

Statutes

International Nuclear Societies Council (INSC)

Non-official English version (the official version is in German)

§ 1: Name, Location and Field of Activity

(1) The Association bears the name

“International Nuclear Societies Council”

(2) It is located in

A-2500 Baden, Lower Austria

and is active

in Austria and on a global worldwide level

(3) The establishment of another branch is not planned.

§ 2: Purpose

The International Nuclear Societies Council (INSC), established in 1990, is an organization of learned nuclear societies whose interests are in the development and utilization of nuclear science and technology for peaceful purposes. The INSC aims to foster ongoing cooperation, communication and exchange of information among the world's nuclear societies, undertake joint actions and ensure joint representation where necessary. Specific activities are planned and programmed by the Executive Board and approved by the members (Council) to achieve these aims.

The association, as a non-profit organisation, has the objective:

1. To be a global forum for nuclear societies to discuss and establish common aims and goals.
2. To act as a global Non-Governmental Organization in nuclear matters of international nature.
3. To represent the views and positions of professionals and workers in the nuclear field, channelled through their nuclear societies.
4. To value the work and achievements of the nuclear community worldwide based on ethical principles adopted by the nuclear societies.
5. To increase the operational efficiency of nuclear societies by establishing means for cooperation and complementation in the execution of their programs.

§ 3 Resources to achieve the stated objectives of the association

(1) The objectives of the association are to be reached through activities and financial resources as listed in sections (2) and (3).

(2) In order to achieve the stated objectives, the following activities (non-exhaustive list) will be pursued:

- a) Annual meetings of all members (Council) at least once a year. One meeting serving also as the General Assembly of the association. The intention is to hold the General Assembly from 2023 in Vienna during the annual General Conference of the IAEA
- b) The establishment/enlargement of an international global network of stakeholders engaged in the development and use of nuclear technologies and energy applications for peaceful purposes
- c) Cooperation with international bodies (eg IAEA, WNU, WNA, WANO)
- d) Support of training and education in the field of radiation and environmental protection, and the peaceful uses of nuclear technology and energy applications in a carbon constrained world
- e) The utilization of electronic media as a form of communication with the public
- f) The publication of brochures and information material, available online
- g) Discussion rounds and lectures, meetings in the context of international events (conferences, seminars, workshops, etc.)

(3) The necessary financial resources are available via annual membership fees, possibly also by sponsors and donations.

(4) Eligibility for preferential treatment within the meaning of § 34ff BAO¹

The association pursues exclusively the purposes listed in the statutes. Any purposes that are not preferential within the meaning of § 34ff BAO are subordinate to the preferential purposes and are pursued to a maximum of 10% of the total resources.

Resources may only be used to fulfill the purposes set out in the articles of incorporation. Economic business operations of the association do not compete with taxable operations to a greater extent than is unavoidable when fulfilling the purposes of the association.

The funds of the association may only be used for the purposes. The members of the association may not receive any profit shares, and outside of the purpose of the association or without appropriate consideration in their capacity as members, no other benefits from funds of the association. When leaving the association and when the association is dissolved, the association members may not receive more than the paid-in contribution and the market value of their belongings. The repayment of contributions made is limited to the value of the contribution made, the return of contributions in-kind is limited to the market value at the

¹ BAO Bundesabgabenordnung – Federal Tax Code in Austria

time of return. Increases in value must not be taken into account. No person may be favored by administrative expenses that are alien to the purpose of the association, or by disproportionately high or non-external remuneration (salaries).

The association can use executive agents within the meaning of Section 40 (1) BAO to pursue the purposes. Their work is to be regarded as the association's own work. The association can work partially or fully for other bodies as an executive agent according to § 40 paragraph 1 BAO.

The association can pass on funds as donations to other institutions to the extent of less than 10% of the total expenditure or by applying § 40a Z 1 BAO.

