

In accordance with Article 23(1) of the Statute of the Slovenian Association of Friends of Youth dated 15 March 2014, as amended on 19 March 2016, and Article 13(1) of the Societies Act of the Republic of Slovenia (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 64/11 – officially consolidated text and 21/18 – ZNOrg), the Assembly of the Slovenian Association of Friends of Youth, at its meeting on 25 March 2022, adopted the following:

**STATUTE
OF THE SLOVENIAN ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF YOUTH**

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

(Identification of the SAFY)

The Slovenian Association of Friends of Youth (hereinafter: the SAFY) is an independent, voluntary, not-for-profit, non-governmental organisation and a legal person governed by private law.

The SAFY is a national association of the societies of friends of youth, their associations and other non-governmental organisations active for the benefit of children, young people and families (hereinafter: the Members).

The SAFY is a humanitarian organisation acting in the public interest in the fields of social protection, family policy and education.

The SAFY is a voluntary organisation that performs voluntary service for the benefit of others and in the general benefit.

Article 2

(Name and registered office)

The name of the association is the Slovenian Association of Friends of Youth.

The short name of the Association is the SAFY Association.

The headquarters of the SAFY is in Ljubljana.

Article 3

(Terms used)

The terms used in this Statute referring to persons and written in masculine form shall be used as neutral for both, feminine and masculine forms

Article 4

(Visual identity)

The SAFY has its own visual identity defined in the Rules on Visual Identity adopted by the SAFY Assembly.

Article 5

(Conducting work openly)

The functioning of the SAFY shall be open.

The SAFY shall inform its Members about its activities:

- through internal notes;
- through the public activities of the SAFY bodies;
- by making available information on the activities of the SAFY;
- through granting access to financial and material documentation, except for information classified as business or other secrets or protected in accordance with the applicable legal acts.

The SAFY shall send invitations to meetings of its bodies and other announcements to its Members, as a rule, in an electronic format.

The SAFY shall communicate about its work to the general public through the media.

The Secretary General shall be responsible for conducting the work openly and the dissemination of information.

II. PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SAFY

Article 6

(Purpose)

The primary purpose of the SAFY is to improve the financial, material and psychosocial situation of children, young people and families, to enable them to spend their leisure time in an active and quality way, and to increase their skills and competences, all of which contribute to improving their quality of life.

The SAFY also aims to promote the interests and needs of children, young people and families and to increase or maintain the level of respect for their rights in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Slovenia, the Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and other domestic and international instruments referring to them.

The purpose of the SAFY is also to ensure that the situation of children, young people and families is adequately regulated in a systemic and legislative manner.

Article 7

(Values and principles)

The key **values** of the SAFY are:

- Equality;
- Humanitarianism;
- Integrity;

- Quality of life;
- Responsibility;
- Justice;
- Volunteering;
- Tolerance;
- Mutual respect;
- Healthy natural environment.

The following **principles** guide the work of the SAFY:

- Equality;
- Rapid response and the ability to adapt;
- Integration, cooperation and inclusion;
- Regional representation;
- Respect for the traditions of the SAFY and their preservation;
- Respect for the Code of Ethical Principles in Social Care and the Code of Ethics for Organised Volunteering;
- Professionalism;
- Sustainable development;
- Transparency;
- Lifelong learning;
- Confidentiality.

Article 8

(Objectives)

The objectives of the SAFY are:

- Being a leading, effective, efficient and sustainable NGO in the field of children's rights in Slovenia;
- Involvement of the SAFY in the process of adopting regulations and policies governing children, young people and families;
- Provision of financial, material and psychosocial support for children, young people and families;
- Fewer children, young people and families in social hardship;
- Improved social situation of children, young people and families without slipping back into poverty;
- Advocacy to protect the rights of children, young people and families;
- A stronger voice of children and young people;
- Increased awareness of children's rights among the general public;
- Provision of professional support to non-governmental organisations working in the field of children's rights;
- Provision of opportunities for quality and active leisure activities;
- Greater scope of educational programmes that promote non-formal learning, research and creativity;
- Growing importance of non-formal education;
- Developed culture of reading and reading literacy proficiency of children and young people;

- Increased scope of volunteering for the benefit of children, young people and families;
- Coherence and coordination of the activities of the Members of the Association;
- Professional support and information provided to Members;
- Strengthened intergenerational cooperation.

