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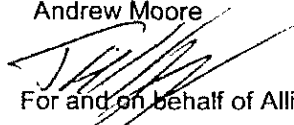
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Notes

- 1 To signify his/her agreement to the proposed resolution(s) set out above each eligible member is requested to sign and return undated this proposed written resolution(s) to the Company at Merlin Place, Milton Road, Cambridge CB4 0DP marked for the attention of Caroline Eade.
- 2 This proposed written resolution will lapse if it is not passed before the end of 28 days beginning with the day on which this document is circulated to eligible members.

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**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF
ADF INTERNATIONAL (UK)**

Adopted by a special resolution passed on 30 June 2017

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1 NAME

1.1 The name of the Company is "ADF International (UK)" .

1.2 The Company is registered under the Companies Act as a company limited by guarantee in England and Wales, with its registered office in England.

2 DISAPPLICATION OF MODEL ARTICLES

2.1 The Articles alone shall constitute the regulations of the Company. The regulations contained in The Model Articles for Private Companies Limited by Guarantee (contained in Schedule 1 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229) shall not apply to the Company.

3 OBJECT

3.1 The objects of the Company are to advance Christianity for the public benefit both generally and in particular by promoting Christian principles and ethics and by supporting and enabling Christians to live and worship in accordance with Christian principles and ethics.

3.2 Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the Company for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

4 POWERS

4.1 The Company has power to do anything which is calculated to further its objects or is conducive or incidental to doing so. In particular, the Company has power to:

4.1.1 borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of its property as security for the repayment of the money borrowed. The Company must comply as appropriate with sections 124 and 125 of the Charities Act 2011, if it wishes to mortgage land;

4.1.2 buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and to maintain and equip it for use;

4.1.3 sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property

belonging to the Company. In exercising this power, the Company must comply as appropriate with sections 117 and 119-123 of the Charities Act 2011;

- 4.1.4 employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the Company. The Company may employ or remunerate a Director only to the extent that it is permitted to do so by clause 6 (Benefits and payments to Directors and connected persons) and provided it complies with the conditions of that clause;
- 4.1.5 make grants, gifts or donations to any other person or organisation, including (but not limited to) to Alliance Defending Freedom;
- 4.1.6 deposit or invest funds, employ a professional fund-manager, and arrange for the investments or other property of the Company to be held in the name of a nominee, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the trustees of a trust are permitted to do by the Trustee Act 2000;
- 4.1.7 subject to section 115 Charities Act 2011, undertake any kind of litigation or legal proceedings including (but not limited to) litigation in the sphere of human rights, save that where any human right is to be defended by means of litigation, this will be limited to establishing the primacy of relevant laws which either form part of the domestic law of the state concerned (including for the avoidance of doubt legal proceedings before any Constitutional court) or are binding on that law and where the state concerned has implemented the relevant treaty obligations so as to provide a competent domestic constitutional court empowered to determine this or where there is an international tribunal, the legitimacy of which has been recognised by the state concerned and whose decisions as a matter of domestic law bind the domestic law of the state concerned; and
- 4.1.8 do anything else within the law which promotes or helps to promote the objects.

5 APPLICATION OF INCOME AND PROPERTY

- 5.1 The income and property of the Company must be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects.

- 5.1.1 A Director is entitled to be reimbursed from the property of the Company or may pay out of such property reasonable expenses properly incurred by him or her when acting on behalf of the Company.
- 5.1.2 A Director may benefit from indemnity insurance cover purchased at the Company's expense in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 189 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 5.2 None of the income or property of the Company may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to any member of the Company.
- 5.3 Nothing in this clause shall prevent a Director or connected person receiving any benefit or payment which is authorised by Clause 6.

6 BENEFITS AND PAYMENTS TO DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

General provisions

- 6.1 No Director or connected person may:
- 6.1.1 buy or receive any goods or services from the Company on terms preferential to those applicable to members of the public;
- 6.1.2 sell goods, services, or any interest in land to the Company;
- 6.1.3 be employed by, or receive any remuneration from, the Company;

unless the payment or benefit is permitted by sub-clauses 6.2 to 6.7 of this clause or authorised by the court or the Charity Commission ("**the Commission**"). In this clause, a "**financial benefit**" means a benefit, direct or indirect, which is either money or has a monetary value.