The association can, using § 40a Z 2 BAO, provide deliveries and services to other entities that benefit from § 34 ff BAO. This activity may only be carried out to the extent of less than 25% of the total activity of the association. The recipient of the service must be charged at cost price.

§ 4: Types of Membership

(1) The members of the association, making the Council, are constituted by national nuclear societies. Other non-profit organisations sharing the same type of objectives as the INSC may become member. Membership proposals are approved by the Council.

§ 5: Attaining Membership

(1) At the time of creating the association (2022), the INSC membership is constituted by 17 national or regional nuclear societies and 1 other organisation (WIN Global). They are grouped by geographical regional chapters and one At-Large Group. Large national or regional nuclear societies are represented in the Council by more than one nominated representative. The nomination is made by the member. More members may join upon proposal by the Executive Board and approval by the Council. The number of nominated representatives may also be modified by decision of the Council.

REGION	MEMBER SOCIETY	NUMBER OF SEATS
Asia-Pacific	Atomic Energy Society of Japan (*)	2
	Australian Nuclear Association (*)	1
	Korean Nuclear Society (*)	1
	Nuclear Energy Society, Taipei (*)	1
	Chinese Nuclear Society (**)	1

Europe	European Nuclear Society (*)	6
Latin America	Latin American Section of ANS (*)	3
	Argentinian Association of Nuclear Technology (*)	1
	Brazilian Association of Nuclear Energy	1
	Mexican Nuclear Society (*)	1
North America	American Nuclear Society (*)	4
	Canadian Nuclear Society (*)	2
At-Large	Israel Nuclear Society	1
	Pakistan Nuclear Society	1
	Indian Nuclear Society	1
	Egyptian Society of Nuclear Science and Applications	1
	Nuclear Society of Thailand	1
	WIN Global	1
	TOTAL	30

(*) Charter Member.

(**) The Chinese Nuclear Society is considered to be a Charter Member of the Asia-Pacific region, but has not signed the INSC Charter.

§ 6: Cancellation of Membership

- (1) Membership ends as the result of voluntary exit from the association, or through exclusion.
- (2) Voluntarily exiting the association is always possible and must be communicated in written form to the Executive Board who informs the Council.
- (3) The exclusion of a member from the association can be decided by the Council due to violation of membership obligations or dishonourable behaviour.

§ 7: Rights and Obligations of Members

(1) Members are represented by nominated representatives entitled to participate in all events of the association and have the rights to vote in the Council and General Assembly. Nominations stay valid until the Executive Board is informed otherwise. One nominated representative may nominate a proxy in case she/he cannot attend a meeting. Such a nomination of proxy is only valid for one meeting. Names for proxies need to be provided to the association's secretary in advance of the meeting.

(2) The members are to be informed of the activities and financial conduct of the association by the Executive Board. This takes place during the Council meetings and in particular the General Assembly.

(3) The members are also to be informed of the audited statement of account (financial statement) by the Executive Board.

(4) Members are obliged to further the association's stated goals and to do what is in their power to prevent harm to its reputation and purpose. Members are to observe the association's statutes and the decisions of its organs.

(5) Statutes of the association are also available online and may be disclosed by the members

§ 8: Organs of the Association

The organs of the association are: the Council and the General Assembly (§§ 9 and 10), the Executive Board (§§ 11 to 13) made of the elected Executive Board members, representing the different national and regional chapters, the Legal Auditors (§ 14) and the Court of Arbitration (§ 15).

§ 9: Council and General Assembly

(1) The Council is made of all the members, represented by their nominated representatives. The Council meets at least once a year. One meeting is dedicated for the General Assembly.

(2) The General Assembly is the assembly of members as defined in the Association Law 2002. From 2023, a regular General Assembly will be held once a year in Vienna, aside of the IAEA General Conference.

(3) An exceptional General Assembly will take place upon:

- a) A decision by the Executive Board
- b) An application by the regular General Assembly
- c) The request of the Legal Auditors (§ 21, part 5, second sentence; § 11 part 2 third sentence of Vereinsgesetz² 2002)
- e) A request by at least 25% of all members.

