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Limited\*

I, ALAN PATERSON

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do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am a Solicitor of the Supreme Court engaged in the formation of National Secular Society

Limited\*

and that all the requirements of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1976 in respect of matters precedent to the registration of the said company and incidental thereto have been complied with.

And I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835

Declared at 101 Borough High Street London SE1.

the fifth day of February

One thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine

before me B.S. Perry

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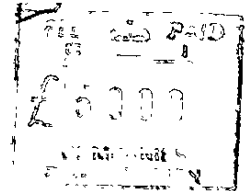
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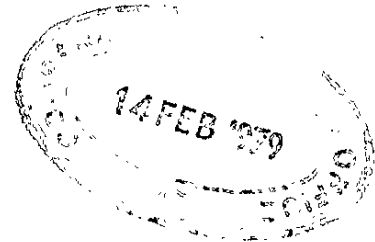
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THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1976

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE  
AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL



## Memorandum of Association

OF

## National Secular Society Limited.

1. The name of the Company (hereinafter called "the Society") is "NATIONAL SECULAR SOCIETY LIMITED".
2. The registered office of the Society will be situate in England.
3. The Society is based on the following principles, namely :-

Secularism affirms that this life is the only one of which we have any knowledge and human effort should be directed wholly towards its improvement. It asserts that supernaturalism is based upon ignorance and assails it as the historic enemy of progress.

Secularism affirms that progress is possible only on the basis of equal freedom of speech and publication; that the free criticism of institutions and ideas is essential to a civilised State.

Affirming that morality is social in origin and application, Secularism aims at promoting the happiness and well-being of mankind. Secularism demands the complete separation

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of Church and State and the abolition of all privileges granted to religious organisations. It seeks to spread education, to promote the fraternity of all peoples as a means of advancing universal peace, to further common cultural interests and to develop the freedom and dignity of mankind.

4. The objects for which the Society is established are :-

- (a) To acquire and take over all or any part of the assets and liabilities of the present unincorporated body known as "The National Secular Society".
- (b) To uphold and propagate secularist principles as set out in Clause 3 above.
- (c) To stimulate freedom of thought and inquiry in all matters relating to secularist principles.
- (d) To promote a secular system of education.
- (e) To maintain and assert the same right of propaganda for opinions and ideas which conflict with existing or traditional creeds and beliefs as is now exercisable in favour of such creeds and beliefs.
- (f) To publish and distribute, either gratuitously or otherwise, books, pamphlets, and periodicals designed to promote these objects, or any of them.
- (g) To originate, to watch over or to petition Parliament in relation to measures pertaining to the principles and objects of the Society.
- (h) To initiate organise and participate in campaigns for such reforms in the law as, in the view of the Society, would promote human welfare and enhance the quality of life.
- (i) To purchase or otherwise acquire, either wholly or in part, and to print, publish and sell any newspaper, journal, magazine, periodical, leaflet or book for the purpose

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of circulating information on all matters relating to the principles and objects of the Society and for that purpose to carry on the business of newspaper proprietors and of newspaper and general printers and publishers, booksellers, advertisers and advertising agents and contractors.

And the Society shall have the following powers exercisable in furtherance of its said objects but not otherwise, namely :-

- (A) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire real or personal property and rights or privileges, and to construct, maintain and alter buildings or erections.
- (B) To sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the Society.
- (C) To undertake and execute any trusts which may lawfully be undertaken by the Society.
- (D) To borrow or raise money on such terms and on such security as may be thought fit.
- (E) To invest the moneys of the Society not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) and such consents (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law and subject also as hereinafter provided.
- (F) To establish and support or aid in the establishment and support of any associations or institutions having objects similar to any of the objects of the Society.
- (G) To do all such other things as are incidental to the attainment or furtherance of the said objects or any of them.

Provided that :-

- (i) In case the Society shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts, the Society shall only deal with or invest the same in such manner as

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allowed by law, having regard to such trusts.

- (ii) The Society's objects shall not extend to the regulation of relations between workers and employers or organisations of workers and organisations of employers.

5. The income and property of the Society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in this Memorandum of Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to members of the Society.