Scope and powers permitting trustees' or connected persons' benefits

- 6.2 A Director or connected person may receive a benefit from the Company as a beneficiary of the Company provided that a majority of the Directors do not benefit in this way.
- 6.3 A Director or connected person may enter into a contract for the supply of

services, or of goods that are supplied in connection with the provision of services, to the Company where that is permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, sections 185 to 188 of the Charities Act 2011.

- 6.4 Subject to sub-clause 6.8 of this clause a Director or connected person may provide the Company with goods that are not supplied in connection with services provided to the Company by the Director or connected person.
- 6.5 A Director or connected person may receive interest on money lent to the Company at a reasonable and proper rate which must be not more than the Bank of England bank rate (also known as the base rate).
- 6.6 A Director or connected person may receive rent for premises let by the Director or connected person to the Company. The amount of the rent and the other terms of the lease must be reasonable and proper. The Director concerned must withdraw from any meeting at which such a proposal or the rent or other terms of the lease are under discussion.
- 6.7 A Director or connected person may take part in the normal trading and fundraising activities of the Company on the same terms as members of the public.

Payment for supply of goods only – controls

- 6.8 The Company and its Directors may only rely upon the authority provided by sub-clause 6.4 of this clause if each of the following conditions is satisfied:
 - 6.8.1 The amount or maximum amount of the payment for the goods is set out in a written agreement between the Company and the Director or connected person supplying the goods ("**the supplier**");
 - 6.8.2 The amount or maximum amount of the payment for the goods does not exceed what is reasonable in the circumstances for the supply of the goods in question;
 - 6.8.3 The other Directors are satisfied that it is in the best interests of the Company to contract with the supplier rather than with someone who is

not a Director or connected person. In reaching that decision the Directors must balance the advantage of contracting with a Director or connected person against the disadvantages of doing so;

6.8.4 The supplier is absent from the part of any meeting at which there is discussion of the proposal to enter into a contract or arrangement with him or her or it with regard to the supply of goods to the Company;

6.8.5 The supplier does not vote on any such matter and is not to be counted when calculating whether a quorum of Directors is present at the meeting;

6.8.6 The reason for their decision is recorded by the Directors in the minute book;

6.8.7 A majority of the Directors then in office are not in receipt of remuneration or payments authorised by clause 6.

6.9 In this clause 6:

6.9.1 “**the Company**” includes any company in which the Company:

(i) holds more than 50% of the shares; or

(ii) controls more than 50% of the voting rights attached to the shares; or

(iii) has the right to appoint one or more directors to the board of the company;

6.9.2 “**connected person**” includes any person within the definition set out in clause 30 (Interpretation).

7 **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND CONFLICTS OF LOYALTY**

7.1 A Director who becomes a Conflicted Director in relation to any matter must:

7.1.1 declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the Company which has not previously been declared; and

- 7.1.2 absent himself or herself from any discussions of the Directors in which it is possible that a conflict of interest will arise between his or her duty to act solely in the interests of the Company and any personal interest (including but not limited to any financial interest).
- 7.2 Any Director absenting himself or herself from any discussions in accordance with this clause must not vote or be counted as part of the quorum in any decision of the Director on the matter.
- 7.3 When any Director is a Conflicted Director, the Directors who are not Conflicted Directors, if they form a quorum without counting the Conflicted Director and are satisfied that it is in the best interests of the Company to do so, may by resolution passed in the absence of the Conflicted Director authorise the Conflicted Director, notwithstanding any conflict of interest or duty which has arisen or may arise for the Conflicted Director, to:
- 7.3.1 Continue to participate in discussions leading to the making of a decision and/or to vote; or
- 7.3.2 Disclose to a third party information confidential to the Company; or
- 7.3.3 Take any other action not otherwise authorised which does not involve the receipt by the Conflicted Director or a connected person of any payment or material benefit from the Company; or
- 7.3.4 Refrain from taking any step required to remove the conflict.
- 7.4 This provision may be amended by Special Resolution of the members but, where the result would be to permit any material benefit to a Director or connected person, only with the prior written consent of the Charity Commission.
- 8 LIABILITY OF MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY IF IT IS WOUND UP**
- 8.1 If the Company is wound up, each member of the Company is liable to contribute to the assets of the Company such amount (but not more than £1) as may be required for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before that person ceases to be a member, for payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for

adjustment of the rights of the contributing members among themselves.