Article 9

(Activity)

For realisation of the purpose and objectives, the SAFY carries out the following non-remunerated activities:

- identifying, monitoring and alleviating the social distress of children, young people and families;
- implementing programmes to improve personal well-being;
- organising humanitarian and charitable events and campaigns related to the objectives of the SAFY, and other forms of fund raising and distribution for children, young people and families;
- organising humanitarian aid for children, young people and their families in Slovenia and beyond;
- promoting, protecting and representing the rights of children, young people and families;
- responding to current social issues and taking initiatives to adopt new or amend existing legislation governing the fields of children, young people and families;
- ensuring that the interests, needs and views of children and young people are presented and represented in local, municipal and national children's parliaments;
- promoting active citizenship among young people;
- ensuring equitable opportunities for children with disabilities;
- providing comprehensive preventive counselling, information and guidance to children and young people, aimed at preventing social, psychological, economic and other hardships, as well as problems of addiction or dependence, abuse and suicide;
- functioning of general helplines and counselling services for children and young people;
- providing quality leisure time activities for children, young people and families;
- providing conditions for shared cultural experiences and creative expression for children, young people and families;
- organising and providing occasional child care activities for children and young people;
- organising and executing workshops for children, young people and families;
- organising excursions and other leisure activities for children, young people and families at risk;
- organising seminars, courses and other forms of training for individuals;
- education and training for parents, mentors and facilitators on different forms of work with children and young people;
- organising international exchanges of children and young people;
- organising international camps;
- providing conditions for children and young people to travel, go on holidays and spend winter holidays, and to meet children and young people from other countries;
- providing support to other organisers running programmes for children, young people and families;
- developing and promoting reading among children and young people;
- developing young people's research and creative work;
- research on social sciences and humanities;
- organising, implementing and advising on social entrepreneurship;

- raising awareness of a healthy lifestyle, safe environment, the principles of sustainable development and humane interpersonal relations;
- pre-press and pre-media services of various materials related to the purposes and objectives of the SAFY;
- publishing free of charge information materials, journals, publications, magazines and books related to the purposes and objectives of the SAFY;
- sound recording and music publishing activities related to the purpose and objectives of the SAFY;
- free-of charge renting and operating of own or leased real estate for the purpose of carrying out activities which are not incompatible with the objectives of the SAFY;
- organising exhibitions, fairs and meetings related to the objectives of the SAFY; and
- organising, carrying out and promoting volunteer work and training for it.

The SAFY shall act in cooperation with similar organisations in Slovenia and abroad.

Article 10

(Gainful activities)

The SAFY may also carry out the following gainful activities:

- 18.130 Preparation for printing and publication
- 47.820 Retail sale via stalls and markets of textiles, clothing and footwear
- 47.890 Retail sale via stalls and markets of other goods
- 47.910 Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet
- 47.990 Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets
- 55.201 Children and other holiday homes
- 55.204 Mountain refuges and youth hostels
- 55.300 Camping grounds, recreational vehicle parks and trailer parks
- 58.110 Book publishing
- 58.140 Publishing of journals and periodicals
- 58.190 Other publishing activities
- 59.110 motion picture, video and television programme production activities
- 59.120 Motion picture, video and television programme post-production activities
- 59.130 Motion picture, video and television programme distribution activities
- 59.200 Sound recording and music publishing activities
- 63.120 Web portals
- 63.990 Other information service activities n.e.c.
- 68.200 Renting and operating of own or leased real estate
- 70.220 Business and other management consultancy activities
- 72.200 Research and experimental development on social sciences and humanities
- 79.110 Travel agency activities
- 79.120 Tour operator activities
- 79.900 Other reservation service and related activities
- 81.300 Landscape service activities
- 82.300 Organisation of conventions and trade shows
- 84.120 Regulation of the activities of providing health care, education, cultural services and other social services, excluding social security
- 85.510 Sports and recreation education

- 85.520 Cultural education
- 85.590 Other education n.e.c.
- 85.600 Educational support activities
- 86.909 Other human health activities n.e.c.
- 88.910 Child day-care activities
- 88.991 Activity of humanitarian and charitable organisations
- 88.999 Other social work activities without accommodation n.e.c.
- 92.002 Other gambling and betting activities
- 93.110 Operation of sports facilities
- 93.120 Activities of sport clubs
- 93.190 Other sports activities
- 93.299 Other amusement and recreation activities n.e.c.
- 94.120 Activities of professional membership organisations
- 94.999 Activities of other membership organisations n.e.c.

III. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SAFY

Article 11

(Conditions for membership)

Only legal persons governed by private law may join the SAFY: associations of friends of youth, federations of associations of friends of youth and other non-governmental organisations active primarily in the field of the welfare of children, young people and families, which is also their general orientation that shall be evident from the basic act and from actual activities in this field. They shall also undertake to respect the Statute of the SAFY and the SAFY's Rules on the Protection of Children and Young People.

