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HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

Memorandum

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Articles of Association

OF

INDEPENDENT DIPLOMAT
COMMISSION

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COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT
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Memorandum of Association
OF
INDEPENDENT DIPLOMAT
COMMISSION

- 1 The name of the Company (hereinafter called "the Association") is
INDEPENDENT DIPLOMAT COMMISSION
- 2 The registered office of the Association is to be situated in England and Wales
- 3 The objects for which the Company is established are

To provide Diplomatic Aid and protection services in general

To give support to Africans, Blacks and Asians living in the diaspora

- 4 In support of the objects, but not otherwise, the Company shall have power to do all things incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects or any of them In particular (but without limitation) the Company shall have the following powers

4 1 to pay out of the Company's funds the costs incurred in forming the Company,

4 2 to pay out of the Company's funds premiums on insurance policies to cover the liability of the members of the Board of Management established by the Articles of Association which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust of which they may be guilty in relation to the Company provided that any such insurance or indemnity shall not extend to any claim arising from criminal neglect or deliberate default on their part,

4 3 to invest and deal with the moneys of the Company not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be determined and to hold or otherwise deal with any investments made, provided that the Company shall not have power to invest in any organisation which is a member of the Company at the time the investment is made,

4 4 to promote any other company for the purpose of acquiring the whole or any part of the business or property or undertaking or any of the liabilities of the Company, or of undertaking any business or operations which may appear likely to assist or benefit the Company,

4 5 to set up, establish, support and maintain superannuation and other funds or schemes (whether contributory or non-contributory) for the benefit of any of the employees of the Company or of any subsidiary, holding or fellow subsidiary of the Company and of their wives, widows, children and other relatives and dependants and to lend money to any such employees or to trustees on their behalf to enable any such schemes to be established or maintained

5 The income and capital of the Company shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Company, and no part of the income or capital shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the members of the Company, whether by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise in the form of profit This shall not prevent the payment of

5 1 reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer, employee, or member of the Company in return for any services provided to the Company,

5 2 a reasonable rate of interest on money lent to the Company,

5 3 reasonable rent for property let to the Company,

5 4 expenses to members of the Board of Management,

5 5 premiums on the indemnity insurance referred to in clause 5 2

6 The liability of the members is limited

7 If the Company is wound up while a person is a member or within one year after that person ceases to be a member, every member of the Company will contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £5) to the assets of the Company, for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities accrued before the member ceases to be a member, and of the costs and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the members among themselves

If on the winding up or dissolution of the Company there remains any surplus property after satisfaction of the Company's debts and liabilities, the surplus shall not be paid to the members of the Company, but shall be either

8 1 given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Company, or

8 2 If no such payment is possible, any surplus shall be applied to a charitable object In each case, the recipient body or bodies shall be chosen by the members as at the date of winding up or dissolution

We, the persons whose names are written below, wish to be formed into a Company under this Memorandum of Association

Names and addresses of subscriber(s)

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Dated this 15th day of May 2013

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Articles of Association

INDEPENDENT DIPLOMAT COMMISSION

GENERAL

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 1985 and every statutory modification and re-enactment thereof for the time being in force
These Articles	These Articles of Association, and the regulations of the Association from time to time in force
The Association	The above-named Company
The Board	The Board of Directors for the time being of the Association
The Office	The registered office of the Association
The United Kingdom	Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Month	Calendar month
In writing	Written, printed or lithographed, or partly one partly another, and other modes of representing or producing words in a visible form
Clear days	In relation to a period of notice means that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect

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 shall, if not inconsistent with the subject or context, bear the same meaning in the Articles

The Association is established for the purposes expressed in the Memorandum of Association

The subscribers to the Memorandum of Association and such other persons as the Board shall admit to membership in accordance with the Articles shall be members of the Association. No person shall be admitted as a member of the Association unless he is approved by the Board. Every person who wishes to become a member shall deliver to the Association an application for membership in such form as the Board require executed by him.