8.2 In sub-clause 8.1 of this clause “**member**” includes any person who was a member of the Company within 12 months before the commencement of the winding up.

8.3 But subject to that, the members of the Company have no liability to contribute to its assets if it is wound up, and accordingly have no personal responsibility for the settlement of its debts and liabilities beyond the amount that they are liable to contribute.

9 **DIRECTORS**

Functions and duties of Directors

9.1 The Directors shall manage the affairs of the Company and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the Company. In particular, but without limitation, the Directors may:

9.1.1 Delegate their powers in accordance with Article 14; and

9.1.2 Appoint a chair and other officers from among their number for the duration of their office, and the Directors shall be entitled to renew any such appointment, or make different appointments, at their discretion.

9.2 It is the duty of each Director:

9.2.1 to exercise his or her powers and to perform his or her functions in his or her capacity as a trustee of the Company in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the Company; and

9.2.2 to exercise, in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to:

(i) any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and,

(ii) if he or she acts as a Director of the Company in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

Eligibility for directorship

- 9.3 Every Director must be a natural person.
- 9.4 No individual may be appointed or re-appointed as a Director of the Company:
 - 9.4.1 if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or
 - 9.4.2 if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause 12.1.5.
- 9.5 No one is entitled to act as a Director whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the Directors decide, his or her acceptance of:
 - 9.5.1 the office of Director; and
 - 9.5.2 any statement of faith that is attached to this constitution or has subsequently been adopted by resolution of the trustees of the Company as forming part of the definition of biblical Christianity; and
 - 9.5.3 any other conditions or requirements that the trustees of the Company may reasonably impose in order to ensure that the candidate is an appropriate person to be appointed as a trustee.
- 9.6 At least one of the trustees of the Company must be 18 years of age or over. If there is no trustee aged at least 18 years, the remaining trustees may only act to call a meeting of the Directors, or appoint a new Director.

Number of Directors

- 9.7 There must be at least three Directors. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining Directors may act only to call a meeting of the Company, or appoint a new Director.
- 9.8 The maximum number of Directors is nine. The Directors may not appoint any Directors if as a result the number of Directors would exceed the maximum.

First Directors

- 9.9 The first Directors are as follows, and are appointed for the following initial terms –

Paul Coleman..... for 4 years

Robert Clarke..... for 3 years

Benjamin Bull..... for 2 years

Andrew Moore..... for 2 years

10 **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

- 10.1 Apart from the first Directors, every Director must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Directors.

- 10.2 Subject to clauses 9 and 12, a Director whose term of office has expired (whether under clause 9.9 or 10.1) shall be eligible for reappointment for a further three year term by majority decision of the remaining Directors, and there shall be no maximum on the number of terms of office which a Director may serve.

- 10.3 In selecting individuals for appointment as Director, the Directors must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Company.

- 10.4 Any appointment or reappointment of a Director shall be subject to review by Alliance Defending Freedom. In relation to any decision to appoint or reappoint a Director under clauses 10.1 or 10.2, the Directors shall provide Alliance Defending Freedom with written notice of the resolution to make the appointment, and the resolution shall only take effect if, within 30 days of the date of that notice, Alliance Defending Freedom does not provide written objection to the appointment or reappointment of the prospective Director.

11 **INFORMATION FOR NEW DIRECTORS**

- 11.1 The Directors will make available to each new Director, on or before his or her first appointment:

- 11.1.1 a copy of the current version of this constitution (including any statements of faith adopted by the Directors); and

- 11.1.2 a copy of the Company's latest Directors' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

12 **RETIREMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS**

- 12.1 A Director ceases to hold office if he or she:

- 12.1.1 retires by notifying the Company in writing (but only if enough Directors will remain in office when the notice of resignation takes effect to form a quorum for meetings);

- 12.1.2 is absent without the permission of the Directors from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated;

- 12.1.3 dies;

- 12.1.4 in the written opinion, given to the Company, of a registered medical practitioner treating that person, has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months;

- 12.1.5 is disqualified from acting as a Director by virtue of the Charities Act 2011 or the Companies Act; or

- 12.1.6 is removed by resolution of the Directors on the grounds that he/she is guilty of conduct detrimental to, or of acting in any way that may undermine, the objects or reputation of the Company (including, but not limited to, any action which is inconsistent with any statement of faith that is attached to this constitution or has subsequently been adopted by resolution of the Directors as forming part of the definition of biblical Christianity); or

- 12.1.7 is removed by Alliance Defending Freedom by written notice to the Director concerned and to the other Directors on the grounds that he/she is guilty of conduct detrimental to, or of acting in any way that may undermine, the objects or reputation of the Company (including, but not limited to, any action which is inconsistent with any statement of faith that is attached to this constitution or has subsequently been adopted by resolution of the Directors as forming part of the definition of biblical Christianity).

