



STATUTE

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS:

(A) the associating persons are:

- (i) Joseph Peregin holder of Maltese Identity Card number 0573258M and residing at 29, NIGEREP, Triq F.W. Ryan, Naxxar, Malta;
- (ii) Josephine K/ A Joseanne Peregin holder of Maltese Identity Card number 0241861M and residing at 29, NIGEREP, Triq F.W. Ryan, Naxxar, Malta;
- (iii) Margarida Dias Lima de Faria holder of Portuguese Passport number N541676 and residing at Rua Bernardim Ribeiro 18, 2775-165 Parede, Lisbon, Portugal;
- (iv) Sven Stabroth holder of German Passport number C3JK6GWZ8 and residing at Building 35, Apt. 13, Pochainynska Street, City of Kiev, Ukraine;
- (v) Hasan Metehan Ozkan holder of Turkish Passport number U 03040434 and residing at Firuzaga Palaska SK, Sevgen AP. 15/1 Beyoglu, Istanbul, Turkey;
- (vi) Esther Nolla Miro holder of Spanish Identity Card number 37250102S and residing at Crer. Isaac Peral 12, Vilanova I La Geltru, Barcelona, Spain
- (vii) Christopher Vella holder of Maltese Identity Card number 0014579M and residing at 91, Ta' Lienì, Triq Raymond Caruana, Gudja, Malta

and they shall hereinafter be referred to as the *"Associating Persons"*;

(B) the Associating Persons wish to establish an association for the achievement of the purposes and objects that are laid down in the statute;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of this statute, the Associating Persons do hereby constitute and establish an association to be called **'THE EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR PARENTS OF LGBTI+ PERSONS'** (in this statute referred to as the *"Association"*) that shall be regulated by and in accordance with the Laws of Malta, in particular the Second Schedule to the Civil Code, Chapter sixteen (16) of the Laws of Malta, the Voluntary Organisations Act, Chapter four hundred and ninety two (492) of the Laws of Malta and the rules contained in the statute;

The Association shall be registered with the Registrar for Legal Persons in the Public Registry;

The Association shall be enrolled with the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations.



ARTICLE 1 – INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

- a) Except where the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

“Administrator” means any person appointed to the Board of Administrators in accordance with this statute;

“Admissions Board” means a board of persons appointed in accordance with this statute;

“Accounts Regulations” means the Voluntary Organisations (Annual Returns and Annual Accounts) Regulations, Subsidiary Legislation four hundred and ninety two point zero one (492.01);

“Associating Persons” means the persons constituting and establishing the Association by virtue of this statute, namely:

- (i) Joseph Peregin holder of Maltese Identity Card number 0573258M and residing at 29, NIGEREP, Triq F.W. Ryan, Naxxar, Malta;
- (ii) Josephine K/A Joseanne Peregin holder of Maltese Identity Card number 0241861M and residing at 29, NIGEREP, Triq F.W. Ryan, Naxxar, Malta;
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and signing this statute;

“Association” means the association called ‘THE EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR PARENTS OF LGBTI+ PERSONS’ constituted and established by virtue of this statute;

“Board of Administrators” means the board of administrators composed and established in accordance with this Statute which manages the assets and affairs of the Association;

“LGBTI+” means lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex and other non-heteronormative persons;

“Members” means persons who are accepted as members of the Association in accordance with this statute;

“Second Schedule” means the Second Schedule to the Civil Code, Chapter sixteen (16) of the Laws of Malta.

“Statute” means this statute of the Association;

“VOA” means the Voluntary Organisations Act, Chapter four hundred and ninety two (492) of the Laws of Malta;

- b) No regard shall be had to the heading or title of any Article of this Statute in construing any of its provisions;
- c) Except where the context otherwise requires, words denoting the singular include the plural and vice versa, and the use of word he or him in this statute refers to any person irrespective of the person's gender.

ARTICLE 2 - NAME, REGISTERED ADDRESS AND DURATION

- a) The name of the Association is “THE EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR PARENTS OF LGBTI+ PERSONS” and the acronym of the Association shall be “ENPL”.
- b) The name of the Association and its acronym may be used together or separately where permitted by law.
- c) The registered address of the Association is 29 Nigerep, Triq F. W. Ryan, San Pawl tat Targa Naxxar NXR 2291, Malta or such other address in Malta as may be determined by a decision by the Board of Administrators and that is ratified by the General Assembly from time to time. The Association's working languages are Maltese and English.
- d) The Association is being established for an indefinite period of time.

