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AITA/IATA asbl CONSTITUTION

Valid from July 18th 2003

We, the undersigned founding members:

- La FEDERATION NATIONALE DES COMPAGNIES DE THEATRE ET D'ANIMATION (F.N.C.T.A.), an association what has a legal person according to French Law, 12 rue de la chaussée d'Antin, F-75009 Paris, France, represented by Mr. Jacques LEMAIRE, retired, 7 rue Ambroise Paré, F-95520 Osny, France;
- FUNDACION ARUBANO DI ARTE (FUNDARTE), an association what has a legal person according to Arubian Law, Paradera 161, Aruba, represented by Mr. Leo TROMP, consultant, Groen van Prinstererlaan 255, NL-HR2555 Den Haag, Nederland;
- OPENDOEK vzw, Amateurtheater Vlaanderen, an association what has a legal person according to Belgian Law, Arenbergstraat 17, 2000 Antwerpen Belgique, represented by Mr. Robrecht VAN GENECHTEN, administrator, Hallebaan 5B, 2520 Ranst, België ;
- Le STUDIO DE MONACO, an association what has a legal person according to the Monaco Law, 1 Boulevard Albert 1^{er}, MC - 98000, Monaco, represented by Mr. Pierre CELLARIO, teacher, 2 rue des Orangers, Monaco ;

have decided to constitute, under Belgian Law, a non-profit organisation (NPO) and to make up its constitution as follows.

Chapter 1 - Name, Registered office, Objectives, Duration

Article 1

The association is named "AITA/IATA asbl", referred to hereafter as the Association.

Article 2

The registered office of the Association is established at Maison de la Bellone, rue de Flandre, 46 B-1000 Brussels, Belgium.

Article 3

The Association is formed for the purpose of:

- a. Fostering dramatic art by all theatrical groups of the world devoted, without remuneration, to artistic and cultural aims;
- b. Promoting by permanent international contact and relationships those activities common to its members;
- c. Co-ordinating the actions of its members in their purpose of enriching human experience and educating through the medium of theatre;
- d. Facilitating international exchanges between all groups belonging to amateur theatre.

To establish these aims, the Association will employ the following means:

- a. The organisation or participation in the organisation of international congresses, conferences, seminars, festivals, courses, exhibitions and any other activity;
- b. The publication or assistance in the publication and distribution of books, periodicals and stage plays;
- c. The maintenance of one or more information centres or study centres on amateur theatre;
- d. Co-operating with other international organisations having similar aims or devoted to theatre and culture in general.

The Association may undertake or support any initiative and organise any activity that may contribute to establishing its aims or objectives.

Article 4

The Association has been constituted for an unlimited period of time.

Chapter 2 - Members, Appointments, Resignations, Fees

Article 5

The number of Members of the Association is unlimited. Its minimum is fixed to three. The first Members are the undersigned founding Members.

Article 6

The composition of the Association is based on the principle of national representation.

The Association recognises Full Members and Affiliate Members.

A Full Member is an officially appointed national centre representing amateur theatre activity on a national basis. An Affiliate Member is a federation, a committee or a similar body representing a part of the amateur theatre activity in a country, in which no officially appointed national centre has yet been established, but can be considered to be in the process of growth. Each Affiliate Member shall work towards the establishment of such an officially appointed national centre.

Full Members, whose fees are in order, are entitled to six votes. Affiliate Members, whose fees are in order, are entitled to two votes.

Article 7

The admission, the resignation, the suspension and the exclusion of Members are decided by the General Assembly of the Association by a simple majority, following the proposition of the Administrative Council. Every request for admission to or resignation from the Association will be made to the President of the Association and addressed to the Secretariat of the Association.

Article 8

Resigning, suspended or excluded members, as well as their heirs or those having rights over a deceased member, have no rights over the social funds. They cannot claim or request statements, rendering of accounts, nor affix seals and inventories.

Article 9

Each year the members will be required to pay their membership fee, which is to be determined by the General Assembly of the Association. The maximum amount of this membership fee is set at Euro 50.000.

