



CISM

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Statutes

Wishing to obtain legal status in Belgium, the **International Military Sports Council (CISM)**, an unofficial international association organized on 18 February 1948 in Nice (France), decided to constitute for this purpose an international association which was established in Belgium by Royal Decree signed on 9 January 1989 by H.M. the King of Belgium.

Name

Article 1

In accordance with the Belgian Act of 25 October 1919, as amended by the Act of 6 December 1954, and by the Act of 30 June 2000, the International Military Sports Council (CISM) is established as an international organization with the legal status of association.

Purpose

Article 2

CISM is a non-profit organization whose aims are to develop friendly relations between the Armed Forces of member nations, promote physical education and sports activities, provide mutual technical assistance, support less privileged members in the name of friendship and solidarity, contribute towards the balanced and harmonious development of military personnel, and contribute to the international effort for universal peace.

Duration

Article 3

CISM is established for an indefinite duration. It may be dissolved at any time by a vote of the General Assembly.

Principles

Article 4

The CISM organization and operation are governed by the following principles:

- A. CISM is an apolitical organization, which fosters, through sport, the philanthropic goal of friendship between military athletes to promote international harmony.
- B. CISM values sport in the Armed Forces as an essential pillar of international sport and universal peace.
- C. CISM adheres to the universal philanthropic principles of “mens sana in corpore sano”, and “all human beings are born free and equal, in dignity and in rights”, as stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the United Nations Charter.
- D. CISM rejects all forms of discrimination towards a nation or a person on the basis of race, religion, political belief, and any other discriminatory practice.
- E. CISM upholds the universal right of each person to practice a sport of his choice, according to his needs.

- F. CISM operates under the democratic principles that a nation represents one voice, the majority rules and the General Assembly of member nations is the supreme authority.
- G. CISM conducts its activities in conformity with universal, fundamental legal and ethical principles and depends on the voluntary contribution and good will of its member nations.
- H. CISM encourages member nations to organize a maximum of sport competitions in a spirit of equal opportunity, friendship, solidarity and fair play.
- I. CISM develops sport by practice at all levels and research in physical education and training.
- J. CISM cooperates with all international institutions and organizations that share the same objectives and encourage the assembly of citizens of the world.

Article 5

The present statutes are completed by the CISM Policy Manual and the CISM Procedures Manual. The Policy Manual governs CISM policy and sets the rules concerning the development of its main activities. The CISM Procedures Manual codifies the working rules of the organization.

Headquarters

Article 6

CISM Headquarters are located at 26, rue Jacques Jordaens, in Brussels, Belgium. The location within metropolitan Brussels may be changed by *decision of the* Board of Directors. Any decision of the Board of Directors concerning a change of the location shall be issued in the Annexes to the Moniteur Belge.

The official headquarters of CISM shall be maintained in Belgium so that the association can keep its status of legal person as acquired pursuant to the 25 October 1999 Act.

Membership

Article 7

CISM is composed of representatives of the Armed Forces of member nations. The representatives are natural or legal persons appointed in conformity with the law and practice as followed in their countries of origin.

The conditions by which nations are admitted and retain their membership rights in CISM are:

1. *to be officially recognized by the United Nations,*
2. *to have Armed Forces.*

The decision to admit a new member nation is taken by the General Assembly during the secret ballot requiring a three-quarter (3/4) majority vote.

Article 8

A nation may resign its membership by sending a written notice by registered mail to the CISM Secretary General.

A nation that resigns or is expelled will have no claim to any CISM assets.

The conditions for resignation are addressed in CISM Policy and Procedure manuals.

General Assembly

Article 9

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of CISM. It is composed of delegations from member nations. The General Assembly is fully empowered to act within the scope of the CISM Statutes, and the Policy and Procedures Manuals.

Article 10

The General Assembly meets at least once a year under the chairmanship of the President or, if the President is not available, the senior Vice President.

The date and location of General Assembly meetings are determined and announced two years in advance at the General Assembly. The procedure of convening a General Assembly is described in CISM Procedures Manual.

Article 11

The General Assembly elects its Board of Directors from among the delegates proposed by the member nations.

The General Assembly elects the Secretary General from among the delegates of its member nations.