13 **TAKING OF DECISIONS BY DIRECTORS**

13.1 Any decision may be taken either:

13.1.1 at a meeting of the Directors; or

13.1.2 by resolution in writing or electronic form agreed by all of the Directors, which may comprise either a single document or several documents containing the text of the resolution in like form to each of which one or more Directors has signified their agreement.

14 **DELEGATION BY DIRECTORS**

14.1 The Directors may delegate the day to day management of the Company to any other person, as they see fit (subject to any conditions the Directors may impose).

14.2 The Directors shall have power to delegate any of their functions to committees, provided that:

14.2.1 At least one Director is a chair of any such committee, and a meeting of the committee will not be quorate unless that Director (or another Director deputised to take their place) is present;

14.2.2 All proceedings and decisions of such committees must be reported promptly to the Directors;

14.2.3 No expenditure may be incurred or committed by such a committee on behalf of the Company except in accordance with a budget or expenditure limits previously agreed by the Directors; and

14.2.4 Any representatives appointed to any such committee may be delegated such powers as the Directors see fit in order to carry out their duties, whether by contract, power of attorney or otherwise.

14.3 Subject to any such conditions, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by the Articles regulating the proceedings of Directors (including in relation to conflicts of interest), in so far as they are capable of applying, save that the Director appointed to any committee may exercise a right of veto over any decision made by the committee with which he/she is not in favour, in which case they shall

refer the matter to the Directors for resolution.

15 MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Calling meetings

15.1 Any two Directors may call a meeting of the Directors.

15.2 Subject to that, the Directors shall decide how their meetings are to be called, and what notice is required.

Chairing of meetings

15.3 The Directors may appoint one of their number to chair their meetings and may at any time revoke such appointment. If no-one has been so appointed, or if the person appointed is unwilling to preside or is not present within 10 minutes after the time of the meeting, the Directors present may appoint one of their number to chair that meeting.

Procedure at meetings

15.4 No decision shall be taken at a meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the decision is taken. The quorum is three Directors, or the number nearest to one third of the total number of Directors, whichever is greater, or such larger number as the Directors may decide from time to time. A Director shall not be counted in the quorum present when any decision is made about a matter upon which he or she is not entitled to vote.

15.5 Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of those eligible to vote. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event of a tied vote, the decision shall be treated as not approved.

Participation in meetings by electronic means

15.6 A meeting may be held by suitable electronic means agreed by the Directors in which each participant may communicate with all the other participants.

15.7 Any Director participating at a meeting by suitable electronic means agreed by the Directors in which a participant or participants may communicate with all the other participants shall qualify as being present

at the meeting.

- 15.8 Meetings held by electronic means must comply with rules for meetings, including chairing and the taking of minutes.

16 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMPANY

- 16.1 The members of the Company shall be:

16.1.1 its Directors for the time being; and

16.1.2 Alliance Defending Freedom.

- 16.2 The only persons eligible to be members of the Company are its Directors and Alliance Defending Freedom.

- 16.3 Membership of the Company cannot be transferred to anyone else.

- 16.4 Any member and Director who ceases to be a Director automatically ceases to be a member of the Company.

- 16.5 Alliance Defending Freedom will cease to be a member of the Company if:

16.5.1 It ceases to exist; or

16.5.2 It sends a notice of its resignation as a member to the Directors.

- 16.6 It is the duty of each member of the Company to exercise his or her powers as a member of the Company in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the Company.

17 DECISIONS WHICH MUST BE MADE BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY

- 17.1 Any decision to:

17.1.1 amend the constitution of the Company;

17.1.2 amalgamate the Company with, or transfer its undertaking to, one or more other Companies, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011; or

17.1.3 wind up or dissolve the Company (including transferring its business to any other charity)

must be made by a resolution of the members of the Company (rather than a resolution of the Directors).