In addition to the payment of their membership fee, all members will, within their capacities, provide the Association with their active assistance and their commitment.

Chapter 3 - Administration, daily operations

Article 10

The Association is administrated by an Administrative Council, referred to hereafter as the Council, elected by the General Assembly of the Association. The Council is composed of two bodies: the Executive Board and the Board of Representatives.

To compose the Executive Board, the General Assembly of the Association must elect at least one President of the Association, one Secretary and one Treasurer.

The Board of Representatives is composed by one representative, proposed by each regional committee of the Association and appointed by the General Assembly of the Association.

Article 11

The President of the Association is elected two years before starting his term of office, which will run for four years. Presidential terms of office cannot run consecutively. In exceptional circumstances, the General Assembly of the Association can extend the President's mandate until the next General Assembly. To take this decision a majority of two thirds of the members present at that General Assembly of the Association is required.

All other members of the Administrative Council, referred to hereafter as the Council Members, are elected for a period of four years. The number of terms that may be served is unlimited but a maximum of two terms may run consecutively.

Article 12

The Council is called together by the President of the Association by the means of normal mail, by electronic mail or by fax addressed to each Council Member and will convene at least twice in each period between meetings of the General Assembly of the Association. The agenda for the meetings of the Council has to be declared in the communication calling the meeting.

Article 13

The Council has unlimited executive powers relating to the administration and the management of the Association.

The Council appoints either itself or by proxy all deputies, all employees and members of staff of the Association and dismisses them; it determines their job description and their salary.

Unless a power is explicitly stated under Belgian Law, under this Constitution or under the Bye-laws of the Association, to belong exclusively to the General Assembly of the Association, all powers are considered to be under the authority of the Council.

Article 14

The Council has the right to delegate the daily management of the Association, including the authority of signature in relation to the daily management, to a Secretary General whose powers, salary and benefits will be determined by the Council.

Article 15

Legal actions, whether as plaintiff or defendant, are instigated or supported by the President or the Secretary General of the Association, in the name of the Council of the Association.

Article 16

The Association is represented in legal agreements, including those where a public officer or a law official intervenes, and in legal actions:

- a. Either by the President of the Association, or in his absence, by the Vice-President of the Association, if one has been elected;
- b. Or by two Council Members;
- c. Or, for all financial operations, solely by the Treasurer of the Association.

Chapter 4 - General Assembly

Article 17

The General Assembly has legislative power within the Association. Powers that are reserved for the General Assembly of the Association are the following:

- a. Alterations to the Constitution and the Bye-laws;
- b. The election and dismissal of Council Members, including the President of the Association;
- c. The approval of the budget and the accounts;
- d. The voluntary dissolution of the Association;
- e. The admission, the resignation, the suspension and the exclusion of members of the Association.

Article 18

The General Assembly of the Association is convened by the Council by the means of normal mail, by electronic mail or by fax addressed to each member, at least two months before the General Assembly and signed by the President, in the name of the Council. The agenda for the General Assembly of the Association has to be declared in the communication convening the Assembly. Each proposition signed by at least one twentieth of the Members of the Association is added to the agenda of the General Assembly of the Association. The General Assembly of the Association cannot vote on any issues that are not included in the agenda.

Article 19

The Council or at least one fifth of the Members of the Association may call for an Extraordinary General Assembly of the Association at any time. Each Extraordinary General Assembly will be held on the day, the hour and the location mentioned in the communication calling the Assembly. All members of the Association need to be invited to an Extraordinary General Assembly.

Article 20

Each member has the right to attend every General Assembly of the Association and may be represented by proxy. All Members, that have paid their membership fee for the corresponding year, have the right to vote, each having the number of votes appropriate to their membership category.

Article 21

The General Assembly is chaired by the President of the Association or by any other chair elected by the General Assembly at the beginning of the Assembly.