Article 12

The General Assembly alone is empowered to :

- A. elect or dismiss the members of the Board of Directors,
- B. approve any amendment to the Statutes,
- C. approve strategic and business plans,
- D. conduct statutory elections and motion of censure,
- E. accept new member nations for membership,
- F. expel member nations knowing that the Board of Directors may expel or suspend inactive member nations,
- G. adopt statements of accounts and vote on budgets,
- H. decide to dissolve CISM.

The General Assembly delegates authority to the Board of Directors to amend policy and Procedure except policy on financial and budgetary matters, membership, Honors and Awards and policy and Procedure on voting and elections. These are under the sole authority of the General Assembly. The General Assembly also retains the right to amend any policy and Procedure.

Article 13

Decisions of the General Assembly meetings are valid only when an absolute majority of active member nations are present. *In accordance with Article 4 F. each nation represents one voice.*

If the above quorum is not reached, a summons for a new General Assembly will be sent to member nations within one month. In this case, the decisions shall be valid regardless of the actual quorum.

Article 14

Voting on amendments to the Statutes, admission or exclusion of member nations, or the dissolution of the CISM shall be by a three-quarters majority vote of active member nations present at the General Assembly.

Voting on all other matters shall be by absolute majority vote, except for the election of the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer General.

In accordance with Article 4 F. each nation represents one voice.

Article 15

The agenda of the General Assembly is determined by Procedure established in the CISM Policy and Procedure manuals.

Rulings may only be made on items on the agenda or on Board of Directors proposals unless otherwise *stated* in the CISM Policy and Procedures Manuals.

Minutes of the General Assembly are recorded, authenticated by the President and the Secretary General, and issued to member nations. A copy will be retained in the archives of the General Secretariat and remain available for inspection by members indefinitely.

Board of Directors

Article 16

The Board of Directors is composed of the President of CISM, one Vice-President for each continent and a minimum of 9 members.

The BoD members are elected by the General Assembly by absolute majority of the member nations attending.

However, as far as the election of the President, SG and TG is concerned, in case the absolute majority in the first vote is not reached, the same majority is not required for the second vote.

The BoD elected members' mandate lasts 4 year. BoD members may, at the end of this period, stand for re-election for another 4 years and, subsequently, for an unlimited number of mandates.

The BoD takes all steps concerning the management and administration of CISM and implements the decisions made by the GA. The CISM Policy Manual lays down practical rules stipulating how the BoD powers should be used.

The BoD decisions are deemed to be valid only when a minimum of half of the BoD members are attending and the relevant vote results in an absolute majority.

The BoD may task one or several of its members with the daily management of its business.

The BoD may furthermore ascribe a particular issue to one or several persons (specifically appointed for this purpose).

Article 17

The Board of Directors meets at least twice a year.

Article 18

Minutes or Record of Decisions of the Board of Directors meetings are written, authenticated by the President and the Secretary General, and issued to member nations. A copy will be retained in the archives of the General Secretariat and remain available for inspection by members indefinitely.

Article 19

The President and the Secretary General are empowered to enter jointly into legal binding transactions on behalf of CISM.

Article 20

Legal proceedings, as plaintiff or defendant, are undertaken by the Board of Directors, represented by the President, the Secretary General, or by a member of the Board appointed for this purpose.

Article 21

The Secretary General is responsible for the implementation of the decisions made by the General Assembly and the Board of Directors, as well as for the management of CISM and of the General Secretariat thereof.

The Secretary General is the employer of the civilian staff working at the CISM headquarters.

Budget and accounts

Article 22

The fiscal year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December of the same year.

The Board of Directors presents the annual financial report and proposes the budget for the following year for approval by the General Assembly.

The auditing procedures are laid down in the CISM Regulations.

General provisions

Article 23

Items not mentioned in these Statutes are addressed in the CISM Regulations and regulated by the 25 October 1919 Act, as amended by the 6 December 1954 and 30 June 2000 Acts.

Article 24

Amendments to these Statutes are valid only after approval by the Royal Decree and due publication as provided by Article 3 of the Belgian Act of 25 October 1919.

These Statutes will be published in the « Moniteur belge » in conformity with legal requirements.

Notes

1. In CISM, the masculine is used in relation to natural person (for example, names such as member, leader, official, chief of mission, participant, athlete, judge, referee, member of the jury, detached, candidate, personnel, or pronouns such as that they) and must, unless otherwise specified, be understood as including the feminine gender.
2. In CISM regulations, the use of the terms "shall" signifies an imperative or order.