

Statuten SIB-Utrecht

1. Name

1. The name of the association is: Utrechtse Studentenvereniging voor Internationale Betrekkingen (Utrecht Student Association for International Relations), abbreviated to abbreviated as: SIB-Utrecht. The international name of the association is: Dutch United Nations Student Association, abbreviated to DUNSA.

2. Seat and Duration

2.1. SIB-Utrecht has its seat in Utrecht.

2.2. It was founded on twelve March nineteen hundred and eighty-two.

3. Object and means

3.1. The purpose of the Association is to interest young people in the diplomatic, economic, social historical, legal, cultural and religious backgrounds to the relations which exist or may arise between countries, peoples and between countries, peoples and international organisations, and everything that is related to this in the broadest sense.

3.2. The Association shall endeavour to achieve this object by, among other things, improving understanding for other cultures, strengthening or establishing contacts between people, appreciating and propagating thoughts and disseminating ideas that are the basis and have been expressed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (New York, nineteen hundred and forty-eight) and the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights based thereon (New York, Nineteen hundred and sixty-six) and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (New York, nineteen hundred and sixty-six).

3.3 In practical terms, the association shall try to achieve its aim by organising lectures, debates, excursions, study trips, simulations, symposia and congresses, by issuing publications and by using all other lawful means which it considers desirable for this purpose.

4. SIB-Nederland

4.1. SIB-Utrecht is an independent association affiliated to the Stichting Studenten- en jongerenverenigingen voor Internationale Betrekkingen Nederland (abbreviated as: SIB-Netherlands).

4.2. The statutes of SIB-Utrecht may not be in conflict with the statutes of SIB-Nederland. In the event of a difference between the provisions in this article and the statutes of SIB-Nederland, the statutes of SIB-Nederland apply.

4.3. One member of the SIB-Utrecht board is in charge of matters relating to SIB-Netherlands and promotes the interests of SIB-Utrecht within the framework of SIB-Netherlands; the details of this must be laid down in the Rules of Procedure.

5. Members

5.1. Only natural persons between the ages of sixteen and thirty-five may be members of the Association.

5.2. The board shall keep a register in which at least the names, addresses and dates of birth of all members are recorded.

6. Alumni

6.1. Former members can apply to be an alumnus.

6.2. The Board shall keep a register in which at least the names, addresses and dates of birth of all alumni are kept.

7. Donors

7.1. Donors are natural or legal persons who donate a monetary contribution to the association and are not a member or alumnus of the Association.

7.2. The board shall keep a register in which at least the names and addresses of all donors are recorded.

8. Admission of members, reunionists and benefactors

8.1. The Board shall be obliged to report any resolution of non-admission at the next general meeting of members and to give reasons for that resolution, unless the person concerned does not meet the conditions for membership as referred to in Article 5, Paragraph 1 and the Rules of Procedure

8.2. In the event of non-admission of a member, reunionist or benefactor, the General Meeting may decide otherwise; The person or body concerned shall be given the opportunity to express in writing his or her opinion on the Board's decision.

9. Contributions

9.1. Members and reunionists are obliged to pay a minimum annual contribution. Any alteration of such a minimum contribution shall require the approval of the General Meeting.

9.2. The association is entitled to charge the members who, after repeated reminders, have not paid the contribution mentioned in paragraph 1, the extra costs related to the collection of this contribution.

10. Rights of the members

10.1. Members have the right to participate in all activities of the association, unless the nature of the activity does not allow for unrestricted activity does not allow unrestricted participation by members.

10.2. Furthermore, members shall have the right to become members of committees. The board or the general meeting shall decide on the composition of committees.

11. Termination of membership

11.1. Membership of the Association shall end

a. on the member's death

b. by termination by the member; termination of membership by the member shall be effected in writing to the secretary at least one month before the end of the Association's year. If no notice of termination has been given, the membership shall be extended until the end of the next Association year, unless the Board shall decide otherwise;

c. by termination by the association; this shall be carried out by the Board if the member has not fulfilled his financial obligations

d. because the member has reached the age of thirty-five; membership shall then end at the end of the association's year

e. through expulsion; this shall be effected by the General Meeting on the recommendation of the Board, of one tenth of the number of members or of at least fifteen members; expulsion may only be pronounced if a member acts contrary to the articles of association, rules or resolutions of the association, or harms the association in an unreasonable manner, or if the association cannot reasonably be required to allow the member to remain. The member in question shall be given the opportunity to present his/her point of view at the general meeting at which the expulsion is to be discussed; The resolution to expel shall require at least two-thirds of the number of valid votes cast.