Article 22

The General Assembly is validly composed irrespective of the number of members present or represented, unless Belgian Law dictates otherwise. All decisions are taken by a majority of votes unless they relate to the Constitution, the Bye-laws or the dissolution of the Association. All decisions of the General Assembly are recorded in the form of minutes and signed by the President of the Association and a Secretary. The record is kept at the registered office, where all members and third parties may consult it.

Article 23

The decisions taken by the General Assembly of the Association and relating to the Constitution are dictated by Article 8 of the Law of 27th June, 1921 and all later changes made to this law. Therefore they require a majority of two thirds of the members present at that General Assembly of the Association.

The decisions taken by the General Assembly of the Association and relating to the dissolution of the Association require a majority of three quarters of the members present at that General Assembly of the Association.

The decisions taken by the General Assembly of the Association and relating to the Bye-laws require a majority of two thirds of the members present at that General Assembly of the Association.

Chapter 5 - Financial Year, Accounts and Balance

Article 24

The financial year will run from 1st January until 31st December of each year. Every year on 31st December a statement of the accounts of the past year will be produced together with the budget for the next year. Both the statements of the accounts and the budget will be presented for approval to the next General Assembly of the Association.

Chapter 6 - Dissolution, Liquidation

Article 25

In case of voluntary dissolution of the Association, the General Assembly will appoint two liquidators and determine their powers.

Article 26

In any case of voluntary or judicial dissolution of the Association, at any time and for any reason, the net assets of the disbanded Association will be allocated to an association involved in similar works and with similar aims to the disbanded Association, as agreed by the General Assembly of the Association.

Article 27

All that is not explicitly stated in this Constitution or the Bye-laws of the Association, will be determined by Belgian Law, ruling non-profit organisations.

Chapter 7 - Language

Article 28

The languages to be employed in all official business conducted by the Association are French, English and Spanish. In case of difficulties of interpretation, the French language will take precedence.

Made on July 18th 2003, Brussels

Bye Laws of AITA/IATA asbl
International Amateur Theatre Association
Amendment to Articles 19, 24 and 36
adopted by 2013 General Assembly in Monaco

I. OBJECTIVES - MEANS

Article 1.

AITA/IATA asbl is formed for the purpose of

- a. - fostering dramatic art by all theatrical groups of the world devoted, without remuneration, to artistic and cultural aims.**
- b. - promoting by permanent international contact and relationships those activities common to its Members.**
- c. - co-ordinating the action of its Members in their purpose of enriching human experience and educating through the medium of the theatre.**
- d. - facilitating international exchanges between all groups belonging to amateur theatre.**

Article 2.

In furtherance of these aims, the Association will establish a Council of Administration, designated "The Council", and composed in accordance with Articles 13-21. Its aims will be achieved by:

- a.** - the organisation or participation in the organisation of international congresses, conferences, seminars, festivals, courses, exhibitions and all other activities useful in carrying out the Association's aims;
- b.** - the publication or assistance in the publication and distribution of books, periodicals and stage plays;
- c.** - the maintenance of one or more centres for documentation and studies of amateur theatre;
- d.** - the participation in the work of other international organisations pursuing similar aims or devoted to theatre and culture in general.

Article 3.

The Association has been constituted with no political, racial, sexist or religious commitment. It will not interfere in any national activity.

II. COMPOSITION

Article 4.

The composition of the Association is based on the principle of national representation.

Article 5.

AITA/IATA asbl is composed of National Centres or similar groups devoted to amateur theatre, which have been properly constituted and whose affiliation has

been confirmed by the General Assembly. These may be classed as Full Members or Affiliate Members.

a. Full Members / National Centres

1. - A Full Member is a National Centre, the recognised body representing amateur theatre on a national basis.

2. - AITA/IATA asbl, without interfering in the internal politics of any country, will endeavour to obtain the Constitutions of National Centres which represent amateur theatre movement in their respective countries. After a period of at least two years as an Affiliate Member and subject to approval by the General Assembly, an Affiliate Member becomes a National Centre and thereby a Full Member of AITA/IATA asbl.

b. Affiliate Members

In the case where a National Centre has not yet been established, the General Assembly can accept as an Affiliate Member any federation, committee or similar body representing the amateur theatre activity of a country which can be considered to be in a process of growth . Such a Member shall work towards the swift establishment of a National Centre.