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ARTICLE 3 - THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a) The Association shall be voluntary, non-profit making and independent and autonomous from the State as required by the VOA.
- b) The purposes and objects for which the Association is being constituted and established are the following:
 - (i) to encourage the acceptance, celebration and embracement of diversity since it is a reality of human life, and the Association's vision is a world of equal opportunities, where sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions are secured, respected and affirmed;
 - (ii) to create unity amongst national organizations and initiatives of parents of LGBTI+ persons at the European level, and to be a voice for the dignity and equality of LGBTI+ persons and to empower initiative groups and organizations of parents of LGBTI+ persons to become a voice for LGBTI+ persons;
 - (iii) to make our world a safe space for all persons, that is, a space where all persons are valued and respected irrespective of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression. The Association shall also provide support and/or education in areas where this is lacking with regards to LGBTI+ persons;
 - (iv) philanthropy, safeguarding of human rights and/or education with regards to and/or in relation to LGBTI+ persons;
 - (v) to promote the importance of family life and/or more specifically the importance of the bond, relationship and/or experience of parent/s with their child/children as one of the cornerstones of family life no matter the complexity of one's family reality. The Association endeavours to provide empathy to parent/s to help them accept their LGBTI+ child/children and to provide such parent/s with the encouragement and education that they may need to make this possible;
 - (vi) to carry out fundraising activities and/or such other activities as may be ancillary to the above or as may be necessary or desirable to achieve the above purposes and objects, alone or in partnership with other persons, in accordance with applicable law and particularly in accordance with and in a manner that is compliant with the Second Schedule and the VOA. Any monetary gains that the Association makes from its activities shall be utilised for its purposes and objects.
- c) The Association shall fulfil its purposes and objects in Malta and/or overseas;
- d) The Association is prohibited from having any trading and/or commercial purposes and/or objects.

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ARTICLE 4 - POWERS

To enable the Association to fulfil its purposes and objects, it is hereby empowered, without limitation, but subject to the provisions of this Statute and applicable law:

- to manage and administer the assets of the Association as may be determined by the Board of Administrators;
- to receive grants, subsidies, contributions, donations and other gifts and to utilise, and administer the same as the Board of Administrators deems fit for the aforesaid purposes and in accordance with this Statute;
- to purchase, take on lease, exchange, acquire by any title any property and any rights, privileges, hypothecs and easements over such property as is necessary to carry on its activities and to accept gifts on such terms and on such security as shall be deemed necessary in accordance with this Statute;
- to apply for the opening of a bank account in its own name as necessary for the operations of the Association;
- to obtain loans, overdrafts, credits and other financial and monetary facilities and to otherwise borrow and raise money in such manner as the Board of Administrators may deem fit and to secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised or owing by privilege, hypothec or by any such charge over the property of the Association both present and future;
- to enter into any guarantee, contract of indemnity or suretyship and to secure its obligations under such guarantee, indemnity or suretyship with hypothecs and/or privileges, general and special, over all its assets both present and future;
- to establish other organization/s to achieve to any or all of the purposes and objects for which the Association has been set up as may be permitted by and in accordance with applicable law;
- to generally do every act which is necessary or conducive to the foregoing or which is necessary in order to enable the Association to fulfil its purposes and objects.

PROVIDED THAT notwithstanding any powers of the Association contained in this Statute, these powers are granted subject to the limitations in applicable law and the Association may not trade and may only carry out trading activities in the manner allowed by the VOA and any other applicable law.

ARTICLE 5 - ASSETS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a) The assets of the Association include:
 - (i) any current assets of the Association;
 - (ii) any additional endowments made to the Association by any person **PROVIDED THAT** where any third party wishes to make any additional endowment such endowment requires the prior approval in writing by the Board of Administrators by unanimity before it may be accepted by the Association. Furthermore, when additional endowments are received and accepted by the Association as stated above, the Administrators shall also ensure that they comply with any of the obligations and/or requirements that are laid down in the Second Schedule and/or the VOA in this respect;
 - (iii) any other future assets of the Association.
- b) The Association's assets shall be used for the fulfillment of the purposes and objects of the Association **PROVIDED THAT** the Association shall not be hindered from utilizing assets for the performance of and/or settlement of any of the Association's reasonable obligations.