Applicants for membership shall submit the application form for membership in the SAFY together with:

- the current basic act, approved by the competent authority,
- a decision of the competent body of the society/association/NGO on the decision to join the SAFY, and
- a declaration that their founders or members, in case of a membership organisation, have signed a declaration of compliance with the SAFY's Rules on the Protection of Children and Young People.

When requested by the SAFY, the applicant for membership shall submit reports on activities and evidence of activities carried out in the last two years of operation and/or a programme of work for the next two years.

The decision of the SAFY on the applicant's membership shall be taken by the General Assembly of the SAFY at its meeting after the receipt of the complete application file.

A Member of the SAFY shall be represented in the SAFY by the legal representative of the Member or by an authorised person who is at the same time a member of that Member.

Article 12

(Termination of membership)

Membership of the SAFY shall end upon:

- voluntary resignation following a decision of the competent body of the Member,
- the dissolution of the Member; or
- the expulsion of the Member.

The voluntary resignation of a Member and the dissolution of a Member shall be determined by the Managing Committee of the SAFY and shall be notified to the Assembly of the SAFY at its earliest forthcoming session.

The expulsion of a Member shall be decided by the Honorary Court of Arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Honorary Court of Arbitration adopted by the SAFY Assembly.

Article 13

(Rights and obligations of Members)

The rights of Members shall be:

- to elect the bodies of the SAFY;
- to actively participate in the SAFY bodies;
- to nominate candidates to be appointed to the working bodies of the SAFY Managing Committee and to the permanent forms of activities;
- to have their representatives elected to the SAFY bodies;
- that representatives of the Members perform certain functions and tasks in the SAFY;
- to propose certain decisions to the bodies of the SAFY;
- to give initiatives to the bodies of the SAFY;
- to co-design and implement the SAFY programme;
- to become familiar with the material and financial situation of the SAFY and its operations;
- to receive professional support from the SAFY regarding their activities in accordance with the SAFY's capabilities;
- to be involved in the SAFY programmes and projects;
- to take part in joint activities of the SAFY and its Members; and
- to be informed of the functioning and activities of the SAFY.

The Obligations of Members shall be:

- to comply with this Statute and other general acts of the SAFY;
- to respect and implement the decisions of the bodies of the SAFY;
- to preserve professional secrecy of the SAFY;
- to safeguard the reputation and goodwill of the SAFY through their actions;
- not to act against the interests of the SAFY;
- to pay the membership fee to the SAFY;
- to elect the SAFY bodies;
- to participate actively in the SAFY bodies;

- to take into account the purpose and objectives of the SAFY in their programmes and other activities;
- to actively contribute to the realisation of the purpose and objectives of the SAFY through their activities;
- to report to the AJPES on the implementation of their substantive and financial programmes using standardised AJPES annual report forms by 15 April at the latest for the previous year, or by 15 September if they are obliged by law to have their annual report audited;
- to use the dedicated logo of the SAFY, as laid down in the Rulebook on Visual Identity, in addition to their own logo in their publicity material; and
- to clearly state on their website that they are a Member of the SAFY, to highlight the dedicated SAFY logo and to provide a working link to the SAFY website.

V. MANAGEMENT OF THE SAFY

Article 14

(Bodies of the SAFY)

The bodies of the SAFY shall be:

- Assembly,
- Managing Committee
- President,
- Two vice-presidents,
- Supervisory Committee and
- Honorary Court of Arbitration.

Article 15

(Assembly)

The Assembly is the highest body of the SAFY, composed of one authorised representative of each Member.

Duties and powers of the SAFY Assembly shall be:

