

.APRED Participative Institut for the progress of Peace

Bylaws

20th of November 2014

Official version is the French version.

1. Purpose

To promote the fulfilment of individual's live and the well-being of collective human groups of all sorts and to gradually see nonviolent and cooperative States emerge, a Swiss law association named "**.APRED**, Participative Institute for the Progress of Peace" is hereby founded.

Through research, vulgarization, information and diplomacy **.APRED** is committed to peaceful and democratic activity. It develops concrete alternatives to militarization and military interventions, including through the establishment of lasting peace, through aid for non-militarization and demilitarization and through participation in the prevention of violence in conflict and through transforming them with peaceful and non-violent techniques. It supports individuals, social groups and political institutions, as well as its members in their efforts for peace.

2. Members

May be members:

- a. States and non-militarized territories, or undergoing total demilitarization.
- b. Other states or territories, if they undertake to respect demilitarization.
- c. Corporations whose aim is to promote peace and demilitarization, as well as those who wish to support such activities.
- d. Individuals who adhere to the purposes of the association and people who actively or economically participate in the life of the association. Those who adhere to the goal, but that do not contribute to the life of the association, economically or as volunteers, are sympathizers.

3. Organization

- a. The General Assembly is the decision making body of the association.
It meets once a year. Meetings may be held by multimedia resources.
In principle, decisions are made by consensus. Special situations are organized in the internal regulations.
- b. The General Meeting decides the general line of work of the association,
Approves the accession of new collective members,
Nominates the committee, the coordinator and the auditors,
And adopts the accounts of the previous year and the budget.
- c. The board is responsible for the regular functioning day of the Association.
- d. The writing team edits at least once a year a publication of scientific and practical nature, open to general public.
- e. The coordinator is member of the board. S/he ensures the daily management of the association and the holding of its electronic site.

4. Resources

The finances of the association are provided by its activities and donations.

Contributions by the members are free, though they are invited to make a contribution, in time or other sort of resources to participate at the general assembly. The board may ask the members to make a contribution. If necessary the General Assembly decides.

The association is solely responsible for its commitments and for the use of its economic resources and assets.

5. **Termination of existence**

The association may not be dissolved as long as the purpose is not achieved.

In the event of termination of its activities, resources are allocated to a similar purpose. The General Assembly decides.

Bylaws changed:

At the ordinary general assembly, 21st of September 2004.

At the ordinary general assembly, 20th of November 2014.