ARTICLE 6 - THE COMPOSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association is composed of:

- (i) The Board of Administrators;
- (ii) The Members; and
- (iii) The General Assembly.

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ARTICLE 7 - THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

- a) The administration and management of the Association is vested in the Board of Administrators who shall manage the Association in accordance with the purposes and objects of the Association, and subject to the terms of this Statute and applicable law.
- b) Subject to the other provisions of this Statute and applicable law, the Board of Administrators shall determine, in accordance with the purposes and objects of the Association, how best to utilise the assets.
- c) The Board of Administrators shall consist of not less than three (3) Administrators and not more than nine (9) Administrators. Administrators may be natural persons who have attained at least the age of eighteen (18) years and/or legal persons. For a legal person to be able to be an Administrator it must have a minimum of three (3) directors in order to be compliant with the Second Schedule. One of the Administrators shall be appointed to hold the post of President of the Board of Administrators in accordance with this Statute.
- d) The first Administrators of the Association shall be:
 - (i) Joseph Peregin holder of Maltese Identity Card number 0573258M;
 - (ii) Josephine K/A Joseanne Peregin holder of Maltese Identity Card number 0241861M;
 - (iii) Margarida Dias Lima de Faria holder of Portuguese Passport number N541676;
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 - (vi) Esther Nolla Miro holder of Spanish Identity Card number 37250102S;
 - (vii) Christopher Vella holder of Maltese Identity Card number 0014579M;
- e) The Administrators shall hold office for a period of two (2) years which period commences to run from the date of their appointment as Administrators. The term of office of the Administrators shall end upon expiration of the period of two (2) years or on death or on termination of the legal person if a legal person is an Administrator or loss of legal personality if a legal person is an Administrator or upon winding up of an Administrator if it is a legal person or on resignation or upon removal from office in terms of this Statute and/or applicable law, whichever is the earlier.¹

¹ Amended during the Annual General Meeting held on 17 March 2018.

- f) Subject to the provisions of this Statute, the Administrators shall administer and manage the Association, exercise diligence, act honestly and with utmost good faith and exercise the powers conferred upon them and carry out such fiduciary duties incumbent upon them by virtue of this Statute and applicable law, exclusively in order to enable the Association to fulfil its purposes and objects.
- g) The Board of Administrators shall ensure that it has proper internal procedures in place and that such internal procedures are made available in writing to the Members of the Association. In the event that the Board of Administrators makes any amendments to its internal procedures such amended procedures shall be made available in writing to the Members and shall be notified to the General Assembly.
- h) An Administrator is entitled to participate at a meeting of the Board of Administrators by means of a telephone link or other electronic link: **PROVIDED THAT** the other Administrators participating at the meeting agree to such participation. In such cases, the President of the Board of Administrators shall sign on behalf of the person participating by telephone or other electronic link and shall record the fact that all persons present at the meeting have agreed to such participation.
- i) A quorum of fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) shall be required for the transaction of the business of the Board of Administrators.
- j) Unless otherwise stated in this Statute, matters arising at any meeting or otherwise requiring a decision by the Board of Administrators shall be decided by a simple majority of votes of all the Administrators present in person or by proxy.
- k) The Board of Administrators shall have all the powers conferred upon them by applicable law and by this Statute as may be necessary for the fulfilment of the purposes and objects of the Association.
- l) The Administrators shall not receive any remuneration but they may be entitled to receive a reasonable *honorarium* from the Association for the services they provide as Administrators.