If an Affiliate Member does not succeed in establishing a fully representative national organisation within the period of 4 years after its admission, its affiliation to AITA/IATA asbl will be automatically cancelled unless the General Assembly decides exceptionally to extend its membership by another 2 consecutive years.

In some specific cases of autonomous territories, the representative organisation of the Territory can be granted the status of Affiliate Member. The Member States of a National Federation or a National Confederation are not considered as autonomous territories for the application of this article. The autonomous territories are not affected by the provision of 4 years as defined above.

III. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 6.

a. - The General Assembly of AITA/IATA asbl is composed of all Full Members and Affiliate Members - whose Membership Subscriptions are in order - present or represented. It has the power of final decision. It will meet every two years. AITA/IATA asbl Associates may attend.

b. -The Council of AITA/IATA asbl constitutes the Organising Committee and nominates the Chairman of the General Assembly. This nomination is subject to ratification by the General Assembly at the opening of the session. (See Article 8d).

Article 7.

An extraordinary General Assembly will be held within three months whenever one-fifth of the Full Members express such a wish in a written application to the President with a copy to the Secretary General (if appointed). Such application must clearly define points on which the General Assembly must decide.

A General Assembly may also take place whenever the Council considers it necessary.

Article 8.

Amongst other duties, the General Assembly will be required to:

- a.** elect every four years the President of the Association and every two years half of the members of the Executive Board in compliance with Article 14
- b.** ratify the election of representatives from the Regional Committees in compliance with Article 17;
- c.** receive reports from the Council and, subject to approval, accept them;
- d.** ratify the nomination for Chairman of the Assembly at the opening of the session (See Article 6b);
- e.** ratify decisions taken by the Council concerning the admission of new Members. This act of ratification must feature as a separate item for each candidate on the agenda of the General Assembly;
- f.** decide its two-yearly programme.

Article 9.

The languages to be employed in all official business conducted by the Association are French, English, and Spanish. In case of difficulties of interpretation, the French language will take precedence.

Article 10.

The Council is responsible for communicating to all Members the agenda of the next General Assembly, at least two months before the date on which it will be held.

Article 11.

All decisions of the General Assembly, except in the case of Articles of the Constitution, unless otherwise specified will be taken by a simple majority. Equal votes, for and against, will be considered as a rejection of the motion.

Full Members, whose Membership Subscriptions are in order, are entitled to 6 votes. Affiliate Members, whose Membership Subscriptions are in order, are entitled to 2 votes.

Those Members who are prevented from attending a General Assembly may arrange to delegate their voting rights to another Member. This delegation must be signed by the chairman of the body represented. No Member can carry more than one such delegation of authority.

An elected Member of the Executive Board (as defined in Article 14a) may not be a delegate of his/her country at the General Assembly and may not accept any proxy duties from any Member of the Association.

Any person elected to the Board of Representatives (as defined in Article 17) may carry the mandate of his/her Regional Assembly to present the Regional views to the General Assembly on any item of the agenda.

Article 12.

The decisions legally taken by the General Assembly are binding for all Members of the Association, including those absent at the time the decisions were taken.

The minutes of the General Assembly will be prepared by the three Secretaries and communicated to each Member within 3 weeks of the first meeting of the Executive Board following the General Assembly. After ratification by the next General Assembly, they will be signed by the President.

IV. COUNCIL AND GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF AITA/IATA asbl

Article 13.

The Council of AITA/IATA asbl consists of two chambers: the Executive Board and the Board of Representatives.

Article 14.

a. Executive Board

The Executive Board, elected by the AITA/IATA asbl General Assembly, is composed of The President and Officers as described below:

i. The President

The President of the Association, elected two years ahead of taking office and who will serve for a single term of four years (See Article 14 c).