Provided that nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith to the Society :-

- (A) of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or servant of the Society for any services rendered to the Society;
- (B) of interest at a rate not exceeding 6 per cent. per annum on money lent or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member of the Society or of its Council of Management or Governing Body;
- (C) to any member of its Council of Management or Governing Body of out-of-pocket expenses;
- (D) to a company of which a member of the Society or of its Council of Management or Governing Body may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the capital of such company.

6. The liability of the members is limited.

7. Every member of the Society undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Society, in the event of the same being wound up while he is a member, or within one year after he ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Society contracted before he ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding £1.00.

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WE, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, are desirous of being formed into a Company in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association.

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DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1978.

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## Articles of Association

OF

National Secular Society Limited. ✓

### GENERAL

1. In these presents the words standing in the first column of the Table next hereinafter contained shall bear the meaning set opposite to them respectively in the second column thereof, if not inconsistent with the subject or context -

#### WORDS

#### MEANINGS

The Act		The Companies Act 1948.
These presents ..		These Articles of Association, and the regulations of the Society from time to time in force.
The Society	...	The above-named Company.
The Council	...	The Council of Management for the time being of the Society.
The Office	...	The registered office of the Society.
The Seal	...	The common seal of the Society.



<u>WORDS</u>	<u>MEANINGS</u>
The United Kingdom ...	Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
Month ...	Calendar month.
In writing ...	Written, printed or lithographed, or partly one and partly another, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

And words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number, and vice versa.

Words importing the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender; and

Words importing persons shall include corporations.

Subject as aforesaid, any words or expressions defined in the Act or any statutory modification thereof in force at the date on which these presents become binding on the Society shall, if not inconsistent with the subject or context, bear the same meanings in these presents.

2. The number of members with which the Society proposes to be registered is five hundred, but the Council may from time to time register an increase of members.

3. The provisions of Section 110 of the Act shall be observed by the Society, and every member of the Society shall either sign a written consent to become a member or sign the register of members on becoming a member.

4. The Society is established for the purposes expressed in the Memorandum of Association.

#### MEMBERSHIP

5. The following persons shall be members of the Society :-

- (1) The subscribers to the Memorandum of Association.
- (2) Every person who at the date of the incorporation of the Society was a member of the unincorporated Society known as "The

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National Secular Society" referred to in paragraph 3 (A) of the Memorandum of Association and who shall not later than 31st March of the year following the year of incorporation of the Society or within such extended period as the Council may determine pay to the Society a member's subscription in accordance with Article 7, or sign and deliver to the Secretary of the Society a form of adherence approved by the Council.

- (3) Such other persons, associations and bodies as the Council shall admit to membership.

6. There shall be two classes of members, namely ordinary members and associate members.

- (a) The Council may admit to be an ordinary member of the Society :-

(i) Any person being a citizen of or resident in the United Kingdom and not less than 18 years of age.

(ii) Any national or local corporation association or body established or active in the United Kingdom.

- (b) The Council may admit to be an associate member any person, corporation, association or body.

- (c) An individual, corporation, association or body being a candidate for membership shall send to the Secretary a form setting out his full name and address and such other particulars as the Council shall require. The election of members is entrusted to the Council and the Council shall have power to reject any application for membership without giving any reason for so doing.

7. The annual subscription payable by members shall be such as the Society in General Meeting shall from time to time prescribe, but until the Society otherwise resolve the annual subscription shall be £1.00.

8. All annual subscriptions shall be due and payable in advance on the date a member is elected

and thereafter on every 1st day of January, except that in the case of a person who becomes a member under the provisions of Paragraph (A)(2) of Article 5 his first subscription after incorporation shall be due on the 1st January of the year following incorporation of the Society.

9. A member shall cease to be a member if he :-

- (a) Resigns by notice in writing sent to the Secretary; or
- (b) Fails to pay the subscription for any year within six months of the same becoming due; or
- (c) Is requested by the Council to resign but so that no such request shall have any operation or effect unless the member in question has been given proper notice of the grounds upon which it is being made and a proper opportunity of attending and being heard at a meeting of the Council specially convened to consider such proposal and thereafter shall have the right of appeal to the next Annual General Meeting provided that notice of appeal is given within 30 days of the Council's decision.

10. The rights and privileges of a member are personal and non-transferable or alienable.

#### HONORARY ASSOCIATES

11. The Directors may from time to time at their discretion associate any person or persons holding office or position (whether holders of certificates or honorary associates, and may at their discretion admit and name them as such. The position of an honorary associate shall be purely an honorary one, and shall not involve any rights or liabilities.