ARTICLE 8 - DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

- a) The Board of Administrators is considered to be bound by the fiduciary obligations when exercising their duties in terms of Article 1124A of the Civil Code, Chapter sixteen (16) of the Laws of Malta.
- b) The duties of the Board of Administrators shall *inter alia* include the following:
 - (i) to ensure that the Association fulfils its purposes and objects as stated in this Statute;
 - (ii) the administration of the day to day affairs, and smooth running of the Association, as well as ensuring strict compliance with this Statute and the provisions of applicable law and any policies and procedures that may be established from time to time;
 - (iii) to acquire under any title whatsoever, by utilising any assets of the Association, any additional assets as may be necessary for the fulfilment of the purposes and objects of the Association;
 - (iv) to refrain from doing anything in any way which can, directly or indirectly, hinder the attainment of the purposes and objects for which the Association is established;
 - (v) to establish, apply and follow such norms of conduct and operation and such as may be necessary, from time to time, for the honest, lawful, efficient and optimal running of the Association;
 - (vi) to keep proper books of account and other records which properly and fully reflect the operations and transactions of the Association;
 - (vii) to do all such acts as may be conducive towards the performance of its functions and the purposes and objects of the Association; and
 - (viii) to submit an account of their administration on relinquishing the administration and to deliver immediately all assets of the Association which may be in his possession to the remaining and or successor Administrator.



ARTICLE 9 - RECORDS, ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS

- a) The Board of Administrators shall keep books of accounts and shall record therein:
 - (i) the details of all moneys received and payments made by the Association;
 - (ii) the assets held by the Association; and
 - (iii) the liabilities of the Association,for annual financial periods.
- b) Annual accounts and annual reports shall be prepared by the Administrators in accordance with and as required by this Statute and applicable law, if any.
- c) The annual accounts of the Association shall be closed once a year with effect from the date of this Statute, and after that the annual accounts shall prepared for annual financial periods starting on the first (1st) day of January and ending on thirty first (31st) day of December of each year.
- d) The Board of Administrators shall prepare an annual report once a year, every year with effect from the date of this Statute, and after that annual reports shall be prepared for periods starting on the first (1st) day of January and ending on the thirty first (31st) day of December of each year.

ARTICLE 10 - ELECTION AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATORS

- a) Administrators shall be elected at general meetings of the General Assembly by Members by majority vote. One of the Administrators forming part of the Board of Administrators shall be elected as President of the Board of Administrators by the Members by majority vote.
- b) Administrators may resign by means of a notice in writing to the Board of Administrators.
- c) Administrators may be removed at meetings of Members by majority vote where there is an infringement and/or non-observance of duty whether by commission and/or omission, a failure to declare conflicts of interest, misconduct, or infringement of this Statute or for any other reason laid down in the applicable law:

PROVIDED THAT where any action is intended to be taken to remove an Administrator on such grounds the Second Schedule requires that before such action is taken a notice in writing shall be sent to such person stating the professed reasons for such removal and such person shall be granted with a reasonable opportunity to disprove the professed reasons for removal and to defend himself.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT if the method of removal of the Administrator in accordance with this Statute is impossible to apply, recourse may be made to any applicable provisions of law.

- d) If an Administrator resigns from the Board of Administrators or is removed from the Board of Administrators he shall no longer occupy the post of President of the Board of Administrators if he held such post at the time of his resignation or removal from the Board of Administrators.
- e) The Administrator who occupies the post of President of the Board of Administrators may resign from the post of President by means of a notice in writing to the Board of Administrators.
- f) The Administrator who occupies the post of President of the Board of Administrators may be removed from the post of President at meetings of Members by majority vote where there is an infringement and/or non-observance of duty whether by commission and/or omission, a failure to declare conflicts of interest, misconduct, or infringement of this Statute or for any other reason laid down in the applicable law.
- g) Administrators shall not be permitted to vote with regards to the roles and responsibilities of the Administrators, however, they retain their right to vote in their capacity as Members in the election and removal of Administrators and in the election to and removal of an Administrator from the post of President on the Board of Administrators.

ARTICLE 11 - LEGAL AND JUDICIAL REPRESENTATION

Unless the law otherwise requires, the legal and judicial representation of the Association shall be vested in any one (1) of the Administrators who is resident in Malta and the Administrators shall enjoy the power to delegate such powers of representation by means of a written resolution or written power of attorney in favour of any third parties who are resident in Malta.

ARTICLE 12 - LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

In the event that all the Administrators of the Association are not residents of Malta, the Association shall have a local representative who is resident in Malta as required by the Second Schedule in such case.

