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THE STATUTES OF THE EUROPEAN COORDINATION JECI-MIEC

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I. INTRODUCTION

The European Coordination JECI-MIEC wants to be the instance of collaboration between the JECI-MIEC Organisations just as between other organisations of Catholic Students in Europe.

The European Coordination JECI-MIEC is an European regional organisation, which conforms to the international statutes of IYCS/JECI (International Young Catholic Students/ Jeunesse Étudiante Catholique Internationale) and IMCS/MIEC-Pax Romana (International Movement of Catholic Students/ Mouvement Internationale des Étudiants Catholiques).

The European Coordination JECI-MIEC wants to contribute to the realization of the task of evangelization in the student world, secondary and university.

The European Coordination JECI-MIEC understands evangelization as a complex process which integrates the experience of faith – personal and ecclesiastical – with the liberating commitment of all those, who practice justice in solidarity with the poorest and the oppressed, for the construction of brotherhood in the world whose origin is to be found in the love of God – faithful to the memory of the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

II. NAME, LEGAL STATUS AND HEAD OFFICE

ART. 1

The official name is “**European Coordination JECI-MIEC Asbl**” (European Coordination Jeunesse Étudiante Catholique Internationale – Mouvement International des Étudiants Catholiques association sans but lucratif), from here on referred to as the European Coordination.

From the civil point of view the European Coordination is a non-profit organisation according to the Belgium law of 27 June 1921.

At the moment the Head Office is located in Brussels, Belgium.

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c/o European Youth Forum
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III. AIMS

ART. 2

The aims of the European Coordination are defined according to the aims of the IYCS/JECI (Art. 3, International Statutes) and of the IMCS/MIEC (Art. 3+4, International Statutes).

The specific aims that the European Coordination wants to realize on continental level, involve:

- a) the action of evangelization in the student world in Europe, implying the will to promote the organisations capable of wakening the students to their responsibility vis-à-vis the society;
- b) the confrontation and deep study of the orientations, exchanges of experiences and mutual enrichment among their member, collaborating and corresponding organisations;
- c) a process of intercultural education, with the aim to overcome the barriers that are imposed to us by our history, our culture, our different socio-political and ecclesiastical contexts, in order to challenge and re-orientate the practice of all;
- d) our specific contribution as organization of Church, organization of youth and organization of students, to the construction of Europe by the confrontation with the European and world reality on the social, political, economic, cultural and ecclesiastical level;
- e) the cooperation with European Institutions and Organisations, especially non-governmental youth organisations.

IV. COMPOSITION

ART. 3

The European Coordination is composed of organizations. Each one of them may have either the status of full member organization, collaborating/corresponding member organization or contact organization.

A) FULL MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

ART. 4

Can become full member of the European Coordination the organizations:

- a) that develop an action of evangelization in the student world, situating that action in a global society;
- b) that confess faith in Jesus Christ, live in communion with the Catholic Church and participate actively in the life of the Church;
- c) where young students are the main protagonists and decision-makers of their organization;
- d) that exist at the level of a country, of a nation or of a substantial ethnic group of this country;
- e) that participated for at least two years as collaborating/corresponding organizations in the Coordination work;
- f) that agree with ART. 2, the aims of the European Coordination;
- g) and that are not full members of another European and/or international organisation having similar aims.

ART. 5

1. The commitment of the full member organizations of the European Coordination entails the following points:
 - a. taking part in the European Coordination's work and activities - especially at the meetings of the European Committee;
 - b. implementation of common decisions;
 - c. moral and financial contribution to the European Coordination's life.
2. In all the other fields, the organizations retain their entire autonomy for organisation and action.
3. They profit from the work done in the European Coordination especially the one carried out by the European Team, such as the organization of activities, publications, or sharing information that might be relevant to the organizations.

ART. 6

1. The reversion of the status of a full member organization to a collaborating/corresponding organization can be decided by the European Committee:
 - a. if the full member organization ceases to be fundamentally in agreement with the aims of the Coordination, as specified in the ART. 2, ART. 4 and ART. 5 of the present statutes;
 - b. if the member organization has no valid justification not to participate to two consecutive meetings of the European Committee.
2. The exclusion of a full member organization can be decided by the European Committee
 - a. when the European Team has verified that no trace of the organization exists in that country;
 - b. when the member organization itself takes the initiative of dissolution or of leaving the European Coordination.

B) COLLABORATING/ CORRESPONDING ORGANISATIONS

ART. 7

The collaborating/corresponding organizations correspond in principle to all the criteria defined by ART. 4 except subsections e) and g). They do not necessarily need to fulfil already all the criteria to become full member organizations, but they have the intention to become full member organizations of the European Coordination.

ART. 8

The participation and the responsibilities of the collaborating/corresponding organizations in the life of the Coordination correspond to those ones described in the ART. 5 for the member organizations, unless specified differently in the Statutes and Internal Rules.