Following his/her election as President Elect and before commencing his/her term of office as President, he/she has the right to attend all meetings of the Association.

ii. Officers

Officers specifically elected by the General Assembly for a period of four years for the following functions:

- a Vice-President, who has delegated authority from the President when necessary;

- a Treasurer;

- three Secretaries, English-speaking, French-speaking, and Spanish-speaking;

- a Co-ordinator for the Standing Committee for Children and Youth.

Candidates for all these functions require authorisation from their own National Centre or an Affiliate Member in their country (see Article 5b), and support from at least two other Members (see Article 5a + 5b). Only individuals involved in the amateur theatre of their own country are eligible.

c. The mandate of the President of the Association is not renewable consecutively. In exceptional circumstances, the General Assembly may extend the mandate of the President by a maximum of two years up to the next General Assembly. This decision requires a two-thirds majority of those Members present or represented.

d. At every General Assembly half the officers of the Executive Board as specified in Article 14 a ii must stand down. They are available for re-election for one consecutive four year term only. An individual who has served two consecutive terms as an officer of the Executive Board is eligible for election as President.

e. An elected individual may only have their mandate removed on grounds of serious misconduct. Any dismissal requires a 2/3 majority of the Members present or represented at the General Assembly. The Council can take preliminary measures by removing the responsibilities of this individual. Any such measures require a 2/3 majority of Council Members, awaiting confirmation by the next General Assembly.

f. No nation may have more than one elected individual on the Executive Board.

Article 15.

The Executive Board will carry the mandate of the AITA/IATA asbl General Assembly and Council to implement all adopted decisions. Further, it will prepare policy and programme proposals for approval by the plenary session of the Council.

It will meet no less than twice a year.

Article 16.

If a seat on the Executive Board becomes vacant, the Council may make a temporary replacement - without voting rights, which will be valid until the next General Assembly.

Article 17.

The Board of Representatives is composed of: one Representative, democratically elected by each AITA/IATA asbl Region, for a term of four years. Representatives are available for re-election for one consecutive term only. The Representatives of the Regions will take office in Council following ratification of their election by the next AITA/IATA asbl General Assembly.

If a Regional Representative is not present or represented at two consecutive plenary sessions the Regional Committee may be required by Council to elect another Representative to fill the vacancy without voting rights. This Representative will take office in Council subject to ratification by the following AITA/IATA asbl General Assembly.

Article 18.

The plenary session of the Executive Board and the Board of Representatives constitutes the Council of the Association.

The Council is convened no less than twice between AITA/IATA asbl General Assemblies, for the purpose of:

- a. approving the report of the Executive Board for the past period;
- b. deciding on proposals coming from the Executive Board;
- c. deciding on proposals coming from the Regions;
- d. discussing questions of general policy concerning the Association as a whole;
- e. deciding on the Standing Orders of the AITA/IATA asbl General Assembly;
- f. drafting changes to the Constitution and Bye Laws of AITA/IATA asbl.

For Council recommendations and decisions to be valid they require the voting presence of at least 2/3 of the Regional Representatives, and at least 2/3 of the Executive Board.

In the event of a Regional Representative being unable to attend a Council meeting a proxy may be given to another member of the Council or he/she can ask the Regional President to represent him/her with voting rights at the meeting.

In between two formal meetings, the President may consult the Council Members by electronic mail and/or fax messages in order to pass an urgent decision. In addition, should a minimum of 50% of Council Members require a decision on an urgent matter, to be communicated to the President in writing (E-mail or fax is acceptable), this consultation will take place within 15 days. To be valid the decisions require the same quorum and qualified majority as in formal meetings. Any such decision will be incorporated in the minutes of the following Council meeting.

Article 19.

Council will create a commission composed of two account controllers in agreement with the rules applied in Belgian asbl associations and, when necessary, appoint an independent Auditor, in application of the law governing the asbl. These nominations will have to be ratified by the General assembly of AITA/IATA asbl.