ARTICLE 13 - MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP

- a) Any natural person who:
 - (i) has attained the age of at least eighteen (18) years;
 - (ii) is a parent of a LGBTI+ natural person and/or has a genuine interest in and embraces the purposes and objects of the Association; and
 - (iii) that is independent and autonomous from the State as understood in the VOA
may apply for membership with the Association.

- b) Any organisation that has legal personality under its national laws and that:
 - (i) has a minimum of three (3) directors;
 - (ii) has similar purposes and objects to those of the Association;
 - (iii) has a genuine interest in and embraces the purposes and objects of the Association; and
 - (iv) that is independent autonomous from the State as this is understood in the VOA,
may apply for membership with the Association.

- c) An applicant for membership in the Association must:
 - (i) apply in writing, via standard membership forms, to the Admissions Board of the Association;
 - (ii) the Admissions Board shall review the applications for membership and it shall grant membership to a person if the required criteria are satisfied and the decision to grant membership is ratified by the General Assembly.

- d) The Administrators shall also be Members of Association unless the Statute and/or the law states otherwise.

- e) Members must pay the annual membership fee to the Association. The Annual membership fee payable by Members shall be determined in writing by the Board of Adminsitratrs.



- f) Membership ends by means of resignation, on death, on winding up of a legal person that is a Member, on termination of the legal person that is a Member or on loss of legal personality of a Member or on removal in terms of this Statute and/or applicable law.
- g) Any Member may resign at any time by notifying the Board of Administrators of the Association in writing.
- h) Any Member who fails to comply with the Statute or with any of the Association's internal regulations that may apply from time to time, fails to pay the Association's annual membership fees, or is likely to bring the Association into disrepute may be removed in accordance with this Statute and in accordance with any applicable provisions laid down in the law that may apply from time. Alternatively, the Board of Administrators may decide to suspend a Member on the above-mentioned grounds until the next General Assembly.
- i) A decision of the General Assembly to remove a Member on grounds stated in this Statute and/or on grounds permitted by law must be supported by at least two thirds (2/3rds) of the Members present and voting during a meeting of the General Assembly on the basis of one (1) vote per Member unless the law states otherwise.
- j) A Member facing a removal procedure shall be notified in writing and may defend himself/itself in front of the General Assembly, by making an oral and/or written statement of defence to the General Assembly except in cases where the law states otherwise.
- k) Persons that have a conflict of interest that relates to a Member facing a removal procedure shall not be permitted to participate in a decision to remove the Member except in cases where the law states otherwise.
- l) Members including Members who have resigned, been removed or been suspended may not claim rights to the Association's assets, and are not entitled to the reimbursement of previously paid annual membership fees.
- m) Members have the following rights:
 - (i) the right to be invited to attend General Assemblies subject to any exceptions that may apply from time to time;
 - (ii) the right to obtain information from the Association, and/or documents of the Association unless the disclosure of any such information and/or documents is not permitted by law;



- (iii) the right to send request in writing to the Administrators to schedule an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly **PROVIDED THAT** such written request is signed by a least one tenth (1/10th) of all Members;
- (iv) the right to submit written motions and proposals to the agenda for meetings of the General Assembly within the timeframes established in this Statute.

ARTICLE 14 - THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- a) The General Assembly is composed of all the Members of the Association.
- b) The General Assembly shall be chaired by the Chairperson. The Chairperson of the General Assembly shall be elected and/or removed by a simple majority of Members present. The President of the Board of Administrators shall not be permitted to chair the General Assembly.
- c) A general meeting for the General Assembly shall take place as a minimum once a year and it shall be known as the annual general meeting. During this general meeting the Association's annual accounts and its annual report that have been approved by the Board of Administrators shall submitted and discussed **PROVIDED THAT** when decisions are taken regarding the approval of the Association's annual accounts and the annual reports the Administrators shall not be permitted to vote.
- d) The General Assembly has the power take decisions in the interest of the Association, in accordance with law and the Statute. In particular, the decisions that fall within the General Assembly's competency include the following:
 - (i) approving the Association's annual budget for the upcoming year, annual accounts and annual reports of the previous year every year **PROVIDED THAT** when decisions are taken regarding the approval of the Association's annual accounts and annual reports the Administrators shall not be permitted to vote;
 - (ii) amendment of the Association's Statute in accordance with this Statute and applicable law;
 - (iii) election of Administrators and/or removal of Administrators in accordance with this Statute and applicable law;
 - (iv) without prejudice to Article 18 of this Statute, voluntary winding up of the Association;
 - (v) removal of Members;

