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FIGU

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für Grenz- und Geisteswissenschaften
und Ufologiestudien**

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for Border and Spiritual Sciences
and Ufological Studies**

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ARTICLE 1 NAMING, HEADQUARTERS, FORM AND FISCAL YEAR OF THE SOCIETY

1. Under the name "Free Community of Interests for Border and Spiritual Sciences and Ufological Studies", herein referred to as FIGU, a community of interests was formed in Hinwil (Canton Zurich) on January 28, 1975. This non-profit society, which is independent from any political, religious and ideological groups, was registered on June 17, 1978, in accordance with Article 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code.
2. The Society is headquartered at the Semjase Silver Star Center, CH-8495 Schmidrüti/ZH (Turbenthal district).
3. The format of this society is totally non-religious and non-hierarchical, and its management, business matters, by-laws and the like, abide exclusively to resolutions set down by the General Assembly.
4. The standard calendar year constitutes a business year.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY

1. FIGU's purpose, within the scope of the Creational-natural laws and commandments, is to familiarize a community of seekers, investigators, and the initiated with the spiritual truth, and to instruct them in the application and utilization of the spiritual laws as they relate to every-day life.
2. FIGU's goals are being effected through the following measures:
 - Conveyance of the spirit teaching and the Creational truth to humans by way of instruction in written and verbal formats.
 - Cultivation of a life in awareness of the human spirit and in

adherence to the spiritual laws and commandments through the instruction and advancement of spiritual evolution.

- Dissemination of the truth about life in the universe, and how humans are interconnected with all other life forms.
- Dissemination of information for a lifestyle exemplifying the natural-Creational laws and commandments and, in adhering to them, the realization of a spiritual guidance of the human population on Earth.
- Instruction for the realization of the human life form's personal freedom in the material consciousness-related and spiritual realms, as an individual and a WE-form world society.
- Realization of all life forms' Creational-natural co-existence in reverent regard for all human, faunal, floral lives, and anything else in existence.
- Protection of all life and the abolition of all factors that are contrary to Creational laws such as torture, capital punishment, environmental destruction, and global endangerment through overpopulation.
- Realization of joint ownership and right of usufruct of grounds and equipment, as well as the support of joint, equal utilization of all goods and resources possible.
- Dissemination and pursuit of ufological studies.

3. From the FIGU headquarters at the "Semjase Silver Star Center" in Switzerland (The Center) the worldwide, analogously functioning local centers, to be maintained according their own country's law system, will be supported in every feasible, pertinent manner.
4. FIGU's conceptual infrastructure consists of the spirit teaching. The teaching was promulgated by the herald of the New Age, "Billy" Eduard Albert Meier, his mediators Semjase, Ptaah, Quetzal, Arahat Athersata, and others. The teaching was truthfully recorded in FIGU's books and teaching for the future of humankind.
5. FIGU is a non-profit-making Society that uses all legal means and capacities for the maintenance and expansion of the Semjase Silver Star Center and, if feasible, for the support of the other worldwide, related center communities, in order to improve a better realization of the Society's goals in conformity with evolution. This ensues primarily through books and other publications.
6. Support of specific, needy individuals.
7. Proceeds from lectures, royalties and the sale of writings, books, materials and rights are used for the production of writings and

books as well as for the maintenance of the Mission in general and for the purchase of all necessary material.

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP GROUPS

1. Core Group of 49 (CG49)

With a maximum of 49 members, the Core Group is responsible for the management and maintenance of its own center, and for all activities that allow FIGU to achieve its goals in accordance with the natural-Creational laws and commandments within the Society's scope.

Furthermore, the CG49 at the Semjase Silver Star Center (The Center) is responsible for the evolutionary guidance and growth of all other satellite centers worldwide (so-called daughter or subsidiary centers), and for other FIGU groups. However, the members of these satellite centers bear responsibility for their own actions.

(Centers in foreign countries have to use these Statutes as a basis and to adapt them to the laws of their own country.)