ART. 9

1. The reversion of the status of a collaborating/corresponding organization to a contact organization can be decided by the European Committee:
 - a. if the collaborating/corresponding organization ceases to be fundamentally in agreement with the aims of the Coordination, as specified in the ART. 2, ART. 4 and ART. 5 of the present statutes;
 - b. if the collaborating/corresponding organization has no valid justification not to participate to two consecutive meetings of the European Committee.
2. The exclusion of a collaborating/corresponding organization can be decided by the European Committee:
 - a. when the Secretariat has verified that nothing of the organization exists in that country;

- b. when the member organization itself takes the initiative of dissolution or of leaving the European Coordination.

C) CONTACT ORGANISATIONS

ART. 10

The contact organizations are organizations who, due to their socio-economic, organisational, pastoral and / or religious situation, do not fulfil all the criteria to become full member or collaborating/corresponding organizations as defined by ART. 4 at the moment of their application, but which express their intention to aim for fulfilling all of them. Nevertheless, they have to fulfil especially the conditions in sub-sections a) and b) of ART. 4.

ART. 11

The participation and the responsibilities of the contact organizations in the life of the European Coordination correspond to those ones described for the member organizations in ART. 5, unless specified differently in the articles of this Statutes and Internal Rules. They can send participants to the European Activities if there are places not covered by the full member or collaborating/corresponding organizations.

ART. 12

The European Team can exclude a contact organization after verifying that the contact organization has not participated at all in the life of the European Coordination for two years. This exclusion has to be ratified by the next European Committee.

V. BODIES

ART. 13

The European Coordination has two bodies: A General Assembly named “European Committee” and an administration board named “European Team”.

A) THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

ART. 14

1. All the member organizations are part of the European Committee and each of them has one vote.
2. The European Team participates at the European Committee with the right to one vote.
3. The full member organizations who will not have paid their membership fee to the Coordination do not have the right to vote at the European Committee, as described in the Internal Rules.
4. Also the collaborating/corresponding organizations participate in the European Committee without the right to vote, but can participate in the deliberations and opinion polls.
5. Also the contact organizations participate in the European Committee without the right to vote, but can participate in the deliberations and opinion polls.
6. The European Team can extend invitation to relevant partners/networks, as observers.

ART. 15

The European Committee, which is the European Coordination supreme body:

- a) decides about the orientations of the European Coordination and its external relations;
- b) modifies and votes the Statutes and the Internal Rules;
- c) decides or ratifies to accept, exclude or change the status of the full member, collaborating/corresponding and contact organizations;
- d) draws and votes the European Coordination's budget and controls its execution, audits and discharges the European Team by approving the accounts;
- e) controls and evaluates the European Team's work and makes a decision on the report the European Team presents to the Committee;
- f) elects the members of the Executive Board, and the European Coordinator;
- g) proposes to the International Ecclesiastical Assistants (IYCS/JECI and IMCS/MIEC) at least one candidate to be appointed as European Ecclesiastical Assistant;
- h) evaluates the work achieved at all levels (national, European and international) in the light of the orientations;
- i) decides on the annual work plan of the European Coordination;

- j) convenes the European JECI-MIEC Congress every four years; one year after the international statutory meetings of IYCS/JECI and IMCS/MIEC;
- k) ratifies the orientations proposed by the European Congress that precedes its meeting;
- l) decides on the location of the Head Office and any other statutory changes;
- m) decides on the dissolution and liquidation of the organization as described in article 25 of the Statutes;
- n) and accomplishes all the other functions attributed to it by the Statutes or by the Internal Rules.

ART. 16

1. The European Committee meets at least once a year. The European Team convenes the ordinary sessions of the European Committee.
2. One fifth of the full members and/or the European Team can ask for an extraordinary meeting of the European Committee, which will take place if two thirds of the full member organizations agree with it.

ART. 17

A presidium composed of a lay member of the European Team and two one or two elected delegates of full member or collaborating/corresponding organizations that presides over the European Committee.

ART. 18

Votes will be taken:

- a) at two-thirds majority of the votes present concerning:
 - the orientations;
 - the Statutes;
 - the Internal Rules;
 - the exclusion, admission and change of status of the full member, collaborating/corresponding and contact organizations.
- b) at an absolute majority (more votes in favour than abstentions and votes against together) of votes expressed concerning:
 - the adoption of the budget;
 - the adoption of the work plan;
 - the election of the European Coordinator;
 - the election of the Executive Board;
 - the proposal of the European Ecclesiastical Assistant.

- c) at a simple majority (more votes in favour than votes against) of votes expressed concerning:
 - the election of the presidium;
 - the adoption of the agenda;
 - the motions and motions of order;
- d) at a two-third majority concerning any other question, unless specified differently.