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- e) Meetings of the General Assembly shall be called for by the Board of Administrators in writing, either by post and/or electronically, at least ten (10) weeks prior to the meeting. The call shall contain the agenda for the meeting.
- f) Any proposals for agenda items should reach the Board of Administrators at least six (6) weeks prior to the meeting of the General Assembly.
- g) General Assembly documents that will be utilized during meetings of the General Assembly should be sent out at least four (4) weeks prior to the meeting for which they are required.
- h) An extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly may be called by the Board of Administrators when they feel that it is required or when the Board of Administrators receives a written request for an extraordinary meeting that is signed by at least one tenth (1/10th) of Members. The call for an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly must contain the proposed agenda. The Members calling for an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly shall commit themselves to attend the extraordinary meeting. Should it prove impossible to hold an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly, the Board of Administrators may decide to hold the meeting through video-conferencing or any other means of electronic meeting with provisions for secret voting. Paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) of Article 14 of this Statute shall not apply to extraordinary meetings.
- i) All Members shall have a right to vote during meetings of the General Assembly except in cases laid down in the Statute and/or applicable where a Member is prohibited from voting. Each Member shall have one (1) vote.
- j) If a Member is unable to attending a general meeting of the General Assembly, such Member may appoint a proxy to attend and vote for and on his behalf. Proxies must be Members. A Member shall hold a maximum of two (2) proxies, that shall expire at the end of the general meeting of the General Assembly for which the proxies were given.
- k) The quorum for a general meeting is met when the General Assembly comprises of fifty percent (50%) of its Members present or represented by a proxy, plus one (1) Member present or represented by a proxy. Should there not be the required quorum, the meeting will be suspended for 30 minutes, after which time, if thirty-three percent (33%) of the members present or represented by a proxy, plus one (1) Member present or represented by a proxy. If this second quorum is not reached, the meeting will be adjourned to another date announced to all the Members by electronic or physical post.²

² Amended during the Annual General Meeting, held on 17 March 2018.



- l) Unless the law or the Statute state otherwise, decisions are taken by at least fifty percent (50%) of the votes of Members present in person or represented by a proxy plus one (1) vote of a Member present in person or represented by a proxy.
- m) In the case of an equality of votes during a meeting of the General Assembly with regards to any matter, the Chairperson must reopen the discussion, and make a call for another vote. In the case of an equality of votes after the second discussion, the matter shall be rejected.
- n) In case the quorum for a meeting of the General Assembly is not reached, another meeting of the General Assembly shall be called for with the same agenda.
- o) Decisions taken by a General Assembly during a meeting shall be recorded in minutes of the meeting, and the minutes shall be signed by the Association's Chairperson, an Administrator, and the person taking the minutes.
- p) The minutes shall be kept in the Association's records and all Members may consult them or request a copy. Any Member may ask for extracts of the minutes that are signed by the Chairperson. The original minutes may not be removed from the Association's records unless obliged by law.

ARTICLE 15 – ADMISSIONS BOARD

- a) The Admissions Board shall consist of and be composed of a minimum of three (3) persons and a maximum of five (5) persons that shall be appointed to the post by the Board of Administrators from amongst the Members.
- b) Persons that form part of the Admissions Board may resign by means of a notice in writing that is sent to the Board of Administrators.
- c) The Board of Administrators may remove any person that forms part of the Admissions Board from the post on the Admissions Board if such person does not fulfil his duties on the Admissions Board, fails to comply with the Statute or with any of the Association's internal regulations that may apply from time to time, or on any other ground that may be permitted by law.