- to adopt the Statute of the SAFY and amendments thereto;
- to adopt its rules of procedure and amendments thereto;
- to adopt the SAFY Strategic Plan;
- to adopt the SAFY's Work Programme and the Financial Plan;
- to adopt Annual Reports of the SAFY;
- to elect the President and two Vice-Presidents of the SAFY, the members of the SAFY's Managing Committee, Supervisory Committee and the Honorary Court of Arbitration;
- to dismiss the President of the SAFY, its Vice-Presidents, members of the SAFY Managing Committee, the Supervisory Committee and the Honorary Court of Arbitration if they fail to act in accordance with the law, this Statute, general acts or decisions of the SAFY bodies, or if they act against the purpose, objectives or interests of the SAFY;
- to adopt the rules of procedure of the SAFY Managing Committee, Supervisory Committee and the Honorary Court of Arbitration, and any amendments thereto;
- to adopt the Rules of the SAFY on the Protection of Children and Young People and amendments thereto;
- to adopt the Rules on the visual identity of the SAFY and amendments thereto;
- to adopt the Rules on awarding the title of Honorary Member and the awards of the SAFY and amendments thereto;
- to grant awards, titles and prizes of the SAFY;
- to decide, at second instance, on expulsion from membership of the SAFY;
- to decide on the disposal of real estate, if this is not provided for in the SAFY Financial Plan;
- to fix the membership fee, or decide that no membership fee shall be paid until otherwise decided;
- to decide on appeals against decisions of other bodies of the SAFY;
- to decide on the dissolution of the SAFY;
- to perform other tasks on the basis of the law, this Statute or other general acts of the SAFY;
- to take other major decisions concerning the SAFY.

Article 16

(Convening the Assembly session)

A regular session of the SAFY's Assembly shall be convened by the President of the SAFY at least once a year for the purpose of adopting the annual report.

If the President of the SAFY is unable to convene the SAFY's Assembly session for objective reasons and if the President of the SAFY fails to authorise one of the Vice-Presidents to do so, the senior Vice-President shall convene the SAFY Assembly session.

The invitation with the materials for the Assembly session shall be sent to the SAFY Members at least seven (7) working days before the meeting is held, as a rule, in electronic format.

The President of the SAFY may convene an extraordinary session of the SAFY Assembly on his/her own initiative.

The President of the SAFY shall convene an extraordinary session of the SAFY Assembly if requested to do so by one fifth of its Members, the SAFY's Managing Committee or the Supervisory Committee.

The request for the convocation shall contain at least a draft agenda, proposals for resolutions and the material necessary for decision-making.

When the President of the SAFY fails to convene a session of the SAFY Assembly upon receipt of such a request, so that it is in session within 30 days of receipt of the request, an extraordinary meeting may be convened by the Members of the SAFY or the body that requested the convening and shall be presided by the latter if the President of the SAFY is not present. At an extraordinary meeting of the SAFY Assembly, only the matters on the agenda shall be discussed.

Article 17

(Assembly session)

The SAFY Assembly session shall be chaired by the President of the SAFY who may authorise another person to chair it, or by the oldest representative of the Members present when the President of the SAFY does not attend the session.

A SAFY Assembly session may be held as a face-to-face meeting of the Members or by using online communication technologies. A SAFY Assembly session may also be held by correspondence, subject to the rules of this Statute being applied mutatis mutandis to a face-to-face meeting of the Members. The duration of such a meeting shall be defined by the convener.

A quorum of the Assembly shall be attained when more than a half of the representatives of Members are present. The decisions of the SAFY Assembly shall be valid if adopted by a majority of the votes of the Members present.

If the quorum is not present, the session shall be adjourned for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, the quorum of the SAFY shall be constituted if at least 1/3 of all representatives of the Members is present.

Voting at the SAFY Assembly meetings shall be by open ballot unless the Assembly decides otherwise. The election of the bodies of the SAFY shall be by secret ballot unless the Assembly decides otherwise.

Minutes shall be taken of the Assembly meeting and shall be signed by the chairperson of the Assembly and the minute taker.

Article 18

(Managing Committee)

The Managing Committee is the executive body of the SAFY which carries out the tasks for the realisation of the purpose and objectives of the SAFY during the inter-sessional periods.

The Managing Committee shall consist of fifteen (15) members, namely:

- President of the SAFY in his/her official capacity,
- two Vice-Presidents of the SAFY in their respective capacities, and
- twelve (12) representatives of the Members of the SAFY elected by the SAFY Assembly.

The identification and nomination of representatives of the SAFY Members shall normally take into account regional representation in relation to the statistical regions of Slovenia.

The term of office of an elected member of the Managing Committee shall be four (4) years, after which the same person may be re-elected to that position.

The Secretary General of the SAFY and the chairman of the SAFY Supervisory Committee shall also be invited to attend the meetings of the SAFY Managing Committee, but they shall not be entitled to vote.