2. Secondary Core Group (SCG)

The SCG, with a maximum of 210 members, executes the instructions and all business aspects as directed by the appropriate CG49. The SCG has its own administration but is subject to constant guidance and monitoring by The Center. The SCG instructs its study groups in the spirit teachings and is responsible for its local Passive Group.

3. Passive Group (PG)

The Passive Group consists of single persons or representatives of a legitimately established company, etc. (= "lawful/legal person") who, through their membership and support, give witness of their willingness to be introduced to the spirit teaching by the FIGU Core Groups, and to seek and follow their own evolutionary path in accordance with the natural-Creational order.

Students of the "Spirit Lessons", without exception, must be FIGU Passive Group or Patron members.

The Passive Groups annually support their local centers through prescribed financial sums, personal work efforts, and voluntary advancement of a conceptual and material nature.

ARTICLE 4 SECURING OF A MEMBERSHIP

1. Core Group of 49 (CG49) and Secondary Core Group (SCG)

Applicants for membership in both groups must provide:

a) Character references or a certificate of good conduct (proof that the applicant possesses all rights and honours of a lawful citizen)

b) Proof from the IRS and State Equalization Board that no outstanding writs of execution, attachments or prosecution exist for the person

a) + b) must completely cover the past 3-year period, including residence/work in various cities

c) Excerpt from the Central Criminal Records (data regarding all previous convictions)

d) Written declaration that the applicant is not a member of a religion

e) Written declaration that the applicant is not a member of an illicit or extremist political group

f) Four (4) current passport photos for the FIGU files and the membership passport

g) A signed application form with the agreement to all membership conditions

h) In particular cases it is possible that applicants for CG49 or SCG membership can be accepted as new members in spite of an existing debt or previous conviction, provided that there are no criminal convictions and/or gross fault on the applicants' side. In an exceptional case like this an admission by the CG49 can occur only after a thorough examination of the circumstances.

2. Passive Group

Applicants must complete the Passive Group application form, which requests personal data and also requires a signed affidavit of the applicant declaring that (s)he will fully accept the Statutes and associated conditions applicable to a Passive Group member. Four (4) current passport pictures must be enclosed for the FIGU files and Passive Group passport.

3. **Acceptance Decision**

Acceptance of a new member into each FIGU-approved group is only granted through a unanimous vote by all members of the appropriate Core Group of 49. If accepted, the new member will receive by mail the group passport, valid statutes, all support material and documentation.

ARTICLE 5 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is terminated by:
 - death of the member
 - voluntary resignation
 - deletion from the Passive Group membership list
 - expulsion from the member's group

2. A voluntary resignation may be declared at any time via a written announcement to the executive committee, accompanied by the reason(s) for resigning. The resignation becomes valid only after an adherence to a termination period of at least 6 months, which ends on June 30 or December 31 of the same year, depending on which is the closer date to the resignation announcement. Until the end of the 6-month resignation period, the resigning member must fulfil all group tasks and obligations (= liability to pay contributions) of its current membership group with which (s)he is affiliated.

3. Automatically terminated from the Passive Group membership list is anyone who does not completely fulfil his/her prescribed annual financial contribution obligations by April 25 of any given year. Special arrangements may be concluded, but the contributions must be paid until or at the General Assembly of the Passive Group at the latest.

4. a) The expulsion of a member from a FIGU membership group may be declared by the General Assembly of the appropriate CG49 when a particular member has seriously transgressed against FIGU principles. These include, but are not restricted to, the following:
 - 1) Endangerment of the FIGU community's safety and its property
 - 2) Drug abuse (hallucinogens and severe medication abuse)