A member may at any time withdraw from the Association by giving at least seven days' clear days' notice to the Association. Membership shall not be transferable and shall cease on death.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Unless the Association has elected by Elective Resolution to dispense with the holding of Annual General Meetings the Association 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 Board, 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 Association 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.

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

The Board 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 368 of the Act.

Twenty-one clear days' notice in writing at the least of every Annual General Meeting and of every meeting convened to pass a Special Resolution or an Elective Resolution, and fourteen clear days' notice in writing at the least of every other General Meeting, 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 Articles or under the Act entitled to receive such notices from the Association, 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.

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

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 Board and of the Auditors, the election of members of the Board in the place of those retiring, and the appointment of, and the fixing of the remuneration of, the Auditors

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 three members personally present shall be a quorum

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 Board may determine

The Chairman (if any) of the Board 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 Board, or if no such member be present, or if all the members of the Board present decline to take the chair, they shall choose some member of the Association who shall be present to preside

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

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 two members present in person or by proxy, or by a member or members present in person or by proxy and representing one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting, 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 Association 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

If a poll be demanded in manner aforesaid, it shall be taken at such time and place, 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

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

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 casting vote

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

Subject to the provisions of the Act a resolution in writing signed by all the members for the time being entitled to receive notice of and attend and vote at General Meetings (or being corporations by their duly authorised representatives) shall be as valid and effective as if the same had been passed at a General Meeting of the Association duly convened and held

VOTES OF MEMBERS

Subject hereinafter provided, every member shall have one vote

Save as herein expressly provided, 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 Association in respect of his membership, shall be entitled to vote on any question either personally or by proxy, or as proxy for another member, at any General Meeting

No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman whose decision shall be final and conclusive

Votes may be given on a poll either personally or by proxy. On a show of hands a member present only by proxy shall have no vote, but a proxy for a corporation may vote on a show of hands. A corporation may vote by its duly authorised representative appointed as provided by section 375 of the Act. A proxy need not be a member

The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or his attorney duly authorised in writing, or if such appointor is a corporation under its common seal, if any, and, if none, then under the hand of some duty officer duly authorised in that behalf

The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified or office copy thereof shall be deposited at the Office not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or in the case of a poll not less than twenty-four hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll, and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve months from the date of its execution

A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal or revocation of the proxy or of the authority under which the proxy was executed, provided that no intimation in writing of the death, insanity or revocation as aforesaid shall have been received at the Office before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the proxy is used

Any instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or as near thereto as circumstances will admit -

“I
“of
“a member of
“hereby appoint
“of
“and failing him,
“of
“as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the
“[Annual Extraordinary,] General Meeting of the
“Association to be held on
“ , and at any adjournment thereof
“Signed on ”

The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Until otherwise determined by a General Meeting, the number of members of the Board shall not be less than two nor more than eight

The first members of the Board shall be as named in the Statement delivered to the Registrar of Companies pursuant to section 10 of the Act

The Board may from time to time and at any time appoint any member of the Association as a member of the Board, either to fill a casual vacancy or by way of addition to the Board, 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

No person who is not a member of the Association shall in any circumstances be eligible to hold office as a member of the Board

POWERS OF THE BOARD

The business of the Association shall be managed by the Board who may pay all such expenses of, and preliminary and incidental to, the promotion, formation, establishment and registration of the Association as they think fit, and may exercise all such powers of the Association, and do on behalf of the Association all such acts as may be exercised and done by the Association, and as are not by the Act or by the Articles required to be exercised or done by the Association in General Meeting, subject nevertheless to any regulations of the Articles, to the provisions of the Act and to such regulations, being not inconsistent with the aforesaid regulations or provisions, as may be prescribed by the Association in General Meeting, but no regulation made by the Association in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if such regulation had not been made

The members for the time being of the Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, provided always that in case the members of the Board shall at any time be or be reduced in number to less than the minimum number prescribed by or in accordance with the Articles, it shall be lawful for them to act as the Board for the purpose of admitting persons to membership of the Association, filling up vacancies in their body, or of summoning a General Meeting, but not for any other purpose

SECRETARY

Subject to the provisions of the Act the Secretary shall be appointed by the Board 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 283 and 284 of the Act shall apply and be observed. The Board 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.

DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The office of a member of the Board shall be vacated -

If he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally

If he becomes of unsound mind

If he ceases to be a member of the Association

If by notice in writing to the Association he resigns his office

If he ceases to hold office by virtue of any provision of the Act or he becomes prohibited by law from being a Director of a Company

ROTATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

At the first Annual General Meeting and at any Annual General Meeting to be held in any subsequent year, one-third of the members of the Board for the time being, or if their number is not a multiple of three then the number nearest to one-third, shall retire from office.

The members of the Board 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 Board shall be eligible for re-election.

The Association may, at the meeting at which a member of the Board 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.

No person not being a member of the Board retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Board for election, be eligible for election to membership of the Board 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 four nor more than twenty-eight intervening days.

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

In addition and without prejudice to the provisions of section 303 of the Act, the Association may by Extraordinary Resolution remove any member of the Board 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 as the member in whose place he is appointed would have held the same if he had not been removed

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

The Board 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, two 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

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

The Board shall from time to time elect a Chairman who shall be entitled to preside at all meetings of the Board 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 within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to preside, the members of the Board present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting

A meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the authorities, powers and discretions by or under the regulations of the Association for the time being invested in the Board generally

The Board may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such member or members of the Board as they think fit, and any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations imposed on it by the Board The meetings and proceedings of any such committee shall be governed by the provisions of the Articles for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board so far as applicable and so far as the same shall not be superseded by any regulations made by the Board

All acts bona fide done by any meeting of the Board or of any committee of the Board, or by any person acting as a member of the Board, shall, notwithstanding it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment or continuance in office of any such member or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed or had duly continued in office and was qualified to be a member of the Board

The Board shall cause proper records to be kept of all Written Resolutions (and of the signatures) The Board shall cause proper minutes to be made of all appointments of officers made by the Board and of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association and of the Board and of committees of the Board, and all business transacted at such meetings All such records (and signatures) and minutes shall be entered in books

provided for the purpose Any such record purporting to be signed by a Director or by the Secretary shall be evidence of the proceedings in agreeing to the Written Resolution and until the contrary is proved the requirements of the Act with respect to those proceedings shall be deemed to be complied with Any such minutes of any meeting, if purporting to be signed by the Chairman of such meeting, or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting, shall be sufficient evidence without any further proof of the facts therein stated

A resolution in writing signed by all the members for the time being of the Board or of any committee of the Board who are entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Board or of such committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board or of such committee duly convened and constituted

ACCOUNTS

The Board shall cause accounting records to be kept in accordance with the requirements of the Act

The accounting records shall be kept at the Office, or, subject to the provisions of the Act, at such other place or places as the Board shall think fit, and shall always be open to the inspection of the officers of the Association

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

The Board shall from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Act cause to be prepared such income and expenditure accounts, balance sheets and reports as are required by the Act The Board shall send a copy of the annual accounts together with a copy of the Board's report for that financial year and a copy of the Auditor's report on those accounts to the Auditors and to every person entitled to receive the same in accordance with section 238 of the Act not less than 21 days before the date of the meeting at which those documents are to be laid in accordance with section 241 of the Act, or, where there is in force an election by Elective Resolution to dispense with the laying of accounts and report, not less than 28 days before the end of the period allowed for laying and delivering the same

AUDIT

In accordance with the provisions of the Act once at least in every year the accounts of the Association 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

Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the members of the Board being treated for all purposes as the Directors mentioned in those provisions

NOTICES

A notice may be served by the Association 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

Any member described in the register of members by an address not within the United Kingdom, who shall from time to time give the Association 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 Association

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 first class letter

DISSOLUTION

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association 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 Association, but shall be transferred either to some other institution (whether or not a member of the Association) having objects similar to the objects of the Association, or to some institution (whether or not a member of the Association) the objects of which are the promotion of charity and anything incidental or conducive thereto, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution

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Dated this 15th day of May 2013