#### GENERAL

12. The Society in general meeting may elect a chairman and two vice chairmen and a secretary and two or more auditors and may also elect such other officers and persons as may be necessary for the management of the Society and may determine the powers and duties of such officers and persons.

GENERAL MEETINGS

13. The Society shall hold a General Meeting in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the Council, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it, provided that every Annual General Meeting except the first shall be held not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding Annual General Meeting, and that so long as the Society holds its first Annual General Meeting within eighteen months after its incorporation it need not hold it in the year of its incorporation or in the following year.

14. All General Meetings, other than Annual General Meetings, shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.

15. The Council may whenever they think fit convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, and Extraordinary General Meetings shall also be convened on such requisition, or in default may be convened by such requisitionists, as provided by section 132 of the Act.

16. Twenty-one days' notice in writing at the least of every Annual General Meeting and of every meeting convened to pass a Special Resolution, and fourteen days' notice in writing at the least of every other General Meeting (exclusive in every case both of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given), specifying the place, the day and the hour of meeting, and in the case of special business the general nature of that business, shall be given in manner hereinafter mentioned to such persons (including the Auditors) as are under these presents or under the Act entitled to receive such notices from the Society; but with the consent of all the members having the right to attend and vote thereat, or of such proportion of them as is prescribed by the Act in the case of meetings other than Annual General Meetings, a meeting may be convened by such notice as those members may think fit.

17. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of such notice by, any person entitled to receive notice thereof shall not invalidate any resolution passed, or proceeding had, at any meeting.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

18. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting, and all that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting shall also be deemed special, with the exception of the consideration of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet, and the reports of the Council and of the Auditors, the election of members of the Council in the place of those retiring, and the appointment of, and the fixing of the remuneration of, the Auditors.
19. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided seven members personally present shall be a quorum.
20. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, or at such other place as the Council may determine, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting the members present shall be a quorum.
21. The Chairman (if any) of the Council shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting, but if there be no such Chairman, or if at any meeting he shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, or shall be unwilling to preside, the members present shall choose some member of the Council, or if no such member be present, or if all the members of the Council present decline to take the chair, they shall choose some member of the Society who shall be present to preside.
22. The Chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time, and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than business which might have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. Whenever a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned

meeting shall be given in the same manner as of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid, the members shall not be entitled to any notice of an adjournment, or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

23. At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless a poll is, before or upon the declaration of the result of the show of hands, demanded by the Chairman or by at least three members present in person, and unless a poll be so demanded a declaration by the Chairman of the meeting that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Society shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

24. Subject to the provisions of Article 25, if a poll be demanded in manner aforesaid, it shall be taken forthwith and in such manner as the Chairman of the meeting shall direct, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

25. No poll shall be demanded on the election of a Chairman of a meeting, or on any question of adjournment.

26. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

27. The demand of a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded.

#### VOTES OF MEMBERS

28. Subject as hereinafter provided, every member shall have one vote.

29. No member other than a member duly registered, who shall have paid every subscription and other sum (if any) which shall be due and payable to the Society in respect of his membership, shall be entitled to vote on any question.

30. Votes must be given on a poll personally save that a corporation may vote by its duly authorised representative appointed as provided by section 139 of the Act.

#### COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

31. Until otherwise determined by a General Meeting, the number of the members of the Council shall not be less than seven nor more than twenty-four.

32. The first members of the Council shall be the subscribers to the Memorandum of Association.

33. The Council may from time to time and at any time appoint any member of the Society as a member of the Council, either to fill a casual vacancy or by way of addition to the Council, provided that the prescribed maximum be not thereby exceeded. Any member so appointed shall retain his office only until the next Annual General Meeting, but he shall then be eligible for re-election.

34. No person who is not a member of the Society shall in any circumstances be eligible to hold office as a member of the Council.

#### POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

35. The business of the Society shall be managed by the Council who may pay all such expenses of, and preliminary and incidental to, the promotion, formation, establishment and registration of the Society, and do on behalf of the Society all such acts as may be exercised and done by the Society, and as are not by statute or by these presents required to be exercised or done by the Society in General Meeting, subject nevertheless to any regulations of these presents, to the provisions of the statutes for the time being in force and affecting the Society, and to such regulations, being not inconsistent with the aforesaid regulations or provisions, as may be prescribed by the Society in General Meeting, but no regulation made by the Society in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Council which would have been valid if such regulation had not been made.