ARTICLE 16 - DATA PROTECTION, PRIVACY, CONFIDENTIALITY AND THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

- a) The Association, the persons who are Associating Persons, the persons who are Administrators and the persons who are Members of the Association (together, hereinafter referred to as the "*Parties*") shall at all times comply with any and all applicable laws, as may be in force from time to time, regarding data protection, privacy and confidentiality with respect to the information, including personal data, held and/or otherwise disclosed to the Association at any point in time.
- b) Since the Association qualifies as a voluntary organization in terms of the VOA it enters the public domain in the manner indicated in the VOA. When the Association shall be registered as a legal person with the Registrar for Legal Persons in the Public Registry in terms of the Second Schedule and/or it shall be enrolled as a voluntary organization in terms of the VOA the Association's exposure in the public domain increases. The status of the Association as a voluntary organization means that the Association is required to observe rules of accountability and transparency in accordance with the VOA and the Accounts Regulations particularly when it becomes an enrolled voluntary organisation. When the Association shall be registered as a legal person with the Registrar for Legal Persons it will be required to observe any rules regarding accountability and transparency that may be imposed on it by the Second Schedule and any regulations made thereunder.
- c) In particular, Regulation 5 of the Accounts Regulations confers upon the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations the specific power to request a list of the persons who are Members of the Association when it is an enrolled voluntary organisation. In the event that such a request is made by the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations, the Association shall be bound at law to comply and will therefore need to disclose the identity of the persons who are Members of the Association to the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations and his office. Where such information is provided to the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations, it ceases to be under the control of the Association and its processing and permitted disclosure shall be carried out by the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations in accordance with his regulatory powers and the provisions of the VOA and the Accounts Regulations.

ARTICLE 17 - AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE

- a) When decisions are taken with regards to the amendment of the Statute these decisions must be supported by at least fifty-one per cent (51%) of all the registered Members. Each Member shall have one (1) vote.
- b) No amendment shall affect the validity of anything lawfully done before the date of such amendment, nor shall it affect or interrupt lawful acts in progress or lawful commitments made and not yet fulfilled.

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- c) Whenever any amendments are made to this Statute, the Statute shall be restated in such a manner so as to consolidate all amendments that would have been made up to that date.

ARTICLE 18 - DISSOLUTION

On dissolution of the Association, any remaining assets must be donated by the Administrators to another organisation with similar purposes.

ARTICLE 19 - APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION

- a) The Association shall be subject to the laws of Malta.
- b) Should any litigation or dispute between any Associating Person, the Association or any Administrator or any Member thereof arise, the parties to the dispute shall make every reasonable effort to resolve the dispute amicably by conducting negotiations in good faith. If the dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of all parties, any such dispute shall be decided by the competent courts of Malta in terms of applicable law.

In terms of Art 49(3) of the Second Schedule to the Civil Code, Chapter 16 of the Laws of Malta the Statute of THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF PARENTS OF LGBTI+ PERSONS' is being signed by the seven (7) undersigned Associating Persons on the 20th February 2017:

Joseph Peregin
holder of Maltese Identity Card number 0573258M

Josephine K/A Joseanne Peregin
holder of Maltese Identity Card number 0241861M

Margarida Dias Lima de Faria
holder of Portuguese Passport number N541676

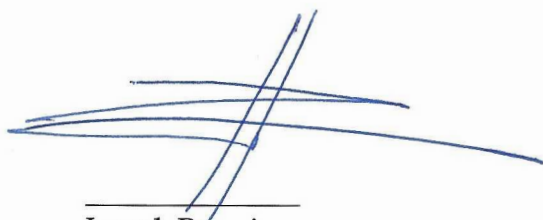
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holder of Spanish Identity Card number 37250102S

Christopher Vella
holder of Maltese Identity Card number 0014579M

This Statute was approved and signed by the above-mentioned Associating Persons on the 20th February 2017 and was further amended and approved at the next Annual General Meeting held on 17 March 2018.



Joseph Peregin
holder of Maltese Identity Card
number 0573258M

President of the Board of Administrators
Legal Representative



Christopher Vella
holder of Maltese Identity Card
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Treasurer of the Board
Legal Representative

Amendments to the Statute:

Article 7 e) replace the phrase '*for a period of one (1) year*' in the first and second sentence of the said sub-Article with the phrase '*a period of two (2) years*'.

Article 14 k) add '*Should there not be the required quorum, the meeting will be suspended for 30 minutes, after which time, if thirty-three percent (33%) of the members present or represented by a proxy, plus one (1) Member present or represented by a proxy. If this second quorum is not reached, the meeting will be adjourned to another date announced to all the Members by electronic or physical post*

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