- 3) Repeated serious crimes related to local laws of each member's country
 - 4) Repeated breach of FIGU's rules of order and the Statutes to the detriment and harm of the group or its individual members
 - 5) Deliberate, malicious endangerment or destruction of life
 - 6) Disregard or defamation of the spirit teaching, i.e., the spiritual teaching
 - 7) Disloyalty toward and treason against FIGU, its members, the local order of law enforcement or the security of State
 - 8) Severe alcohol abuse
 - 9) Repeated major transgressions against the human and Creational-natural laws and commandments which constitute FIGU. Three transgressions inevitably will lead to expulsion.
- b) The date of a member's expulsion from the group is determined by the CG49 General Assembly, and is normally scheduled for a general meeting in accordance with the conditional period of notice. Until the formal termination date, the individual to be expelled must fulfil all of his/her previous obligations toward FIGU in every way.
 - c) Any member expelled for the above-mentioned transgressions will automatically be banished from the Center in question and its property for a 7-year period. This banishment can be extended to the length of that person's life for particularly serious offence.
 - d) FIGU may choose to banish visitors, intruders or other third parties from the Center in question and its property for a 7-year period or a lifetime if the individual(s) consciously committed a serious transgression against the center rules, FIGU guidelines, the Mission, morals and decency; if they publicly discredit FIGU, its members or the Mission; if they commit disloyal deeds and acts against FIGU, its members or the order and security of the country.
5. The General Assembly of the CG49 will decide upon any reinstatements of resigned, deleted or expelled members, and the abridgement or reversal of a ban from "house or property" according to clauses set down in the group's by-laws, and concurrent with previous decisions.

6. **New membership after a resignation:**

Passive Members: If a resignation has occurred for family, military, health and personal reasons (self-discovery; to become clear about one's own aim in life, etc.), a repeated entry/joining is possible. If a resignation has occurred according to Article 5. 3. (if the membership fee has not been paid on purpose) and Article 4. a), no second entry/joining is possible.

CG49 and SCG: A second entry/joining is possible only once. If a resignation has occurred according to Article 5. 4. a), a second entry/joining to a core group is not possible.

7. All FIGU Groups (CG, SCG, PG or Study Groups) which are self-dissolved because of inability of group-related performance of duty, e.g. not observing the regular date of the General Assembly, or not observing the election duties, among other things, can be founded anew only after seven (7) years.
8. Members who are to blame for the break-down of a FIGU Group (CG, SCG, PG or Study group) may never enter again into a FIGU Group the rest of their life (according to Article 5. 4, a)).
10. Additionally, the regulations of the by-laws are valid and are to be obtained – depending on the circumstances – from FIGU's headquarters, Hinterschmidrüti, CH-8495 Schmidrüti.

ARTICLE 6 MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS AND WORK PERFORMANCE

1. Annual membership fees are needed to establish and secure a financial base for the maintenance, structural expansion of the Semjase Silver Star Center and its worldwide satellite centers, as well as the evolutionary realization of all mission tasks.
2. Every group determines the annual financial and other responsibilities of its own members according to a budget and votes accordingly during a General Assembly.

3. The following regulations currently apply to **members of the Passive Group**:
 - a) Annual membership fee
 - b) Annual subscription of the quarterly publication *Stimme der Wassermannzeit (Voice of the Aquarian Era)*
 - c) Once annually: a contribution of 7% of the member's one month salary until the retirement age of 65
 - d) Until a person turns 65: three (3) obligatory work days are required at the Semjase Silver Star Center. The work days must be provided between April 1 and October 31. By April 25 of the following year at the latest, FIGU must be financially compensated for any obligatory days not worked [see special agreement Article 5.3]). These obligatory days can be executed in unlimited number ahead of schedule; they cannot be made up at a later date, however.
 - e) Mothers of infants up to the age of 1 year are released from the obligatory work days, and are released from financial compensation for the obligatory work days.
 - f) A one-time application and identification card fee

4. **Membership contributions in material form:**
 Articles, reports, letters, lists, treatise, proper names, pseudonym, photos, slides, negatives, drawings and electronic data carriers, etc., which once have been put at FIGU's disposal by the authors, automatically become FIGU's property for all-time use, without any financial obligation towards the author.