² Vereinsgesetz : Austrian Association Law

This extraordinary General Assembly will be held in an appropriately timely manner.

(4) All members are to be invited by email (to the email-addresses provided to the association by the members), to the Council meetings, the regular and extraordinary General Assemblies at least 45 days prior to the date. The agenda of the meetings shall be announced. The meeting is convened by the Chair of the INSC, also Chair of the Executive Board.

(5) Requests to the General Assembly shall be submitted at least two weeks before the date of the General Assembly.

(6) All members are entitled to participate in the Council meetings and General Assembly. Only the officially nominated representatives of members are entitled to vote. Each nominated representative has one vote. The transfer of voting rights to another member (proxy) by written authorization is permitted. The information needs to be provided to the secretary latest one week in advance of a meeting.

(7) The Council and General Assembly can take decisions if the quorum of half the total number of nominated representatives plus one is attained. Decisions should be by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, vote can take place, in which case by simple majority (the vote of the INSC Chair counting twice in case of equality). Decisions amending the statutes of the association or dissolving the association, however, require a qualified majority of two-thirds of the valid votes cast.

(8) The Chair shall preside the Council and the General Assembly meetings. If the Chair is unable to do so, the first Vice Chair shall take over. If this is also not possible, the second Vice Chair, will preside.

§ 10: Tasks of the General Assembly

The following tasks are reserved for the General Assembly:

- a) Decisions on the proposed budget.
- b) Acceptance and approval of the Treasurer's report and the account balance with the involvement of the auditors.
- c) Election and dismissal of the members of the Executive Board and the auditors.
- d) Authorization of legal transactions.
- e) Discharge of the Executive Board.
- g) Resolution on amendments to the statutes and the voluntary dissolution of the association.
- h) Consultation and decision-making on other matters on the agenda.

§ 11: The Executive Board

(1) The Executive Board shall consist of the Chair and the first and second Vice-Chairs, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The immediate Past Chair is invited as observer without voting rights.

(2) The Executive Board shall be confirmed by the General Assembly. In the case of withdrawal of one of the members, the Board has the right to elect another member, whose approval has to be sought retroactively by the subsequent General Assembly.

(3) The term of each position in the Executive Board is 1 year. Board members are supposed to stay in duty for 5 consecutive years, starting as Treasurer, then Secretary, then Second and First Vice Chair and finally Chair. Each function in the Executive Board cannot be delegated.

(4) The Executive Board shall be convened verbally or by email by the Chair, or, in case of absence, by the first Vice Chair.

(5) The Executive Board shall have a quorum if all its members have been invited and at least three of them are present. This may be in remote by videoconference.

(6) The Executive Board shall pass resolutions by consensus or a simple majority of votes; in the case of a tie, the meeting chairperson's (7) vote is decisive.

(7) The Executive Board shall be chaired by the Chair and in case of absence by the first Vice Chair.

(8) Except by the death and expiration of the term (3), the function of an Executive Board member ends by removal (9) or resignation (10).

(9) The General Assembly may at any time remove any of the Executive Board member. The dismissal comes into force with the appointment of the new Executive Board member.

(10) The members of the Executive Board can at all times declare their resignation in writing. The declaration of resignation is to be addressed to the Executive Board; in the event of the resignation of the entire Executive Board, to the General Assembly (all the members of the INSC). The resignation shall take effect upon the nomination of a successor.

§ 12: Tasks of the Executive Board

The Executive Board is responsible for the management of the association. It is the "governing body" in the sense of the Association Act 2002. It is assigned with all tasks which are not assigned to another organ of the association by the statutes. The following issues are particularly relevant to its field of action:

(1) Elaboration of Strategies and Actions in line with the Association purpose and objectives, recommend them to the General Assembly, and implementation of the General Assembly decisions.

(2) Establishment of an accounting system corresponding to the requirements of the association, with a running record of the revenue / expenditure and the management of a list of assets as a minimum requirement.

