



Dag Hammarskjöld
Foundation

Statute

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PREAMBLE

Dag Hammarskjöld fell at his post in the midst of his work to promote international understanding and cooperation in this divided world.

He was the foremost of the large host who serve the international community through their work in the United Nations and its various organs or through efforts in the service of the young states.

In this work of his, people all over the world placed their hopes for liberty and peace.

Dag Hammarskjöld is gone. Yet everybody can make a personal contribution to the continuation of his work by supporting the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, which has been established in order to foster, in his spirit, international cooperation for social, political, economic and cultural progress in those nations whose development Dag Hammarskjöld had so much at heart.

The following Statute, being a revision of the Statute laid down by the King-in-Council of Sweden on March 2, 1962, shall apply to the Foundation as from November 8, 1968.

United Nations Resolution A/RES/1757 (XVII)

1757 (XVII). The Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its unanimous decision, in its resolution 1625 (XVI) of 16 October 1961, in naming the United Nations library, at its dedication, "The Dag Hammarskjöld Library" in tribute to the memory of the late Secretary-General,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the initiatives taken by Members of the United Nations in establishing and supporting the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation as a living memorial devoted primarily to furthering his efforts to promote the objectives of the United Nations in the training of citizens of developing countries to hold responsible posts;

2. *Notes further* that the Foundation and the national committees organized to support its efforts will, in honour of the late Dag Hammarskjöld, carry out such projects as conform to the general aims and policies of the United Nations.

*1157th plenary meeting,
23 October 1962.*

THE DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD FOUNDATION STATUTE

Article I

Purpose

The Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation is a non-official, autonomous institution, having as its major objective the promotion of social, political, economic and cultural progress within the nations whose development Dag Hammarskjöld had so closely at heart, by providing training for nationals of the developing countries to hold responsible positions.

Article II

Activities

1. The Foundation shall be operating and not grant-making. Its work programme shall, as a rule, be performed under its own auspices.
2. Training shall be provided through seminars, conferences, courses and such other activities as may constitute a preparation for or a follow-up to programmes of this kind.
3. The activities of the Foundation shall be directed particularly to academically or otherwise well trained or administratively experienced persons from developing countries.
4. Training activities shall be concentrated to fields considered to be of topical, practical and immediate interest to developing countries.

Board of Trustees

1. The foundation shall be represented and governed by a Board of Trustees, which shall, in particular:

- (a) formulate principles and policies which will govern the activities and operations of the Foundation;
- (b) consider and approve the annual work programme and budget of the Foundation;
- (c) appoint the Executive Director of the Foundation;
- (d) make whatever recommendations it may deem necessary or desirable for the effective functioning of the Foundation.

2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of not more than seven members. It shall be so composed as to reflect the international character of the activities of the Foundation.

3. The first incumbents of the seats of the Board, as constituted under Article III:2 above, shall be appointed by the King-in-Council, whereupon the Board shall fill future vacancies through co-option.

4. The Board shall call an International Honorary Committee of the Foundation to serve in an advisory capacity.

5. All members of the Board, whether appointed or co-opted, shall sit for a term of three years.

6. The Board shall elect its Chairman from among its members, his term of duty at each election not to exceed three years.

7. The Board shall meet at least once a year, meetings to be convened by the Chairman.

8. A quorum of the Board shall be deemed to exist when five members are present; a decision may, however, be taken by four members present provided that they are agreed.

9. Decisions of the Board shall generally be taken by consensus. When voting is resorted to, decisions shall be taken by simple majority, each member having one vote; in case of a tie, the Chairman may cast the decisive vote.

10. For each Board meeting, an agenda shall be sent to the Board members at least two weeks in advance.

11. Records shall be kept at the meetings of the Board.

12. Members of the Board shall be reimbursed for travel costs as well as paid a per diem to be fixed by the Board.

The Executive Director

1. Subject to any decisions by the Board of Trustees and the guidance of its Chairman, the Executive Director shall be in charge of the day-to-day administration of the Foundation and of the organization and direction of its activities. In the fulfilment of this task, the Executive Director shall, inter alia:

- (a) submit annual proposals for work programmes and budget estimates for consideration and approval by the Board;
- (b) implement the work programmes decided by the Board and have authority to make expenditures as approved in the budget adopted by the Board;
- (c) appoint and direct the staff of the Foundation;
- (d) make arrangements with government authorities as well as with national and international public and private organizations for the purpose of offering or receiving services related to the activities of the Foundation;
- (e) accept contributions and gifts to the Foundation, subject to the provision of Article V:2 below;
- (f) report to the Board on the activities of the Foundation and the implementation of its work programme.

Funds

1. The activities of the Foundation shall be financed out of principal, proceeds and contributions and be carried out as long as funds permit.
2. Contributions from outside sources may be accepted if consistent with the purposes and policies of the Foundation, and if not imposing undue financial or other obligations on the Foundation.
3. The funds of the Foundation shall be held separately and administered solely for the purposes of the Foundation. They shall be deposited with banks or converted into shares, bonds or other securities held to be financially sound.

Accounts

1. The accounts of the Foundation shall be balanced as of the 31 December of each year.
2. The administration of the Foundation shall be examined annually by a chartered auditor appointed by the King-in-Council for a period of three years.
3. The books shall be closed and full accounts established not later than the last working day in February of the following year, on which date accounts, together with annexes and a Profit & Loss Account and a Balance Sheet, shall be transmitted for examination to the auditor.

Article VII

Location and Premises

1. The Board of Trustees shall have its seat in Sweden.
2. The Foundation shall have its permanent headquarters at the Dag Hammarskjöld Centre (Geijersgården), Uppsala, Sweden.

Article VIII

Transitional regulations

The present Statute, being a revision of the Statute laid down by the King-in-Council on March 2, 1962, shall enter into force on the day it is promulgated by the King-in-Council.