5. If a SCG is complete (210 members), each SCG member is paying his/her regular annual contributions to the appropriate CG49, while the PG that is connected to the SCG, does pay its annual financial contributions to its own SCG.

ARTICLE 7 PATRONS, DONORS AND SPONSORS

1. Anyone (a single person or representative of a legitimately established company, etc.) may become patrons, donors or sponsors who, through one-time or regular donations, assist and support FIGU, its goals, the Mission or one of its satellite centers in their non-profit efforts.
2. Anyone who annually supports FIGU through a minimum donation agreed upon by the CG49 (amount will be provided upon re-

quest), receives upon request a FIGU patron passport, which entitles the bearer to reductions on entrance fees for FIGU lectures and other events.

3. Patrons may study the "Spirit Lessons".
4. Patrons have free entry to the regular General Assembly of the Passive Group; however, they have no right to vote.
5. Patrons may study the Statutes anytime; however, they have no right to view FIGU's by-laws.

ARTICLE 8 ORGAN/AGENTS OF THE SOCIETY

The organs/agents of the society are:

- The General Assembly of the Core Group of 49 (GA-CG49)
- The General Assembly of the Secondary Core Group (GA-SCG)
- The General Assembly of the Passive Group (GA-PG)
- Special Meetings of the Core Group of 49

The FIGU Society's leadership, who holds a guiding and counselling function, will be taken over after Billy's decease by the entire CG49 and under the management of the society's Committee. The Committee of the Core Group of 49 (CO-CG49)
The Committee of the Secondary Core Group (CO-SCG)

During all General Assemblies and Special Meetings minutes must be taken.

ARTICLE 9 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CORE GROUP OF 49 (GACG49)

- 1. General information regarding the Core Group of 49 General Assembly**
 - a) The regular GA-CG49 at The Center (FIGU Headquarters in Switzerland) is held on the first Saturday of every calendar month.
Every member is obliged to attend these meetings and is afforded a vote.

The GA-CG49 constitutes a quorum when at least 3/4 of its members are present.

A unanimous vote is required for all elections, resolutions and decisions; if there is no unanimous vote, the agenda item is tabled until the issue is unanimously passed during a future General Assembly.

If a vote personally affects an individual member, that person is not allowed to vote on his/her own item.

Accumulated agenda items for future meetings are always announced, in writing, on the 3rd weekend of every month.

Every member is entitled to turn in written proposals for the next General Assembly up to the 3rd weekend of each month.

- b) **Unscheduled General Assemblies** can be summoned at any time by 1/5 of the CG49 members or by 1/3 of the CG49 Committee.
- c) On the first Saturday in JUNE, the representatives of all worldwide CG49 Committees attend the General Assembly at The Center in Switzerland.
- d) Regular CG49 General Assemblies of all worldwide satellite CG49 take place every second Saturday of any calendar month.
- e) Any agenda item not set down on the agenda for the next meeting can be dealt with during that meeting provided everyone present agrees to it.
- f) Special Meetings can be called anytime if required; however, Saturday evening and Sunday of the third weekend shall be preferred. Authoritative for decisions are solely the CG49 members who attend the Special Meetings.

2. Tasks of the GA-CG49 at The Center (FIGU Headquarters in Switzerland)

- a) Electing the 9-member committee, consisting of the president, secretary, treasurer, six (6) additional committee members and their proxies for a 20-year term
 - Electing proxies for the president, secretary, and treasurer who act in their place when the officers are incapable of doing so
 - Appointing individual(s) who are to have check-signing authority, and the format (individually or collectively) they are to follow
- b) Generally administrating FIGU worldwide in coordination and