The Council can invite the Auditor to attend plenary sessions of the Council without voting rights. Duration of the mandates of the controllers will be 4 years, renewable by half at each General Assembly (every two years). A draw for the first one to be replaced will take place after the vote in 2013 General Assembly.

Article 20.

If necessary the Council will appoint a Secretary General. He/she will attend meetings of the Executive Board, as well as plenary sessions of the Council, without voting rights.

The Secretary General will be responsible to the Executive Board for the implementation of international policies and decisions as adopted by the General Assembly of AITA/IATA asbl.

Article 21.

The Council may grant provisional admission to new Members, which must, however, be ratified by the next General Assembly, as provided for in Article 8 e.

The Council can nominate - with a majority of 2/3 of the present or represented Council Members -one or more co-ordinators to carry precise duties. These co-ordinator(s) can be called by the President to participate in an advisory capacity to Executive Board meetings and/or Council plenary sessions. All nominations can be withdrawn by Council with a majority of 2/3 of the present or represented Council Members or by the dismissal of the person involved.

V. REGIONAL COMMITTEES / CONTINENTAL SERVICE CENTRES.

Article 22.

Members of AITA/IATA asbl belonging to one particular geographic entity or a common culture will be grouped into Regional Committees. The General Assembly of AITA/IATA asbl must decide upon the necessity for these committees and their composition. Regional Committees shall aim at studying, in accordance with the aims of AITA/IATA asbl, particular problems of their regions and cultures and ensure the realisation of decisions taken by the Association.

Regional Committees will make their own articles to which the AITA/IATA asbl General Assembly should give approval. The Council will ensure that none of the activities of Regional Committees can endanger the international unity of the Association.

Article 23.

Each of the Regional Committees elects, in accordance with Article 17, a Representative to the Council.

Article 24.

AITA/IATA asbl will, wherever possible, establish on each continent, upon the request of the Regional Committees, a Continental Service Centre (**CSC**), which in no way affects the autonomy or the responsibilities of the existing Regional

Committees. In order to allow the access of this continental center to specific subsidies, the General Assembly of AITA/IATA asbl may grant this continental centre the necessary legal personality by declaring it as a wholly-owned subsidiary on the relevant territory; allowing the continental centre to be covered by the registration of AITA/IATA asbl.

Each Centre will be supervised by a Steering Committee composed of the Presidents (or their representatives) of the established Regional Committees within the Continent, the President and/or the Secretary General (if appointed) of AITA/IATA asbl and the Director of the Centre.

The rotating Presidency of the Steering Committee will be renewable every two years and taken up by one of the Regional Presidents (or their representatives).

The Steering Committee of the Centre will meet at least once every year to discuss and approve the work and the programme of the Centre.

VI. ASSOCIATES

Article 25.

Any organisation, federation, festival or similar body, or any individual pursuing amateur theatre activity, wanting to establish operational relations with AITA/IATA asbl, can apply to be granted the status of AITA/IATA asbl Associate outside national representation. An AITA/IATA asbl Associate should inform the National Centre of its own country (where a National Centre is in existence), of its involvement in an official event of AITA/IATA asbl. Associates are accepted by the Council of AITA/IATA asbl following the payment of an annual fee and after consultation with the Regional Committee (where in existence).

AITA/IATA asbl Associates do not have voting rights.

VII. COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Article 26.

AITA/IATA asbl Council can create, at any time, one or more Standing Committees or Sub-Committees, possibly chaired by a Co-ordinator. Council can terminate the creation of any Standing Committee or Sub-Committee at any time.

If Council decides to create a Standing Committee for Children and Youth, this Committee will be chaired by the Co-ordinator for Children and Youth, elected Officer of the Board (as defined in Art.14a ii and Art.14d of the AITA/IATA asbl Bylaws).

Article 27.

An appointed member of any Standing Committee or Sub-Committee, who is appointed by AITA/IATA asbl Council, stands for a 4-year term. An appointed member of any Standing Committee or Sub-Committee of AITA/IATA asbl may be re-appointed by Council for one further 4-year term. Council can terminate the appointment of any appointed member of any Standing Committee or Sub-Committee at any time.