- 17.2 Decisions of the members may be made either:
 - 17.2.1 by resolution at a general meeting; or
 - 17.2.2 by resolution in writing, in accordance with sub-clause 17.4 of this clause.
- 17.3 Any decision specified in sub-clause 17.1 of this clause must be made by Special Resolution.
- 17.4 Subject to sub-clauses 17.1 and 17.3, except where a resolution in writing must be agreed by a higher threshold under the Companies Act or these Articles, such a resolution may be agreed by a simple majority of all the members who are entitled to vote on it. Such a resolution shall be effective provided that:
 - 17.4.1 a copy of the proposed resolution has been sent to all the members eligible to vote; and
 - 17.4.2 the required majority of members has signified its agreement to the resolution in a document or documents which are received at the principal office within the period of 28 days beginning with the circulation date. The document signifying a member's agreement must be authenticated by their signature, by a statement of their identity accompanying the document, or in such other manner as the Company has specified.
- 17.5 The resolution in writing may comprise several copies to which one or more members has signified their agreement. Eligibility to vote on the resolution is limited to members who are members of the Company on the date when the proposal is first circulated.
- 17.6 A corporate body that is a member of the Company may, in accordance with its usual decision-making process, authorise a person to act as its representative at any general meeting of the Company, or in agreeing to a resolution in writing of the members, and shall notify the Directors in writing of any such authorisation.

- 17.7 The representative of any corporate body that is a member of the Company is entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporate body as the corporate body could exercise as an individual member of the Company.

18 GENERAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Calling of general meetings of members

- 18.1 The Directors may designate any of their meetings as a general meeting of the members of the Company. The purpose of such a meeting is to discharge any business which must by law be discharged by a resolution of the members of the Company as specified in clause 17 (Decisions which must be made by the members of the Company).

Notice of general meetings of members

- 18.2 The minimum period of notice required to hold a general meeting of the members of the Company is 14 days.
- 18.3 Except where a specified period of notice is strictly required by another clause in this constitution, or by the Companies Act, a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed by 90% of the members of the Company.
- 18.4 Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted; or that an electronic form of notice was properly addressed and sent, shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. Notice shall be deemed to be given 48 hours after it was posted or sent.

Procedure at general meetings of members

- 18.5 The provisions in sub-clauses 15.3 to 15.6 governing the chairing of meetings, procedure at meetings and participation in meetings by electronic means apply to any general meeting of the members, with all references to trustees to be taken as references to members.
- 18.6 Members are entitled to:
- 18.6.1 Receive the accounts of the Company for each financial year;

- 18.6.2 Receive an annual written report on the Company's activities; and
- 18.6.3 Appoint reporting accountants or auditors for the Company (unless such accountants or auditors are automatically deemed reappointed under the Companies Act).

19 **SAVING PROVISIONS**

- 19.1 Subject to sub-clause 19.2 of this clause, all decisions of the Directors, or of a committee of Directors, shall be valid notwithstanding the participation in any vote of a Director:

- 19.1.1 who was disqualified from holding office;
- 19.1.2 who had previously retired or who had been obliged by the constitution to vacate office;
- 19.1.3 who was not entitled to vote on the matter, whether by reason of a conflict of interest or otherwise;

if, without the vote of that Director and that Director being counted in the quorum, the decision has been made by a majority of the Directors at a quorate meeting.

- 19.2 Sub-clause 19.1 of this clause does not permit a Director to keep any benefit that may be conferred upon him or her by a resolution of the Directors or of a committee of Directors if, but for sub-clause 19.1, the resolution would have been void, or if the Director has not complied with clause 7 (Conflicts of interest).

20 **EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 20.1 The Company shall execute documents either by signature or by affixing its seal (if it has one)
- 20.2 A document is validly executed by the Company by signature if it is signed by at least one of the Directors and a witness, or by two Directors.
- 20.3 If the Company has a seal the seal must only be used by the authority of the Directors or of a committee of Directors duly authorised by the Directors. The Directors may determine who shall sign any document to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be

signed by two Directors.

21 USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

General

21.1 The Company will:

21.1.1 within 21 days provide to any member on request a hard copy of any document or information sent to the member otherwise than in hard copy form;

21.1.2 any requirements to provide information to the Commission in a particular form or manner.