B) EUROPEAN TEAM (ADMINISTRATION BOARD)

ART. 19

1. The European Team is composed by the Executive Board, the European Coordinator and the European Ecclesiastical Assistant. Each member of the European Team should be minimum 18 years old.
2. The European Team can invite observers to its meetings, delegates from the National Organizations, Regional Coordinators and members of the International Teams.
3. The European Team should meet at least four times per year, for the validity of the meetings at least two National Organizations must be present, and the European Coordinator.
4. This team will function according to the principle of collegiality. It will be responsible to the Committee, and will share among its members the different tasks to be accomplished.
5. The European Team can choose the office staff and is responsible for its work.
6. The functions of the European Team are:
 - a. to do the necessary work in order to pursue the aims of the European Coordination by taking up all the appropriate initiatives in the framework of the Statutes and the European Committee's decisions;
 - b. to create and promote international awareness among the national organizations and, to this end, aim at extension, coordination of the work, reflection on the various challenges posed by reality and integration of this overall problem in a global vision of the world;
 - c. to prepare the European Committee's sessions and enforce the decisions regarding it;
 - d. to administer the budget and accounts of the European Coordination;
 - e. to present, at each meeting of the European Committee, a report on the European Coordination and on its work achieved in the period preceding it, at all levels; i.e. national, European and international;
 - f. to execute the annual program voted by the European Committee;
 - g. in case of emergency, to take initiatives and decisions on points on which neither the European Committee nor the Statutes have pronounced themselves clearly, provided they are ratified by the Committee further on;

- h. to represent the European Coordination;
- i. to inform regularly the International teams of IYCS/JECI and IMCS/MIEC about the situation of the European Coordination and to cooperate closely with them in a spirit of co-responsibility;
- j. to accomplish all the other tasks which are confided to it by the Statutes or the Internal Rules, as well as by the Committee, in the limits of these documents;
- k. to develop long-term financial strategies for the European Coordination;
- l. all other functions that are not attributed to the European Committee.

B1) EXECUTIVE BOARD

ART. 20

1. The Executive Board is composed of two to five full or collaborating/corresponding organizations represented by a physical person elected for one year. The mandate can be renewed up to three times. Not more than two collaborating/corresponding organizations can be in the Executive Board.
2. The election of the Executive Board should take in account the gender balance of the representatives, geographical balance and the balance between University and High School organizations.
3. If the representative of a National Organization cannot attend the European Team meeting, another person from the same National Organization should be delegated. If the representative during the mandate loses for example contact with his/her organization or the organization is not satisfied with his/her work, the National Organization can unilaterally end the mandate of a representative and replace him/her with another representative, however regular changing is not encouraged.
4. The functions of the Executive Board are to share in a collegial manner the tasks of the European Team with its other members. On a regular basis the Executive Board evaluates the work of the ET and presents the proceedings and the results to the European Committee as well as to board members of any National Organizations if they require so.

B2) EUROPEAN COORDINATOR

ART. 21

1. The European Coordinator ensures the implementation of the decisions of the European Committee. In compliance with the decisions of the European Team and in case of sufficient funding, he/she may set up and manage a secretariat, who will assist him/her.
2. The European Coordinator as politically elected mandate should preferably be a student, since the JECI-MIEC European Coordination is a coordination of student organizations.
3. The European Coordinator is the President of the European Coordination, particularly focusing on:
 - a. to look after the good functioning of the European Secretariat;

- b. to administer the budget and accounts of the European Coordination and assure the work of the internal auditors;
- c. to coordinate the European Secretariat by following the decisions developed by the whole European Team.
- d. The European Coordinator is the legal body towards the State and the Church instances.

B3) ECCLESIASTICAL ASSISTANT

ART. 22

The Ecclesiastical Assistant shares the Executive Board tasks, particularly focusing on:

- a) promoting the pastoral work within the European Coordination;
- b) accompanying the spiritual life of the Coordination stressing the importance of the responsibility of students' lifestyle;
- c) encouraging the growing of the theological knowledge and reflection;
- d) assisting the organization to develop its relationship with the church at a broader level, but especially in Europe;
- e) coordinating the chaplaincy work of the European Coordination with the one done by the regional and international chaplains in IYCS/JECI and IMCS/MIEC;
- f) assisting the spiritual growth of the European Team and their personal accompaniment.

VI. INTERNAL AUDITORS

ART. 23

The two internal auditors who are not members of the Executive Board are selected by the European Team for a period of one year taking into account a rotation system among the National Organizations. They must check the accounts and draw up a report to give to the European Committee. The report has to be accessible to all the member organizations (regardless of their presence at the European Committee) and can be further controlled by the European Committee or by external auditors appointed by the European Committee. The auditors can act as financial advisers if ever the European Committee believes it can be of any utility.

VII. STATUTES OF THE EUROPEAN COORDINATION

ART. 24

1. Official versions of these Statutes are written down in English and in any other official language of the country where the European Coordination is based in. In case of doubt, the English version prevails.
2. Any proposition of modification of these statutes must be sent to the European Team two months before the next meeting of the European Committee and the European Team transmits it to all the members at the latest 45 days before the meeting of the European Committee.
3. The European Coordination Statutes are completed by the Internal Rules which precise the mode of enforcement of the Statutes as well as the functioning of the bodies.

VIII. DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

ART. 25

1. The dissolution can only be pronounced by a European Committee called for that reason at least three months in advance.
2. In order to be valid the dissolution must be decided by a majority of fourth fifths of the members.
3. The European Committee will determine the modes of dissolution and of liquidation of the European Coordination.
4. The assets net will be transferred to an organisation nominated by the European Committee and that follows similar aims.

ART. 26

The statutes were adopted by the European Committee, 14th September 2013 in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.