11.2. If a member is nominated for expulsion, the Board may suspend that member for no more than one month; the suspension shall lapse as soon as the General Meeting has taken a decision on the expulsion.

11.3. If membership ends in the course of a membership year, the annual contribution shall remain due for the whole year.

12. Composition of the Board

12.1. The board shall consist of at least three members who shall be elected by the General Members Assembly; only those who have been members of the association for at least five months and have fulfilled all their financial obligations to the association may be elected.

12.2. The board shall have a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer; these functions are not compatible in one person. Each position shall be determined by a job description to be drawn up by the board;

12.3. When composing a new managing board, the current managing board shall determine the number of positions and the job classification which are needed. The board shall justify the number and job classification referred to above if requested to do so by at least one of the members of the association.

13. Election of the board

13.1. If one or more board positions are vacant, each member can present themselves as a candidate, each for a maximum of two positions. This shall also apply if one or more members of the board have announced their retirement or if the board periodically resigns. The nomination must be made in writing to the secretary or chairman at least forty-eight hours before the beginning of the meeting at which the decision on the vacancy is to be taken. Each nomination must be supported in writing by the board or by at least ten members.

13.2. The board shall make the election procedure clear to the members.

13.3. The election of the new board, whose installation shall take place at the annual meeting, shall be held no later than twenty-eight days before the end of the Association's year.

13.4. The managing board may make a nomination for a whole new managing board; such a nomination shall only be possible for the managing board election, as referred to in paragraph 2. The members must be notified in writing of the board's nomination at least fourteen days before the meeting at which the board elections are to be held. A nomination for a new Board shall also be deemed to be an individual nomination of the persons named in that nomination, if the nomination is rejected.

13.5. At least two months prior to the election as referred to in paragraph 2, a written notification shall be sent to the members to make them aware of the positions for which they may be elected after standing for election as referred to in paragraph 1 or a nomination by the Board as referred to in paragraph 3. In addition, the notice shall draw their attention

to the election procedure and the provisions regarding the nomination of candidates and the board nomination.

13.6. The nomination referred to in paragraph 3 must be substantiated by the managing board in the meeting in which the board election is to take place if at least one of the members so requests.

13.7. The nomination referred to in paragraph 3 shall be deemed to have been accepted if at least two-thirds of the number of members present have voted in favour; if the nomination is rejected or no nomination has been made, board members shall be elected by the General Meeting.

13.8. If more than two candidates have been nominated for a position and no one has obtained an absolute majority a new vote shall be taken between the two candidates who have obtained the most votes; one of the of the candidates must obtain an absolute majority of the votes.

13.9. Between the time of the election referred to in paragraph 2, first sentence, and the time of the installation, the board must ensure the proper and complete training of the new board, as far as this is of importance for the association and for the functioning of the new board and as far as it can be can be achieved within the capabilities of the board.

13.10. If, during the training referred to in paragraph 8, it becomes apparent that a newly elected member of the Board is not sufficiently qualified for the position, the new member of the Board may be asked to resign as stipulated in Article 14.3(b).

14. Termination of membership of the board

14.1. The membership of all members of the Board shall end at Year GMA.

14.2. Each member of the board, also if elected for a fixed period of time, may at all times be dismissed or suspended by a resolution of the general meeting of members; the general meeting may appoint a new member of the board in the same meeting. A suspension that is not followed by a resolution to dismiss within two months shall end by the expiry of that period.

14.3. The membership of the managing board shall furthermore end

- a. by termination of the association's membership;
- b. by the member of the managing board's resignation.

15. Task and working method of the board; representation

15.1. The board shall be charged with the management of the association.

15.2. The secretary shall take minutes of the proceedings in each board meeting. These shall be submitted to the board for approval.

15.3. The board shall be empowered to have certain parts of its task performed under its responsibility by certain parts of its task under its responsibility by committees which are appointed by the managing board.

15.4. Subject to the prior approval of the general meeting, the board shall be authorised to conclude agreements to buy, sell or transfer assets, or to engage in any other business.

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15.5. The board shall also require the prior consent of the general meeting for

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b. -renting, leasing and otherwise acquiring or giving the use or enjoyment of immovable property;

-entering into agreements whereby bank credit is granted to the association;

-lending or borrowing money;

-entering into settlements;

-carrying out remissions;

-taking legal action, including arbitration proceedings, with the exception of taking precautionary measures and taking

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taking protective measures and conducting those legal proceedings which cannot be delayed;

- concluding and amending employment contracts.