Article 19

(Tasks of the Managing Committee)

The tasks and responsibilities of the SAFY Managing Committee shall be:

- to execute the decisions and tasks adopted by the SAFY Assembly;
- to prepare and adopt a draft Strategic Plan of the SAFY and forward it to the SAFY Assembly for the consideration and adoption;
- to adopt a draft Work Programme and Financial Plan of the SAFY and forward them to the SAFY Assembly for the consideration and adoption;
- to adopt a draft Annual Report of the SAFY and forward it to the SAFY Assembly for the consideration and adoption;
- to adopt a job classification system and the salary scale act;
- to adopt the Rules governing the financial and material operations of the SAFY;
- to appoint the Secretary General of the SAFY upon a proposal from the President of the SAFY;
- to dismiss the Secretary General of the SAFY, on a proposal from the President of the SAFY, if the Secretary General fails to comply with the law, this Statute, the general acts or decisions of the SAFY bodies or if he/she acts contrary to the purpose, objectives or

interests of the SAFY, or if, due to other objective circumstances, the President loses confidence in him/her;

- to supervises the identification and nomination process for the SAFY bodies;
- to verify the fulfilment of the conditions for membership on the basis of the findings of the Expert Service and submit a proposal to the SAFY Assembly for a decision on the admission to membership of the SAFY;
- to make proposals for the awarding of the SAFY prizes;
- to establish the working bodies of the SAFY Managing Committee and permanent forms of action;
- to appoint and dismiss members of the working bodies of the SAFY Managing Committee and permanent forms of action;
- to adopt the rules governing the functioning of the working bodies of the SAFY Managing Committee and permanent forms of action;
- to establish other forms of work, if this is necessary for the smooth implementation of existing or new programmes and projects, and determine the way they operate;
- to coordinate the activities of other SAFY bodies and permanent forms of action;
- to decide on the integration of the SAFY into other organisations;
- to perform other tasks as delegated or decided by the SAFY Assembly on the basis of this Statute or other general acts of the SAFY.

The SAFY Managing Committee shall be accountable for its activities to the SAFY Assembly.

Article 20

(Managing Committee meetings)

According to the needs of the SAFY, the SAFY Managing Committee is convened and chaired by the SAFY President; and in his/her absence by the SAFY senior Vice-President or an authorised member of the SAFY Managing Committee. A meeting of the SAFY Managing Committee may be held as a face-to-face meeting of the members or by using online communication technologies.

A quorum of the SAFY Managing Committee shall be attained when more than a half of the members are present, and it shall take its decisions by a simple majority or by a majority of the members present.

The President of the SAFY shall convene a meeting of the SAFY Managing Committee if one third of the members of the SAFY Managing Committee so request. The request to convene a meeting shall contain at least a draft agenda, draft decisions and the material necessary for the decision.

If, after receiving the request, the President of the SAFY fails to convene a meeting of the SAFY Managing Committee so that it meets within 30 days of receipt of the request, an extraordinary meeting may be convened and chaired by the members of the SAFY Managing Committee who requested the convening. The SAFY Managing Committee convened in this way may only discuss the items of the agenda for which it was convened.

If a quick decision of the SAFY Managing Committee is required, a correspondence meeting of the SAFY Managing Committee may be convened or a telephone consensus of the

members for a particular decision may be obtained. The same rules apply, mutatis mutandis, to the adoption of decisions at a correspondence meeting as apply to a face-to-face meeting of the SAFY Managing Committee.

Article 21

(Working bodies of the Managing Committee)

The Managing Committee of the SAFY shall set up working bodies as expert and advisory bodies if it deems this to be necessary for the smooth implementation of the SAFY programmes and projects. When such bodies are set up, the Managing Committee of the SAFY shall lay down the mandates of the committees in the rules of procedure governing the work of each working body. These working bodies shall be accountable for their work to the Managing Committee of the SAFY.

The working bodies of the Managing Committee of the SAFY:

- National Committee on the Rights of the Child,
- National Leisure and Holiday Committee,
- Expert Council for the Humanitarian Programmes of the SAFY in the field of Social Welfare,
- SAFY Council.

The Expert Council for the Humanitarian Programmes of the SAFY in the field of Social Welfare delivers its opinion on the SAFY humanitarian programmes in the field of social welfare, and monitors them and provides expert guidance. The members of the Expert Council for the Humanitarian Programmes of the SAFY in the field of Social Welfare are appointed by the SAFY Managing Committee from among experts in the field of social welfare.

The SAFY Council is a consultative body composed of external stakeholders, which has the function of evaluating and giving opinions or proposals on the SAFY activities.

Article 22

(Permanent forms of action)

In pursuit of the SAFY aim and objectives, its Managing Committee may establish permanent forms of operations. The organisation and method of operations of the permanent forms of action shall be governed by the rules of procedure adopted by the SAFY Managing Committee. The permanent forms of action shall be accountable for their activities to the SAFY Managing Committee.