36. The members for the time being of the Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body; provided always that in case the members of the Council shall at any time be or be reduced in

number to less than the minimum number prescribed by or in accordance with these presents, it shall be lawful for them to act as the Council for the purpose of admitting persons to membership of the Society, filling up vacancies in their body, or of summoning a General Meeting, but not for any other purpose.

#### SECRETARY

37. Subject to section 21 (5) of the Companies Act 1976 the Secretary shall be appointed by the Council for such time at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit, and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by them. The provisions of sections 177 and 179 of the Act shall apply and be observed. The Council may from time to time by resolution appoint an assistant or deputy Secretary, and any person so appointed may act in place of the Secretary if there be no Secretary or no Secretary capable of acting.

#### THE SEAL

38. The seal of the Association shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a resolution of the Council and in the presence of at least two members of the Council or at least one member of the Council and the Secretary, and the said persons shall sign every instrument to which the seal shall be so affixed in their presence, and in favour of any purchaser or person bona fide dealing with the Society such signatures shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the seal has been properly affixed.

#### DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

39. The office of a member of the Council shall be vacated -

- (a) If a receiving order is made against him or he makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors.
- (b) If he becomes of unsound mind.
- (c) If he ceases to be a member of the Society.
- (d) If by notice in writing to the Society he resigns his office.



- (e) If he ceases to hold office by reason of any order made under section 188 of the Act or section 28 of the Companies Act 1976.
- (f) If he is removed from office by a resolution duly passed pursuant to section 184 of the Act.

There shall be no retiring age of Members of the Council and Section 185 of the Companies Act 1948 shall not apply.

#### ROTATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

40. At the first Annual General Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting to be held in every subsequent year, one-third of the members of the Council for the time being (excluding the four ex-officio members) or if their number is not a multiple of three then the number nearest to one-third, shall retire from office.

41. The members of the Council to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election or appointment. As between members of equal seniority, the members to retire shall in the absence of agreement be selected from among them by lot. The length of time a member has been in office shall be computed from his last election or appointment. A retiring member of the Council shall be eligible for re-election.

42. The Society may, at the meeting at which a member of the Council retires in manner aforesaid, fill up the vacated office by electing a person thereto, and in default the retiring member shall, if offering himself for re-election, be deemed to have been re-elected, unless at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill such vacated office, or unless a resolution for the re-election of such member shall have been put to the meeting and lost.

43. No person not being a member of the Council retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Council for election, be eligible for election to membership of the Council at any General Meeting, unless within the prescribed time before the day appointed for the meeting there shall have been given to the Secretary notice in writing, by some member duly qualified to be present and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given, of his intention to propose such person for election,

and also notice in writing, signed by the person to be proposed, of his willingness to be elected. The prescribed time above mentioned shall be such that, between the date when the notice is served, or deemed to be served, and the day appointed for the meeting there shall be not less than seven nor more than twenty-eight intervening days.

44. The Society may from time to time in General Meeting increase or reduce the number of members of the Council, and determine in what rotation such increased or reduced number shall go out of office, and may make the appointments necessary for effecting any such increase.

45. In addition and without prejudice to the provisions of section 184 of the Act, the Society may by Extraordinary Resolution remove any member of the Council before the expiration of his period of office, and may by an Ordinary Resolution appoint another qualified member in his stead; but any person so appointed shall retain his office so long only as the member in whose place he is appointed would have held the same if he had not been removed.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL

46. The Council may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit, and determine the quorum necessary for the transaction of business. Unless otherwise determined, three shall be a quorum. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

47. A member of the Council may, and on the request of a member of the Council the Secretary shall, at any time, summon a meeting of the Council by notice served upon the several members of the Council. A member of the Council who is absent from the United Kingdom shall not be entitled to notice of a meeting.

48. The Council shall from time to time elect a Chairman who shall be entitled to preside at all meetings of the Council at which he shall be present, and may determine for what period he is to hold office, but if no such Chairman be elected, or if at any meeting the Chairman be not present



if it had been passed at a meeting of the Council or of such committee duly convened and constituted.