(3) Management of the association's financial resources.

- (4) Preparation of the Treasurer's report and the balance of accounts.
- (5) Preparation, convocation, keeping records of the Council meetings and General Assembly in the cases of § 9 of these statutes.
- (6) Information of the members of the association about the work of the association, the performance of the association and the audited financial statements.
- (7) Admission and exclusion of members of the association.
- (8) Recommendation to the General Assemblies of a candidate for the yearly renewal of the Treasurer function and in case of an Executive Board member's function ends (§ 11 (9)).

§ 13: Special Duties of Individual Members of the Executive Board

- (1) The Chair shall manage the day-to-day business of the association. The Treasurer, Secretary and the Vice Chairs shall support the Chair in the management of the association's business.
- (2) The Chair shall represent the association externally.
- (3) Legal authorisation to represent the association to the outside or to sign in its name may be granted exclusively by the Chair to the members of the Executive Board.
- (4) In the case of urgent matters, the Chair is entitled to issue orders independently, even in matters falling within the scope of the responsibilities of the General Assembly or the Executive Board, under his own responsibility. However, such actions require retroactive approval by the competent association body.
- (5) The Chair shall chair the Council, the General Assembly and the Executive Board meetings.
- (6) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Council, the General Assembly and the Executive Board meetings.
- (7) The Treasurer is responsible for the proper financial formation of the association.
- (8) In the case of need and the absence of the Chair, the first or second Vice Chairs, the Secretary or the Treasurer, they shall be represented, in their duty, by another member of the Executive Board.

§ 14: Auditors

- (1) Two auditors shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of two years. They should overlap by one year to ensure continuity. Re-election is possible. The auditors may not belong to an organ that is the subject of audit, with the exception of the General Assembly.
- (2) The auditors are responsible for the auditing of the financial matters of the association with regards to the regularity of the financial statements and the appropriation of the funds in accordance with the statutes. The Executive Board shall provide the auditors with the

necessary documentation and information. The auditors have to report to the Executive Board on the results of the audit.

(3) Legal transactions between auditors and the association are subject to approval by the General Assembly. In addition, the provisions of § 11 (8) to (10) apply mutatis mutandis to the auditors.

§ 15: Arbitration

(1) An association-internal arbitration tribunal shall be appointed to mediate all disputes arising from matters of conflict. It is a "conciliation body" within the meaning of the Association Act 2002 and no arbitral tribunal according to §§ 577 ff ZPO³.

(2) The arbitration tribunal shall consist of three ordinary members of the association. It is formed in such a way that in the case of a dispute, one disputing party provides the Executive Board with the name of a member as an arbitrator in written form. Within 7 days the Executive Board shall request of the other disputing party to provide the name of an according arbitrator in written form within 14 days. After the communication of the Executive Board within 7 days the appointed arbitrators will select a third arbitrator as head of the arbitration court. In the event of a tie, the nominee shall be decided by the drawing of lots. The members of the arbitration tribunal shall not be members of an organ, whose activity is the subject of the dispute, other than the General Assembly.

§ 16: Voluntary Dissolution of the Association

(1) The voluntary dissolution of the association may only take place in a General Assembly and only with a two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast.

(2) The General Assembly shall, if the assets of the association are available, decide upon the method of dissolution. It shall appoint a liquidator and decide as to who is to transfer the association's assets remaining after the liabilities have been covered.

(3) The last Executive Board Chair will notify the respective authorities of the voluntary dissolution within four weeks in writing.

§ 17: Use of the Association's Assets Upon the Resignation of Members

In the event of the dissolution of the association or in the event of the disappearance of the previously stated purpose of the association, the association's assets remaining after covering the liabilities shall be used for charitable, social, environmental purposes within the meaning of §§ 34 ff BAO. As far as possible and permitted, institutions which pursue the same or similar purposes as this association will be included.

³ ZPO Zivilprozessordnung : Austian Code of Civil Procedure