Any candidate for a Committee or Sub-Committee of AITA/IATA asbl must have the support of their National Centre, if existing, before appointment.

VIII. RESOURCES.

Article 28.

The funds of the Association may consist of Membership Subscriptions and Associates' Fees, as fixed at the General Assembly and by other sponsorship, contributions, gifts or subsidies.

Article 29.

Membership Subscriptions and Associate Fees must be paid before **March 31st** of the relevant year. Non-payment in due time will entail cancellation of the Member's voting rights and access to the activities of AITA/IATA asbl.

In exceptional circumstances, the Council will consider a partial exemption of fees to certain Members.

Article 30.

The Council may proceed to the expulsion of Members or Associates for the following reasons:

- a.** failure to pay the subscription or fee, entailing expulsion one full year after the first date on which the said subscription or fee is payable. In such cases, expulsion of Members or Associates does not require ratification by the General Assembly, as it only constitutes an administrative measure;
- b.** in cases of serious offences against the discipline of the Association, or acts liable to be detrimental to its good name, proper functioning or vital interests.

In cases concerning a National Centre, the procedure will be as follows:

- it will be invited by the Council to settle the matter itself.
- where there is no conciliation possible, the Council may proceed with the expulsion.

Appeals against expulsion under sub-paragraph b., may be brought to the General Assembly (restricted to Members).

IX. DISSOLUTION.

Article 31.

Dissolution of the Association can only be declared by an Extraordinary General Assembly, specially convened for the purpose and comprising 2/3 of the Members. This decision may only be taken by a majority representing 3/4 of the votes.

If the number of delegates present is less than the required two-thirds, a new Extraordinary General Assembly must be convened within three months, and the decisions at this Assembly will be taken on the basis of an absolute majority, regardless of the number of delegates present or represented.

Article 32.

In the case of dissolution, the General Assembly shall decide upon the disposal of funds of the Association.

X. INTERPRETATION AND MODIFICATIONS OF BYE LAWS.

Article 33.

The interpretation of the present Bye Laws of AITA/IATA asbl is the responsibility of the Council. Cases not covered by the Bye Laws will be decided by the Council and submitted for ratification by the next General Assembly.

Article 34.

These Bye Laws may be modified only by the General Assembly, by the majority of 2/3 of the voting power present or represented. The text of any proposed modification must be submitted to all Members at least two months in advance of this Assembly.

Article 35

Each time that, in these Bye laws or in the Constitution, a quorum or a qualified majority is expressed by a fraction (2/3 or 3/4) this has to be understood as a percentage ratio, even if the result is not a whole number of persons. At least 2/3 is equivalent to greater or equal to 66.66% (66.66%) and At least 3/4 is equivalent to greater or equal to 75% (75%). As example the attendance of at least 2/3 of the 8 regional representatives for a Council to take valid decisions requires the participation of 6 representatives, in person or by proxy (5 representatives being only 62.50% of the Board of Representatives).

Article 36

These Bye Laws will come into force as from September 2013.

This is a comprehensive text based on the original constitution of the "de facto" association "International Amateur Theatre Association AITA/IATA" of 1969 – Monaco, and taking into account the amendments adopted in the following General Assemblies: 1975 (Oklahoma City), 1977 (Monaco), 1979 (Blagoevgrad), 1991 (Halden), 1993 (Monaco), 1995 (Ankara), 2001 (Monaco), 2003 (Halifax), 2005 (Monaco), 2007 (Masan), 2009 (Monaco), Tromsø (2011) and Monaco (2013).

Furthermore, it takes into account decisions of the General Assembly of AITA/IATA in Halifax, July 2003 voting on the foundation of AITA/IATA asbl, legal body, rue de Flandre 46, Brussels, Belgium, and on the adoption of the constitution of the "de facto" association "International Amateur Theatre Association AITA/IATA" as being the Bye Laws of the AITA/IATA asbl.