22 USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

To the Company

22.1 Any member or Director of the Company may communicate electronically with the Company to an address specified by the Company for the purpose, so long as the communication is authenticated in a manner which is satisfactory to the Company.

By the Company

22.2 Any member or Director of the Company, by providing the Company with his or her email address or similar, is taken to have agreed to receive communications from the Company in electronic form at that address, unless the member has indicated to the Company his or her unwillingness to receive such communications in that form.

22.3 The Directors may, subject to compliance with any legal requirements, by means of publication on its website:

22.3.1 provide the members with the notice referred to in clause 18.2 (Notice of general meetings);

22.3.2 give Directors notice of their meetings in accordance with clause 18.1 (Calling meetings); and

22.3.3 submit any proposal to the members or Directors for decision by written resolution or postal vote in accordance with the Company's powers under

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clause 17 (Members' decisions) or 17.4 (Decisions taken by resolution in writing).

22.4 The Directors must:

22.4.1 take reasonable steps to ensure that members and Directors are promptly notified of the publication of any such notice or proposal; and

22.4.2 send any such notice or proposal in hard copy form to any member or Director who has not consented to receive communications in electronic form.

23 **KEEPING OF REGISTERS**

23.1 The Company must comply with its obligations in relation to the keeping of, and provision of access to, its statutory books including the registers of its members and Directors.

24 **MINUTES**

24.1 The Directors must keep minutes of all:

24.1.1 appointments of officers made by the Directors;

24.1.2 proceedings at general meetings of the Company;

24.1.3 meetings of the Directors and committees of Directors including:

24.1.3.1 the names of the Directors present at the meeting;

24.1.3.2 the decisions made at the meetings; and

24.1.3.3 where appropriate the reasons for the decisions;

24.1.4 decisions made by the Directors otherwise than in meetings.

25 **ACCOUNTING RECORDS, ACCOUNTS, ANNUAL REPORTS AND RETURNS, REGISTER MAINTENANCE**

25.1 The Directors must comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act with regard to the keeping of accounting records, to the preparation and scrutiny of statements of account, and to the preparation of annual reports and returns. The statements of account, reports and returns must be sent to the Charity Commission, regardless

of the income of the Company, within 10 months of the financial year end.

- 25.2 The Directors must comply with their obligation to inform the Commission within 28 days of any change in the particulars of the Company entered on the Central Register of Charities.

26 **RULES**

- 26.1 The Directors may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or byelaws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the Company, but such rules or bye laws must not be inconsistent with any provision of this constitution. Copies of any such rules or bye laws currently in force must be made available to any member of the Company on request.

27 **DISPUTES**

- 27.1 If a dispute arises between members of the Company about the validity or propriety of anything done by the members under this constitution, and the dispute cannot be resolved by agreement, the parties to the dispute must first try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation before resorting to litigation.

28 **AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION**

- 28.1.1 This constitution can only be amended by Special Resolution.
- 28.1.2 Any alteration of clause 3 (Objects), clause 29(Voluntary winding up or dissolution), this clause, or of any provision where the alteration would provide authorisation for any benefit to be obtained by Directors or members of the Company or persons connected with them, requires the prior written consent of the Charity Commission.
- 28.1.3 No amendment that is inconsistent with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 or the Companies Act shall be valid.
- 28.1.4 A copy of every resolution amending the constitution, together with a copy of the Company's constitution as amended must be sent to Companies House and the Commission by the end of the period of 15 days beginning with the date of passing of the resolution.

29 **VOLUNTARY WINDING UP OR DISSOLUTION**

- 29.1 The Company may be dissolved by resolution of its members. Any decision by the members to wind up or dissolve the Company can only be made by Special Resolution.
- 29.2 Subject to the payment of all the Company's debts:
 - 29.2.1 Any resolution for the winding up of the Company, or for the dissolution of the Company without winding up, may contain a provision directing how any remaining assets of the Company shall be applied.
 - 29.2.2 If the resolution does not contain such a provision, the Directors must decide how any remaining assets of the Company shall be applied.
 - 29.2.3 In either case the remaining assets must be applied for charitable purposes the same as or similar to those of the Company.
- 29.3 The Company must observe certain requirements in applying to the Commission for the Company to be removed from the Register of Charities, and in particular:
 - 29.3.1 the Directors must send with their application to the Commission:
 - 29.3.1.1 a copy of the resolution passed by the members of the Company;
 - 29.3.1.2 a declaration by the Directors that any debts and other liabilities of the Company have been settled or otherwise provided for in full; and
 - 29.3.1.3 a statement by the Directors setting out the way in which any property of the Company has been or is to be applied prior to its dissolution in accordance with this constitution;
 - 29.3.2 the Directors must ensure that a copy of the application is sent within seven days to every member and employee of the Company, and to any Director of the Company who was not privy to the application.
- 30 **INTERPRETATION**
 - 30.1 In this constitution:
 - 30.1.1 **"Alliance Defending Freedom"** means a Virginia Non-Stock Corporation with corporate offices located at 15100 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85260, established in 1993 and registered as a non-profit under