Article 23

(President)

The President of the SAFY is the primary legal representative of the SAFY and shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- to convene and chair the SAFY Assembly;
- to convene and chair the ZPMS Managing Committee;
- to represent the SAFY independently and without limitation;
- to ensure the outreach of the activities and provide information;
- to convene a constitutive meeting of the SAFY Managing Committee, Supervisory Committee and the Honorary Court of Arbitration within 60 days of the election of the members of the SAFY Managing Committee, Supervisory Committee and the Honorary Court of Arbitration;
- to appoint SAFY representatives for participation at national and international level and representatives of the SAFY in various bodies of other organisations;
- to propose to the SAFY Managing Committee a candidate for the position of a Secretary General and conclude, on behalf of the SAFY, an employment contract with the SAFY Secretary General;
- to perform other tasks in the name of and on behalf of the SAFY Assembly or the Managing Committee on the basis of this Statute or any other general acts of the SAFY.

The President of the SAFY may authorise a Vice-President of the SAFY or another member of the Managing Committee of the SAFY to carry out tasks within his/her competence.

The term of office of the SAFY President shall be five (5) years, after which the same person may be re-elected. The President of the SAFY shall be accountable for his/her activities to the SAFY Assembly.

The Secretary General of the SAFY shall represent the SAFY in relation to the President of the SAFY.

Article 24

(Vice-Presidents)

In the absence or incapacity of the President of the SAFY, the duties of the President shall be performed by an authorised Vice-President of the SAFY, unless the SAFY President has authorised another member of the Managing Committee of the SAFY to perform a specific task.

Each Vice-President shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- to replace the President by his/her authority or in his/her absence;
- to be responsible for the implementation of the adopted SAFY programme;
- to perform other tasks as delegated by the SAFY Assembly or the SAFY Managing Committee, on the basis of the SAFY Statute or any other of its general acts, or in accordance with the delegation of powers of the President of the SAFY.

The term of office of the SAFY Vice-President shall be four (4) years, after which the same person may be re-elected. The Vice-President of the SAFY shall be accountable for his/her activities to the SAFY Assembly.

Article 25

(Secretary General)

The Secretary General of the SAFY shall be the chief executive and managerial employee of the SAFY and the second legal representative of the SAFY and shall have the following duties and powers:

- to represent the SAFY independently and without limitation;
- to be responsible for the ordinary course of business of the SAFY;
- to be responsible for the financial and material operations of the SAFY and to order the execution of the financial and material transactions of the SAFY;
- to ensure the publicity of the activities and provide information;
- to take care of the ordinary course of business of the SAFY and conclude the contracts necessary for its smooth operations;
- to be responsible for the implementation of the programmes and resolutions of the SAFY Assembly, the SAFY Managing Committee and the Supervisory Committee;
- to organise and manage the work of the SAFY Expert Service;
- to ensure that the tasks of the SAFY Expert Service are carried out properly and in a timely manner;
- to draw up the proposal for the SAFY Work Programme and its Financial Plan;
- to prepare a draft Annual Report of the SAFY;
- to draw up proposals for the SAFY general acts;
- to adopt the SAFY general acts concerning the rights and obligations of the staff in the SAFY Expert Service, insofar as the adoption is not the responsibility of the SAFY Managing Committee;
- to liaise and ensure coordination with the work of the SAFY bodies, working bodies and permanent forms of action;
- to liaise and ensure coordination with the work of the Members of the SAFY;

- to open and conduct the registration procedure for candidates for membership of the SAFY bodies at least 60 days before the expiry of their term of office;
- to be responsible for informing the Members of the SAFY;
- to regularly report on its work to the SAFY President and the Managing Committee;
- to decide on the selection of the SAFY staff and to conclude their employment contracts and act on behalf of the SAFY as an employer vis-à-vis the SAFY staff;
- to perform the organisational, technical-administrative and other tasks necessary for the smooth functioning of the bodies, working bodies and permanent forms of action;
- to perform other tasks as decided by the SAFY President, the Managing Committee or on the basis of this Statute or any other SAFY general acts;
- to be responsible for the legality of the work of the SAFY.

The term of office of the Secretary General shall be five (5) years, after which the same person may be reappointed. The Secretary General of the SAFY shall be accountable for his/her work to the SAFY President and the Managing Committee.

The rights, obligations and responsibilities of the Secretary General of the SAFY shall be laid down in a fixed-term employment contract, subject to the provisions of the law governing employment contracts with managers, the content of which shall be determined by the SAFY Managing Committee.