The absence of such consent may not be invoked by or against third parties.

15.6. The association shall be represented by the board; two board members acting jointly may also represent the association.

16. Advisory Board

16.1. There shall be an Advisory Board, which shall consist of at least three and not more than five members of the association who have rendered meritorious service to the Association and who have complied with all obligations arising from these Statutes. They shall be appointed or reappointed for a period of one year by the general meeting on their own proposal. They shall be appointed or reappointed for a period of one year by the General Meeting on their own recommendation. During the membership of the Advisory Council and until six months after the end of that membership, the members of the Advisory Board cannot be part of the Board.

16.2. The Advisory Board shall have the right to advise the Board on all matters of the Association.

16.3. The Advisory Board shall appoint a chairman and a secretary from among its members. The Board shall draw up an regulations in which it determines its decision-making procedure and working methods. Such regulations shall be part of the by-laws.

17. Emergency powers Advisory Board

17.1. If the Board is grossly neglecting its management task, the General Meeting may dismiss the entire Board with a two-thirds majority of the votes. The General Meeting may dismiss the entire Board with a two-thirds majority of the votes. It shall immediately appoint the Advisory Board as interim board.

17.2. Neglect of the management task shall be deemed to include the following cases

- one or more managing directors neglect the duties assigned to them, and as a result the proper functioning of the board as a whole

- the situation within the board is such that the continuation of the board in the performance of its duties is board can only harm the performance of its duties.

17.3. The Advisory Council may also be appointed as an interim management if, pursuant to Article 14(2) and/or Article 14(3)(a) and/or (b), fewer than three members of the board are in office at any time, together with, as the case may be, the Board member(s) who is/are still in office.

17.4. An appointment of the Advisory Board as interim management as referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this article shall be for a maximum of three months.

17.5. The Advisory Board, appointed as interim management as referred to in Article 1 and 3 of this Article, has the duty to call new elections as soon as possible for the entire Board or, in

for the entire Board or, in the case of paragraph 3, for the Board positions that are vacant as a result of Article 11 paragraph 2 and/or Article 14 paragraph 2 and/or Article 14 paragraph 3 sub a and/or sub b.

18. The general meeting of members; powers and convening

18.1. All powers in the association that are not assigned to the board by law or the articles of association shall accrue to the general meeting.

18.2. General meetings shall be held as often as the board deems desirable, but at least two times per association year.

18.3. Furthermore, a general meeting may be convened at the written request of at least one tenth of the number of members or at the request of at least ten members; it shall be held within fourteen. If no action is taken within fourteen days after receipt of the request, the petitioners themselves may convene a General meeting of members; in that case, the secretary and the president shall each separately be required to send an up-to-date copy of the membership list.

18.4. The convocation for the general meeting of members shall be in writing and sent according to the list of members; the period of notice for the convocation shall be fourteen days.

18.5. The notice of the meeting shall state the subjects to be discussed; the members are reminded of the provisions of Article 19, paragraph 4, and, if the election of one or more Board members is on the agenda, of the provisions of Article 13, paragraph 1.

19. The general meeting of members: access and voting rights

19.1. All members of the Association and the members of the Committee of Recommendation shall have access to the general Meeting and have the right to speak at it.

19.2. The general meeting shall decide on the admission of persons other than those mentioned in the previous paragraph.

19.3. Each member of the association who has not been suspended shall have one vote.

19.4. A member who is not present at the meeting may authorise another member in writing to cast his/her vote.

19.5. A member who has not signed the attendance list shall be considered absent.

20. The general assembly: chairmanship and minutes

20.1. The general assembly shall be chaired by the chairperson; if he/she is absent, the board shall elect a chairperson from among its members.

20.2. The secretary shall take minutes of the proceedings at the meeting, which shall be adopted at the next meeting.

20.3. The proposed minutes must be made available for inspection at the Secretariat or at another location in Utrecht accessible to the members one week before the start of the General Meeting.

21. The General Meeting of Members: decision-making

21.1. The opinion of the chairman expressed at the general meeting that the meeting has passed a resolution shall be decisive; the same shall apply to the contents of a resolution passed insofar as a vote was taken on a proposal not laid down in writing.

