



Model United Nations Team University of Zurich

Statutes of the Association MUN Team University of Zurich (as of 22.05.2022)

A. Name and registered office

§ 1 An association as defined by Art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code has been established under the name „MUN Team Universität Zürich“. Its registered office is located in Zurich.

B. Purpose

§ 2 The purpose of the association is the participation of students of the University of Zurich in Model United Nations conferences and the associated preparation of the participants. The association also supports the organisation of a Model United Nations conference in Zurich. The association does not pursue any commercial purposes and is a non-profit organisation.

C. Membership

§ 3 Any natural or legal person who is a student of the University of Zurich or the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology and who participates in the activities of the association may become an active member with voting rights. Students of other Swiss universities may also become active members upon the approval of the Executive Board.

§ 4 Any natural or legal person wishing to support the association with a membership fee that is at least equal to the membership fee set by the General Assembly may become a passive member. They have no voting rights.

§ 5 Any natural or legal person who has rendered outstanding services to the association and has been recognised for these services by the General Assembly may become an honorary member. They have no voting rights.

§ 6 Subject to rejection by the Executive Board, an active member shall be one who pays the membership fee, and a passive member shall be one who pays an amount at least equal to the membership fee.

§ 7 The membership fee for the respective academic year, which begins in the fall semester, shall be determined by the General Assembly of the association. The Executive Board shall submit at least one proposal to the General Assembly. Honorary members are exempt from paying the membership fee.

§ 8 Membership shall terminate unless renewed in the following academic year by payment of the membership fee for active members and by payment of an amount that is at least equal to the membership fee for passive members. The Executive Board shall set a deadline for the payment of membership fees.

§ 9 A resignation from the association is possible at any time with written notification to the Executive Board. There is no entitlement to a refund of the membership fee even if the academic year is incomplete.

D. Expulsion

§ 10 A member may be expelled from the association at any time without providing reasons. The decision to expel a member shall be taken by the Executive Board. The expulsion of a member requires the approval of at least two-thirds of all members of the Executive Board. The member may appeal the decision to the General Assembly of the association. To overturn the decision of the Executive Board regarding expulsion the approval of at least two-thirds of the members present at the General Assembly is required.

E. Organisation

§ 11 The governing bodies of the association shall consist of:

- I) the General Assembly;
- II) the Executive Board;
- III) the Auditors.

I) The General Assembly

§ 12 The General Assembly is the supreme governing body of the association. An ordinary General Assembly of the association shall be held annually. A written invitation to the General Assembly shall be sent to the members at least ten days prior to the General Assembly and shall include the items on the agenda. Invitations sent by e-mail are valid.

§ 13 The General Assembly shall have the following inalienable powers:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly;
- b) Election of the Executive Board;
- c) Election of the President;
- d) Election of the auditors;
- e) Approval of the annual report of the Board, the annual financial statements and the report of the Auditors;
- f) Discharge of the Board;
- g) Determination of the main features of the association's activities;
- h) Revision of the articles, dissolution of the association or its merger with another association;
- i) Decisions on all matters reserved for it by law or by virtue of the statutes, reserved to it or referred to it by the Board;
- j) Determination of the annual membership fee.

§ 14 The members pass resolutions by means of a simple majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair shall have the casting vote, unless the law or the statutes stipulate otherwise. A record shall be prepared of the resolutions adopted.

§ 15 Any motions with respect to additional business for the attention of the General Assembly must be sent to the Executive Board in writing no later than fifteen days prior to the date of the General Assembly.

§ 16 Votes on revision of the statutes, dissolution of the association or merger with another association require the presence of at least one-fifth of all members and the approval of at least two-thirds of the voting members present.

§ 17 The Executive Board or one-fifth of the members may request the convocation of an extraordinary general meeting at any time, indicating the purpose of such a meeting. The General Assembly must take place no later than six weeks following receipt of the request.

§ 18 The Executive Board shall appoint one member of the association each to:

- a) Preside over the General Assembly (Chair of the General Assembly);
- b) Serve as Keeper of the Minutes.

II. The Executive Board

§ 19 The Executive Board shall consist of at least four members; if more members are required, the Executive Board shall decide on increasing the number of its members at its own discretion. The election shall take place as follows:

- a) The members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the General Assembly;
- b) The President shall be elected by the General Assembly; otherwise the Executive Board shall constitute itself. The financial management and the presidency must each be assumed by one member of the Board. The President appoints a Vice-President.

§ 20 The newly elected Executive Board shall take up its business no later than one month after the General Assembly. In the event of failure to constitute the elected Executive Board, the Executive Board shall call an Extraordinary General Assembly which shall assign the duties to the elected Executive Board members.

§ 21 The term of office of the members of the Executive Board shall be one year. They may be re-elected. All candidates for the Executive Board must announce prior to the General Assembly whether they plan to be absent for an extended period of time during the next academic year. In the event of resignation, all members of the Executive Board shall make every effort to find a successor.

§ 22 In principle, the members of the Executive Board perform their duties on a voluntary basis and are not paid. They are entitled to reimbursement of their actual expenses. Appropriate compensation may be paid for special services rendered by individual members of the Executive Board.

§ 23 The Executive Board shall enact the decisions of the General Assembly and shall manage the current affairs of the association in order to realise the purpose of the association. In particular, it shall be responsible for representing the association externally, for administrative matters and for organising the General Assembly. It shall be responsible for issuing regulations, in particular with regard to addressing cases of harassment.

§ 24 Decisions require the presence of at least three members of the Executive Board and are taken by a majority of those voting. Decisions of the Executive Board shall be recorded as minutes.

§ 25 The association shall be bound by the sole signature of a member of the Executive Board.

§ 26 The member of the Executive Board in charge of the financial management shall keep records of the income and expenses as well as of the assets and liabilities of the association.

III. The Auditors

§ 27 The General Assembly shall elect at least one auditor or a legal entity to supervise the bookkeeping.

§ 28 The auditors shall report to the Executive Board for the attention of the General Assembly.

§ 29 The term of office of the Auditor shall be one year. They may be re-elected.

§ 30 Only persons who are not members of the Executive Board may be elected as auditors.

F. Liability


§ 31 Only the assets of the association shall be liable for the debts of the association. Any personal liability of the members is excluded.

G. Dissolution

§ 32 The assets remaining after the dissolution of the association shall be transferred to a tax-exempt organisation in Switzerland that pursues the same or a similar purpose. Distribution of the assets of the association among the members is excluded.

These Articles of Association were adopted at the General Assembly of the 22.05.2022 and entered into force on that date.

Zurich 25.07.2022

	Name	Signature
Chaired by:	<u>Lorenz von Arx</u>	

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Minutes were taken by:	<u>Vera Hauser</u>	