s501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

30.1.2 **“Conflicted Director”** means a Director in respect of whom a conflict of interest or loyalty could, or could be seen to, prevent the Director from making a decision only in the best interests of the charity, and arises or may reasonably arise because the Conflicted Director or a Connected Person is receiving or stands to receive a benefit (other than payment of a premium for indemnity insurance) from the Company, or has some separate interest or duty in a matter to be decided by the Company, or in relation to information which is confidential to the Company, or the Conflicted Director owes a duty of loyalty to another organisation whose interests conflict or are likely to conflict with those of the Company.

30.1.3 **“connected person”** means:

30.1.3.1 a child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother or sister of the Director;

30.1.3.2 the spouse or civil partner of the Director or of any person falling within sub-clause 30.1.1 above;

30.1.3.3 a person carrying on business in partnership with the Director or with any person falling within sub-clause 30.1.3.1 or 30.1.3.2 above;

30.1.3.4 an institution which is controlled:

a) by the Director or any connected person falling within sub-clauses 30.1.3.1, 30.1.3.2, or 30.1.3.3 above; or

b) by two or more persons falling within sub-clause 30.1.3.4(a), when taken together.

30.1.3.5 a body corporate in which:

(i) the Director or any connected person falling within sub-clauses 30.1.3.1 to 30.1.3.3 has a substantial interest; or

(ii) two or more persons falling within sub-clause 30.1.3.5(i) who, when taken together, have a substantial interest.

Section 118 of the Charities Act 2011 apply for the purposes of interpreting the terms used in this constitution.

- 30.1.4 **"Companies Act"** means the Companies Act 2006
- 30.1.5 **"Christianity"** means Christianity that is in accordance with the Bible, and as is more particularly defined in the Statement of Faith and in all such other doctrinal statements as the Trustees shall determine by resolution passed by 75% of them (and any amendment to such statements shall only be made by a resolution of the Trustees which is passed by a majority of 75% or more voting in favour).
- 30.1.6 **"Director"** means a director of the Company;
- 30.1.7 **"Special Resolution"** means a resolution passed by 75% of the members of the Company, in accordance with the Companies Act
- 30.1.8 **"Statement of Faith"** means the statement attached at Appendix 1.
- 30.1.9 **"written"** or **"in writing"** refers to a legible document on paper or a document sent by electronic means which is capable of being printed out on paper.
- 30.1.10 Subject to article 30.1.11, any reference to an Act of Parliament is to that Act as amended or re-enacted from time to time and to any subordinate legislation made under it.
- 30.1.11 Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in these Articles bear the same meaning as in the Companies Act 2006 as in force on the date when these Articles become binding on the Company.

Appendix 1

Statement of Faith and Guiding Principles

Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity and humanity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His present rule as Head of the Church and in His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

We believe that all those who die in God's grace through faith are assured eternal salvation; those who die in a state of sin and unbelief suffer the punishment of Hell.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, with equality across racial, gender, and class differences.

Guiding Principles

We are:

- **Christ-Centered:** We rely solely upon God's redemptive grace for our existence, our vision, and our sustenance, trusting in His sovereignty as we seek to convey hope to all we serve.
- **Servant-Oriented:** We are committed to anticipating and meeting the legal needs of those dedicated to preserving religious liberty.
- **Committed to Victory:** We will prayerfully enter every battle expecting to win, while always demonstrating respect toward those who oppose us.
- **Committed to Excellence:** We are dedicated to achieving superior quality and exceptional results in defending and advocating for the right of people to freely live out their faith.
- **Committed to Stewardship:** We acknowledge that all resources are a gift from God and hold ourselves to the highest standards of accountability to Him and those who support our efforts.