ACCOUNTS

54. The Council shall cause books of account or accounting records to be kept in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Acts.

55. The books of account shall be kept at the office, or, subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, at such other place or places as the Council shall think fit, and shall always be open to the inspection of the officers of the Society.

56. The Council shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the Society or any of them shall be open to the inspection of members not being officers of the Society, and no member (not being an officer) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Society except as conferred by statute or authorised by the Council or by the Society in General Meeting.

57. At the Annual General Meeting in every year the Council shall lay before the Society a proper income and expenditure account for the period since the last preceding account (or in the case of the first account since the incorporation of the Society) made up to a date not more than nine months before such meeting, together with a proper balance sheet made up as at the same date. Every such balance sheet shall be accompanied by proper reports of the Council and the Auditors, and copies of such account, balance sheet and reports (all of which shall be framed in accordance with any statutory requirements for the time being in force) and of any other documents required by law to be annexed or attached thereto or to accompany the same shall not less than twenty-one clear days before the date of the meeting, subject nevertheless to the provisions of section 158(1)(c) of the Act, be sent to the Auditors and to all other persons entitled to receive notices of General Meetings in the manner in which notices are hereinafter directed to be served. The Auditors' report shall be open to inspection and be read before the meeting as required by section 14 of the Companies Act 1967.

AUDIT

58. Once at least in every year the accounts of the Society shall be examined and the correctness of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet ascertained by one or more properly qualified Auditor or Auditors.

59. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1976, the members of the Council being treated as the Directors mentioned in those provisions.

NOTICES

60. A notice may be served by the Society upon any member, either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter, addressed to such member at his registered address as appearing in the register of members.

61. Any member described in the register of members by an address not within the United Kingdom, who shall from time to time give the Society an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be served upon him, shall be entitled to have notices served upon him at such address, but, save as aforesaid and as provided by the Act, only those members who are described in the register of members by an address within the United Kingdom shall be entitled to receive notices from the Society.

62. Any notice, if served by post, shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which the letter containing the same is put into the post, and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and put into the post office as a prepaid letter.

DISSOLUTION

63. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Society there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Society, and which shall prohibit the

distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Society under or by virtue of Clause 5 of its Memorandum of Association, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Society at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object.

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**Memorandum**

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**Articles of Association**

OF

**National Secular Society  
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# Statement of first directors and secretary and intended situation of registered office

Act 1976

Pursuant to sections 21 and 23(2) of the Companies Act 1976

1418145/5

Company number

1418145/5

Name of Company

NATIONAL SECULAR SOCIETY

Limited\*

The intended situation of the registered office of the company  
on incorporation is as stated below

702 HOLLOWAY ROAD

LONDON N19 3NL

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Chancery House,  
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The name(s) and particulars of the person who is, or the persons who are, to be the first director or directors of the company are as follows:

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Name (note 2)	BARBARA MARY SMOKER	Business occupation	
Former name(s) (note 3)		Writer	
Address (note 4)	6 STANSTEAD GROVE, CATFORD, LONDON, SE6 4UD.	Nationality	BRITISH
Particulars of other directorships (note 5)	SECULAR SOCIETY LTD. G.W. FOOTE & CO. LTD.	Date of birth (where applicable) (note 6)	2-6-1923
I hereby consent to act as director of the company named on page 1			
Signature		Date 31.1.79.	

Important  
The particulars to be given are those referred to in section 21(2)(a) of the Companies Act 1976 and section 200(2) of the Companies Act 1948. Please read the notes on page 4 before completing this part of the form.

Name (note 2)	SIEGFRIED DIETER KUEBART	Business occupation	
Former name(s) (note 3)		Technician	
Address (note 4)	7 LIONEL MANSION, HAARLEM ROAD, LONDON, W.14.	Nationality	WEST GERMAN
Particulars of other directorships (note 5)	SECULAR SOCIETY LTD. G.W. FOOTE & CO. LTD.	Date of birth (where applicable) (note 6)	30.1.1925
I hereby consent to act as director of the company named on page 1			
Signature		Date 31.1.79	

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Name (note 2)	RICHARD JAMES CONDON	Business occupation	
Former name(s) (note 3)		Analytical Chemist	
Address (note 4)	10 HELEN ROAD, HORNCHURCH, ESSEX, RM11 2EW.	Nationality	BRITISH
Particulars of other directorships (note 5)	SECULAR SOCIETY LTD.	Date of birth (where applicable) (note 6)	13.9.1918
I hereby consent to act as director of the company named on page 1			
Signature		Date 31.1.79.	