The President of the SAFY shall represent the SAFY in its relations with its Secretary General.

Article 26

(Supervisory Committee)

The Supervisory Committee of the SAFY shall consist of five (5) members elected by the SAFY Assembly from among the candidates proposed by the SAFY Members.

The term of office of a member of the SAFY Supervisory Committee shall be four (4) years, after which the same person may be re-elected. A member of the Supervisory Committee of the SAFY cannot be a member of another SAFY body at the same time.

The Supervisory Committee of the SAFY shall be the supervisory body of the SAFY with has the following tasks and competences:

- to appoint the Chairperson of the SAFY Supervisory Committee from among its members;
- to assess the compliance of the activities of the SAFY with the regulations, this Statute and other general acts of the SAFY;
- to supervise the disposal of assets and the financial and material operations of the SAFY;
- to supervise the implementation of the SAFY programmes and the work of its bodies;
- Prior to the SAFY annual report adoption, the Supervisory Committee shall carry out an internal audit, which shall include at least a determination as to whether the draft SAFY Annual Report includes a fair presentation of the assets and operations of the SAFY, whether it supports an assessment that the surplus of income over expenditure has been

used for the purpose, objectives and non-profit-making activities of the SAFY, and shall determine how the surplus has been used;

- to report on its activities and findings to the SAFY Assembly;
- to perform other tasks in accordance with this Statute or other general acts.

The Supervisory Committee of the SAFY shall be accountable for its work to the SAFY Assembly.

The SAFY Supervisory Committee shall be convened and chaired by the Chairperson of the SAFY Supervisory Committee according to the needs of the SAFY, but at least once a year for the purpose of internal control prior to the adoption of the SAFY Annual Report. A meeting of the SAFY Supervisory Committee may be held as a face-to-face meeting of the members or by using online communication technologies meeting members in person or by using online communication technologies.

The Chairperson of the SAFY Supervisory Committee shall convene a meeting of the SAFY Supervisory Committee if requested to do so by two members of the SAFY Supervisory Committee. The request for convening a meeting shall contain at least a draft agenda, draft resolutions and the material necessary for the decision.

If the Chairperson of the SAFY Supervisory Committee, upon receipt of the request, fails to convene a meeting of the SAFY Supervisory Committee so that it is held within 30 days of receipt of the request, an extraordinary meeting may be convened and chaired by the two members of the SAFY Supervisory Committee who requested the convening of the meeting. The SAFY Supervisory Committee convened in this way may only discuss the items of the agenda for which it was convened.

The SAFY Supervisory Committee may take decisions if more than half of its members are present, and decisions shall be valid if more than half of the members present vote in favour of them.

The work of the SAFY Supervisory Committee is defined in the Rules of Procedure of the Supervisory Committee adopted by the SAFY Assembly.

Article 27

(Honorary Court of Arbitration)

The Honorary Court of Arbitration of the SAFY shall consist of five (5) members elected by the SAFY Assembly from among the candidates nominated by the Members of the SAFY.

The term of office of a member of the Honorary Court of Arbitration of the SAFY shall be four (4) years, after which the same person may be re-elected.

The Honorary Court of Arbitration of the SAFY shall have the following tasks and competences:

- to appoint the president of the SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration from among its members;

- on the basis of an initiative given by a Member of the SAFY or its body, the Honorary Court of Arbitration shall determine whether Members of the SAFY, the SAFY President, Vice-President, Secretary General, members of the SAFY bodies, working bodies or the permanent forms of action have violated the provisions of this Statute or the general acts of the SAFY or the decisions of the SAFY bodies, or have acted against the interests of the SAFY or have damaged the reputation of the SAFY or have caused or could cause serious damage to the SAFY; and;
- in case of detected infringements referred to in the previous indent, the Honorary Court of Arbitration shall, depending on the gravity and circumstances of the infringement, impose sanctions in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration;
- to perform other tasks on the basis of this Statute or other general acts of the SAFY.

The Honorary Court of Arbitration shall be accountable for its activities to the SAFY Assembly.

The SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration shall be convened and chaired by the President of the SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration based on the needs of the SAFY or written initiatives.

The President of the SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration shall convene a meeting of the SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration if requested to do so by two members of the SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration. The request for convening a meeting shall contain at least a draft agenda, draft resolutions and the material necessary for the decision.

If the President of the SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration, upon receipt of the request, does fails to convene a meeting of the SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration in such a way that it is held within 30 days of the receipt of the request, so that it is held within 30 days of receipt of the request, an extraordinary meeting may be convened and chaired by the two members of the SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration who requested the convening of the meeting. The SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration convened in this way may only discuss the items of the agenda for which it was convened.

The SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration may take decisions if more than half of its members are present, and decisions shall be valid if more than half of the members present vote in favour of them.

The work of the SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration is defined in the Rules of Procedure of the SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration adopted by the SAFY Assembly.

Article 28

(Election of alternate members of the SAFY bodies)

Where the term of office of the SAFY President expires less than one year before the end of the term for which he/she was elected, the President shall be replaced by the Junior Vice-President of the SAFY until the end of the scheduled term of office.

Where the term of office of the SAFY President expires more than one year before the end of the term for which he/she was elected, the President shall be replaced by the Junior Vice-

President of the SAFY until a new President is elected. The newly elected President of the SAFY shall take up his/her full term of office upon election.

If a member of the SAFY Managing Committee, the SAFY Supervisory Committee or the SAFY Honorary Court of Arbitration ceases to hold the term of office, these bodies shall continue their work in its more restricted composition, and the SAFY Assembly shall elect an alternate member of such body at its first subsequent meeting. The term of office of the alternate member shall be for the duration of the term of office of the person whom he/she will replace.

If this is strictly necessary for the smooth work of the body and the functioning of the SAFY, the Managing Committee of the SAFY may, in the event of the termination of the term of office of a member, appoint an acting member of the body to perform the functions of a member of the body until the election of a new or substitute member of the body.

VI. FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL RESOURCES OF THE SAFY

Article 29

(Financial resources)

The SAFY shall obtain funding for its activities through:

- the participation in the invitation to tender and competitions;
- donations from natural persons;
- donations and grants from legal entities;
- sponsorships;
- membership fees;
- gifts, wills and legacies;
- the pursuit of a gainful activity as defined in this Statute;
- and in other ways in accordance with the SAFY Programme and Statute and applicable law.

Article 30

(Financial and material operations)

The SAFY shall report data on its financial and material operations in the manner and form specified in a specific general act, which shall comply with the relevant sectoral legislation and the Slovenian Accounting Standards and shall be adopted by the Managing Committee.

The SAFY shall keep accounts by the double-entry method.

When carrying out a gainful activity, the SAFY shall keep and disclose the financial and material operations of that activity separately. The SAFY shall show its revenue by purpose and its expenditure on its ordinary activities, the implementation of its individual programmes, services and on investments.

Article 31

(Use of revenue surplus)

If the SAFY generates revenue surplus over expenditure in a calendar year, it shall be used to achieve the purpose and objectives of the SAFY or to exercise non-remunerated activities and, within this framework, exclusively to carry out its activities and programmes in the following year. Any inflows of funds which it cannot yet use for the implementation of its programmes shall be deposited exclusively in banks which hold a licence to operate granted by the Bank of Slovenia.

VII. RECOGNITION AWARDS GRANTED BY THE SAFY

Article 32

(Recognition awards granted by the SAFY)

The SAFY shall give the following recognition awards:

- a title of Honorary Member of the SAFY,
- a Golden Token of the SAFY,
- other recognition awards defined by the SAFY General Assembly.

A detailed procedure for the awarding of prizes shall be governed by the general act of the ZPMS, which shall be adopted by the SAFY Assembly.

VIII. EXPERT SERVICE OF THE SAFY

Article 33

(Expert Service)

The SAFY shall have an Expert Service which is responsible for the implementation of the substantive, organisational and financial tasks.

The Expert Service shall provide support to the Members of the SAFY, the SAFY bodies and the Secretary General in performing their activities.

The staff of the Expert Service shall be accountable for their activities to the SAFY Secretary General.

IX. WINDING UP OF THE SAFY

Article 34

(Winding up)

The SAFY shall wind up:

- if the SAFY Assembly adopts a winding-up resolution;
- if the SAFY goes bankrupt;
- on the basis of a judicial decision;
- by operation of law.

On the winding-up of the SAFY, its assets shall, after payment of all liabilities, pass to the Members of the SAFY that qualify as NGOs in equal shares, unless the SAFY Assembly decides otherwise. Any unused funds obtained from the budget shall be returned to the budget.

IX. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 35

(Entry into force of the Statute)

This Statute shall enter into force on the day following its adoption and shall be applicable when the competent authority has confirmed its compliance with the law.

On the date of entry into force of this Statute, the Statute of the Slovenian Association Friends of Youth dated 15 March 2014, as amended on 19 March 2016, shall cease to apply.

Ljubljana, 25 March 2022

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