for life as President Emeritus.

Section 6

Members of the Board of Directors, who have served for several succeeding terms and have contributed in an outstanding manner to the development of the Institute, may be elected Honorary Directors.

ARTICLE VI

The Board of Directors shall:

- (a) Carry out the purposes and objectives of the Institute as set forth in Article II.
- (b) Implement the resolutions and directives adopted at the annual meetings of the Institute.
- (c) Create working groups and committees for all appropriate purposes and functions.
- (d) Elect members of the Institute to fill vacancies occurring in the membership of the Board of Directors.
- (e) Supervise the correspondence of the Institute and provide for safekeeping of the archives thereof.
- (f) Establish a secretariat, designate its duties and supervise all its activities.

- (g) Arrange for meetings and colloquia.
- (h) Arrange for the publication of reports and other documents.
- (i) Recommend concerning the awarding of medals and prizes.
- (j) Prepare budgets and supervise the auditing of accounts.
- (k) Accept donations and legacies, and funds from any private sources, and contributions from national and international non-governmental organizations, international agencies and from governments.
- (l) Prepare an annual report to be presented at the plenary meeting of the General Assembly of the Federation.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1

The President of the Board of Directors, or in his absence or inability to act, a Vice-President or, if necessary, another member of the Board, appointed by him or by the majority of the members of the Board, shall preside at meetings of the Institute and of the Board of Directors. He shall supervise and direct the general business of the Institute pursuant to these Statutes.

Section 2

The presence at a meeting or written answers of eight members can validate a decision of the Board.

Section 3

Subject to Section 2, for any valid decision a majority of votes of the members present shall be required. In case of a tie, the vote of the President shall be decisive. However, it shall be the aim of the Board to reach an agreed decision without need for voting on each item.

Section 4

The Directors may cast their votes by mail or other written means as to any action to be taken by the Board.

Section 5

At all times the Presidents of the International Astronautical Federation and of the International Academy of Astronautics shall be non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

Section 6

The Board of Directors shall cause minutes to be kept of their meetings and of all actions taken by them. Such minutes shall be deposited with the Secretariat of the Federation and it shall be the privilege of any member of the International Astronautical Federation in good standing to inspect them at any reasonable time.

ARTICLE VIII

These Statutes may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by two-thirds vote of all members of the Board, subject to confirmation at the next annual meeting of the Institute, and provided that the Institute shall not enact Statutes or amendments thereto which are inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federation, or its resolutions pertaining to the Institute.

TEMPORARY ARTICLE

At the first election following the adoption of Article V, Section 3 (October 1970) the five officers only shall be elected for the whole three years, while one half of the other elected members of the Board of Directors, as elected by lot, shall serve two years and the other half one year only.