Company Number: 1418145



THE COMPANIES ACT 2006 COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF

### NATIONAL SECULAR SOCIETY

AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY DULY CONVENED AND HELD AT CONWAY HALL, 25 RED LION SQUARE, LONDON, WC1R 4RL, ON THE 28th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2009

# THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS DULY PASSED:

That the Articles of Association numbers 16, 18, 57, 58 and 59 be changed as follows. (The words in parentheses after the Article numbers are purely for guidance and relates to the current purpose of the Article):

# Article 16

- that the words "including the Auditors" be replaced with "including the Reviewing Accountants"

## Article 18

- that the word "Auditors" be replaced with "Reviewing Accountants" (twice)

Article 57— that the entire Article be replaced with: "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 Reviewing Accountants, 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 be sent to the Reviewing Accountants 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 Reviewing Accountants' report shall be open to inspection at the meeting and on request."

### Article 58

- that the entire Article be replaced with:
- "(a) Once at least in every year the income and expenditure account and balance sheet of the Society shall be reviewed by one or more properly qualified Reviewing Accountant or Accountants. "(b) The Reviewing Accountant or Accountants shall be required to deliver a report ("the Report") to the Council on the Financial Statements which shall be presented to the members once in every year. The Report and any additional statement shall be made available to members at General Meetings or by post."

### Article 59

- that the entire Article be replaced with:
- "(a) Members may require the Council to vary the scope of the Report or additional statement and may instigate or cease regular audits by passing an ordinary resolution to that effect. Members

may require an audit under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the right of members to require an audit.

"(b) The Reviewing Accountant or Accountants shall be professionally qualified and independent of the Council. They will be appointed by the Council and the appointment shall be approved each year by the members at the Annual General Meeting. The Council is empowered to appoint a Reviewing Accountant or Reviewing Accountants if a vacancy occurs other than at an Annual General Meeting."

SIGNED:

SECRETARY

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