21.2. If, however, the correctness of the opinion referred to in the preceding paragraph is challenged immediately after it has been pronounced, a new meeting shall be held. If the original vote did not take place by roll-call or in writing - a person present who has voting rights. This new vote shall nullify the legal consequences of the original vote.

21.3. Unless the law or the articles of association prescribe a larger majority, all resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of the valid votes.

21.4. The chairman is obliged to put any proposal - including motions - to the vote; he may demand that the proposal is put to the vote in writing and that it is supported orally by five members with voting rights.

21.5. A motion of no confidence addressed to the chairman of the meeting shall also provide for appointment of a new chairman of the meeting.

21.6. Voting shall take place orally, unless a member of the association requests a written vote.

21.7. A unanimous resolution passed at a meeting of all members - even if not convened at a general meeting - shall have the same force as a resolution passed by the general meeting of members.

22. The general meeting of members: the annual meeting

22.1. The Association's year shall run from September to the thirty-first of August.

22.2. The annual meeting shall be held no later than one month after the end of the Association's year.

22.3. At the annual meeting, the new board shall be installed and the incumbent board discharged in accordance with article 13, paragraph 2.
board shall be discharged.

22.4. The board shall be obliged to keep such records of the financial condition of the association that its rights and obligations can be known at any time.

22.5. The Board shall render an account of its management at the annual meeting; the annual meeting shall appoint an audit committee of at least two members, who may not be members of the Board. The audit committee shall examine the accounts and report its findings to the annual meeting.

22.6. The managing board shall be obliged to provide the audit committee with any information it may require, to show its cash and to allow it inspection of its books and records.

22.7. Separate accounts shall be drawn up for all projects with expenditure exceeding seven hundred and fifty euro (€750).
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22.8. The Board is obliged to keep the records referred to in the previous four paragraphs for ten years.

23. Committee of Recommendation

23.1. The Association shall have a Committee of Recommendation, the purpose of which shall be to: advise and assist the Board of the Association in the performance of its duties, also unsolicited, if this is desirable in the opinion of the Committee.

23.2 On the basis of demonstrated merit and interest for the Association, natural persons may be invited by the Board to become a member of the committee.

24. Association Magazine

24.1. The General Meeting may establish a Association magazine.

24.2. The editorial staff of this magazine shall be an ALV committee; The editors shall be independent as regards the contents of the magazine, provided that those contents are not in conflict with the law or the Articles of Association.

25. Committees

25.1. Membership of a committee requires that committee members make equal efforts to achieve the objectives of the committee.

25.2. ALV Committees are the audit committee, as referred to in Article 22 paragraph 5, the editorial staff of the Association's magazine, as referred to in Article 22 paragraph 5.

Association magazine, as referred to in Article 24, the Advisory Council, as referred to in Article 16, and the other committees installed at the initiative of the general meeting, unless they are clearly management committees according to their nature.

25.3. The members of the management committees, as referred to in article 15, paragraph 3, are also accountable to the general meeting.

26. Amendments to the Articles of Association

26.1. The articles can only be amended by virtue of a resolution of the general meeting;

The text of the proposed amendment shall be sent together with the notice of the meeting.

26.2. A resolution to amend the articles requires at least two-thirds of the number of valid votes cast at a meeting where at least two-thirds of the number of members is present or represented.

26.3. If no two-thirds of the members are present or represented, the General Meeting may resolve that at the next General Meeting a resolution shall be passed on the proposal as discussed at the first meeting, regardless of the number of members present or represented at that time. An amendment of the articles of association shall also require two-thirds of the Two thirds of the number of valid votes cast shall also be required for an amendment to the articles of association.

27. Dissolution

27.1. The association may be dissolved by a resolution of the general meeting; it is required that at least two-thirds of the number of members present at that meeting and at least two-thirds of the number of valid votes cast are in favour of the resolution to dissolve.

27.2. If the required number of members is not present at the meeting, a resolution to dissolve the company may be passed at the next General Meeting to be held within twenty-eight days, regardless of the votes cast.

27.3. Liquidation shall be effected by the board or by the persons appointed for that purpose by the general meeting.

27.4. The General Meeting shall decide on the appropriation of the remaining funds, as far as possible in accordance with the objectives of the Association.

28. Distribution of the articles of association

28. Every member may receive a copy of the Articles of Association at the beginning of membership.

29. Rules of Procedure

29. The General Meeting shall adopt Rules and Regulations that may not be in conflict with these Articles of Association and that may not infringe on any rights provided by law or the Articles of Association.