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The name(s) and particulars of the person who is, or the persons who are,  
to be the first secretary, or joint secretaries, of the company are as follows:

Name (notes 2 & 7)	JAMES ROBERT HERRICK
Former Name(s) (note 3)	
Address (notes 4 & 7)	13B CONWAY ROAD, LONDON N15 3BB
I hereby consent to act as secretary of the company named on page 1	
Signature	<i>J.R. Herrick</i> Date 31.1.79

Name (notes 2 & 7)	
Former name(s) (note 3)	
Address (notes 4 & 7)	
I hereby consent to act as secretary of the company named on page 1	
Signature	Date

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Signed by or on behalf of the subscribers of the memorandum\*

Signature *B.M. Bunting & Co.* (Subscriber) (Agent)† Date 31.1.79

Signature (Subscriber) (Agent)† Date

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Particulars of other directors (continued)

Name (note 2)	GOVIND NARAYAN DEODHEKAR	Business occupation
		Teacher
Former name(s) (note 3)		Nationality
		INDIAN
Address (note 4)	53 WALLINGFORD AVENUE, LONDON, W.10.	Date of birth (where applicable) (note 6)
		16.3.1919
I hereby consent to act as director of the company named on page 1		
Signature	<i>G. Deodhekar</i>	Date
		31.1.79

Particulars of other directorships

SECULAR SOCIETY LTD.  
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Particulars of other directors (continued)

Name (note 2)	LILY VAN DUREN	Business occupation
		Retired Dressmaker
Former name(s) (note 3)		Nationality BRITISH
Address (note 4)	43 DUFFELL HOUSE, AVELINE STREET, LONDON, SE11 5PX.	Date of birth (where applicable) (note 6) 15th August 1914
I hereby consent to act as director of the company named on page 1		
Signature	Lily van Duren	Date 31.1.79.

Particulars of other directorships

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Particulars of other directors (continued)

Name (note 2)	MARK VAN DUREN	Business occupation
		Postal Messenger
Former name(s) (note 3)		Nationality <u>BRITISH</u>
Address (note 4)	43 DUFFELL HOUSE, AVELINE STREET, LONDON, SE11 5PX.	Date of birth (where applicable) (note 6) <u>4 MAY 1914</u>
I hereby consent to act as director of the company named on page 1		
Signature	<i>Mr Van Duren.</i>	Date <u>31.1.79.</u>

Particulars of other directorships

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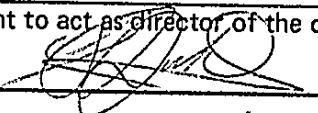
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Particulars of other directors (continued)

Name (note 2)	BARRY DUKE	Business occupation
		Journalist
Former name(s) (note 3)		Nationality
Address (note 4)	45 TELFORD AVENUE, LONDON, S.W.2.	SOUTH AFRICAN
		Date of birth (where applicable) (note 6) - 1-2-1947
I hereby consent to act as director of the company named on page 1		
Signature		Date 31.1.79

Particulars of other directorships

NONE

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## CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 1418145

I hereby certify that

**NATIONAL SECULAR SOCIETY LIMITED**

is this day incorporated under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1976 and that the Company is Limited.

Given under my hand at Cardiff the

8TH MAY 1979

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. A. Wilson'.

E. A. WILSON

*Assistant Registrar of Companies*

# Longcrofts

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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20 May 1991

Our ref : IBS/AB/tav/3651

The Directors  
National Secular Society Limited  
702 Holloway Road  
London  
N19 3NL

Dear Sirs

NATIONAL SECULAR SOCIETY LIMITED  
SECULAR SOCIETY LIMITED  
G W FOOTE & CO LIMITED 14 3331

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In accordance with the Companies Act 1985 Section 392, we wish to inform you of our resignation as Auditors of the above companies with immediate effect.

In our opinion there are no circumstances connected with our resignation which we consider should be brought to the notice of the Members or Creditors of the Company.

A copy of this notice should be deposited with the Registrar of Companies within 14 days of receipt.

Yours faithfully

  
LONGCROFTS

