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## Articles of Association for MMCC Global

### §1. Name and registered office

The name of the organisation (the NGO) is MMCC Global (Mobile Mini Circus for Children - Global). The NGO has its organisational base in Copenhagen, Denmark.

MMCC was established as a project by David Mason in April 2002. Subsequently, a support committee for the project was established in Denmark. The work of the project as well as support committee is carried out through the NGO.

### §3. Purpose

MMCC is a non-profit humanitarian organisation, the purpose of which is to promote the rights and well-being of children and youth by practically strengthening their personal and social skills and supporting their communities. The practical strengthening of the skills includes social circus and all psychosocial activities such as educational, cultural, artistic, civil society, youth mobilization, environmental and emergency activities. MMCC will as well facilitate and provide activities such as conducting workshops for teachers and advocating for children and youth rights as well as engaging in any environmental activities to achieve its purpose. MMCC is independent of all political, religious and economic interests.

### §4. Finances

MMCC is an NGO, whose liability is limited solely to the assets of the NGO. The work of the NGO is financed through membership fees and the contributions of public and private foundations and funds, through public fundraising and other contributions.

### §5. Organisational structure

(1) MMCC works by supporting and developing local MMCC organisations or other organisations fulfilling the purpose of MMCC, in other countries.

(2) Any individual supporting the aims of MMCC is eligible for membership.

(3) Organisations, companies and other associations that support the aims of MMCC may also be eligible for membership as collective members. Collective members must be approved by the board and may seek membership at its own initiative or upon recommendation by local support committees.

(4) Individual or collective members who materially breach the organisation's articles of association and aims of MMCC are subject to expulsion. Decisions with respect to expulsion shall be taken by the board.

### §6. Membership fee

Membership is for one year at a time following the organisations fiscal year, 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December. The membership fee shall be determined at the ordinary general meeting.

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### §7 General meetings

MMCC shall hold its annual general meeting latest during the third quarter of the year.

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The agenda for the annual general meeting must contain the following items:

1. Election of meeting chairperson and reporter
2. Board of directors report
3. Presentation of accounts
4. Determination of membership fee
5. Proposed resolutions
6. Election of board pursuant §8 of the articles of association
7. Other business

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Notice of general meetings shall be given to all members in writing and announced on the MMCCglobal home page: www.MMCCGlobal.org no less than four weeks in advance. Notice of the meeting shall contain the agenda.

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Proposals for resolutions to be considered by the general meeting and resolutions to amend the articles of associations shall be submitted to the board no less than three weeks prior to the general meeting and shall be made available on the home page no less than two weeks prior to the date on which the general meeting is held.

Amendments to the articles of association shall be approved by a simple majority.

All current members present shall have the right to vote. Each collective and individual member has one vote.

Extraordinary general meetings shall be called by the board or upon the request of a minimum of a quarter of members. The request for an extraordinary general meeting must be in writing and provide notice of the topic(s) to be determined.

Notice of extraordinary general meetings shall be provided by the board pursuant to the same terms as ordinary general meetings.

## §8 The Board

### (1) Election:

The board of MMCC shall serve for a period of a **two-year** and may be re-elected. The board shall consist of between three and seven members, with the optional election of an additional first and second alternate member to its board.

Any member, except MMCC employees, may be eligible to be elected to the board. Candidates for the board may be nominated by oral motion until the time of the election by the general meeting.

Board members representing collective members shall be elected personally and may not be replaced by the representative organisation.

MMCC project leaders and the auditor have status as observers in the board.

### (2) Responsibilities

The board shall be responsible for the general policy and finances of MMCC and approve dispositions of a general nature with respect to the running and development of the organisation.

**It is the duty of the board to approve a concept for MoU's, which obligates local formal and informal partners to act in accordance with MMCC's purpose and allows it to use MMCC's name, logo and possible real estate in the country.**

The board shall meet and elect a chairperson among its members. If less than 2/3 of the board members are Danish citizens or have legal residency in Denmark the chairperson must be a Danish citizen or have legal residency in Denmark.

The board shall set its own order of business and mandate. The board may form sub-committees and determine their mandate as needed.

MMCC project leaders shall see to the daily management in cooperation with a person appointed by the board.

The board **may hire** project leaders **directly**.

## § 9 Support committees

The board can approve support committees.

The aim of the support committees is to create a financial basis for supporting and promoting the knowledge and development of MMCC's work.

## §10 Accounting and authority to bind the association

(1) The fiscal year of MMCC runs from January 1 to December 31.

(2) The organizations accounts shall be audited subject to donor requirements and/or requirements from authorities, though with the minimum of an assistance declaration by an approved auditor.

(3) MMCC may be bound jointly by the daily management (see §8(2)) or by a majority of all board members. The board may authorize to employees or to individual members of the board to act as its agent.

## §11 Amendment of articles of association

The articles of association may be amended by a simple majority at an ordinary or extraordinary general meeting.

## §12 Dissolution

(1) To be valid, the decision to dissolve MMCC must be approved by three-fourths of the current members present at two successive general meetings.

(2) In the event of the dissolution of MMCC, the general meeting that approves dissolution shall dispose of the means of the organization. With respect to already funds granted, a special agreement shall be entered into with the donors as to the disposal of such funds. Any remaining profit from the dissolution of the association shall be donated to another NGO, fund, foundation or institution that is domiciled in Denmark or another EU/EEA (EOS) country and has a charitable or otherwise non-profit purpose. The archives of MMCC shall be transferred to the Danish National Archives (Rigsarkivet).

## §13 Validity

The articles of association shall become effective immediately upon approval by the general meeting at which they have been adopted.

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It is the duty of the board, in co-operation with the board of local MMCC organisations in other countries, to make a concept for partnership, which obligates the local NGO to act in accordance with MMCC's purpose and allows it to use NNCC's name, logo and possible real estate in the country. The board oversees that the terms of the partnership are kept and makes temporary agreements in relation to concrete activities, if necessary.

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The following deleted: If the project leader (s) instead is/are hired by the local NGO, the leader(s) are approved by the local board.