- agreement with the committee representatives of the satellite Core Groups of 49
- c) Accepting/discussing monthly and annual reports by the president, secretary and treasurer
 - d) Drawing up resolutions regarding the listed agenda items
 - e) Approving the minutes from the previous month's meeting
 - f) Drawing up resolutions pertaining to the acceptance and rejection of members from all groups
 - g) Approving the monthly budget and annual report
 - h) Electing two billing auditors to examine the annual report
 - i) Electing two committee members designated to serve on the committee of the Secondary Core Group
 - j) Removing unfit committee members and the required election of substitutes
 - k) Deciding on fees/prices for identification cards, books and other printed material, and any other financial charges
 - l) Approving the minutes provided by the work groups
 - m) Acknowledging the minutes supplied by all FIGU groups
 - n) Attending to unique issues, regulations, directions and the like beyond the Statutes in accordance with the detailed by-laws passed by the General Assembly of the CG49

3. Tasks of the General Assemblies by satellite CG49 worldwide

The tasks are identical to those set down in #2 above regarding The Center in Switzerland.

Regarding item 2.b): Every CG49 has to elect a committee delegate/representative who has mastered the German language sufficiently to function as envoy to The Center and to personally attend the General Assembly at the Semjase Silver Star Center in CH-8495 Schmidrüti every first Saturday in June, where (s)he will represent the interests of the satellite group abroad and its affiliated groups.

4. The General Assemblies must be held once a month and have to take place at the officially fixed point in time. Meetings on other weekends are not accepted as General Assemblies, but as extraordinary meetings which cannot replace the General Assembly. Therefore, elections cannot be held during such meetings.

ARTICLE 10 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECONDARY CORE GROUP (GA-SCG)

1. General Assembly of the Secondary Core Group in general

The GA-SCG attends to all business matters within the scope of its competence in accordance with FIGU's general concept.

- a) Normal SCG General Assemblies take place worldwide on the fourth Saturday of every calendar month.
- b) Unscheduled General Assemblies can be summoned at any time upon request by the CG49 involved, the group's SCG committee, by at least 1/5 of all SCG members or by a minimum of 1/3 of the SCG committee.
- c) All resolutions, elections and votes are decided by a majority of decision-making votes (50% plus 1 vote of all attendees without abstentions = absolute majority).

2. Tasks of the GA-SCG:

1. Electing 7 members of the 9-member SCG committee for a 20-year term (2 committee members are chosen and appointed by the appropriate CG49 committee).
2. Electing SCG committee members who represent the SCG and the interests of the Passive Group assigned to them at the monthly GA of the appropriate CG49. (There shall be one committee member per 30 members of that particular SCG. Hence, all 7 representatives attend who were elected according to above [Art. 10, 2. 1.], provided their SCG has 210 members.)
3. Expressing recommendations to the GA-CG49 regarding the acceptance of new SCG members at the appropriate Center, any other building unit, shared-housing community or independent living arrangements.
4. Printing and dissemination of all FIGU books, texts and publications.
5. Managing and administering the Passive Group; organizing and carrying out the annual Passive Group General Assembly in May.
6. Collecting PG membership fees and their delivery to the CG49.
7. Conducting these administrative tasks:
 - Preparing the GA on each fourth Saturday of every calendar month.

- Categorizing agenda items according to the nature of the requests.
- Approving the minutes from the previous month's GA.
- Briefing by the president, secretary, and treasurer on the actual status and imminent tasks.
- Ruling regarding decisions that must be submitted for the GA-CG49's final consent.
- Distributing tasks among SCG members to ensure that all impending tasks and duties are performed.
- Assessing applications by Passive Group members and advising the GA-CG49.

ARTICLE 11 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PASSIVE GROUP AND PATRONS (GA-PG)

- a) The regular Annual GA of the Passive Group and Patrons takes place on the fourth Saturday in May of each year. Preparations, announcements of the event, its agenda, and enforcement will be administered by the SCG.
- b) Unscheduled GA-PG take place at the request of the CG49, the SCG or by a minimum of 1/5 of the total PG membership.
- c) Chairing and taking of minutes at the GA are handled by SCG committee members.
- d) Decisions regarding resolutions and the agenda, particularly annual fees, the amount of other contributions and obligatory work days at the center, etc. (A majority of 50% plus 1 vote of all the valid votes is decisive for passing an agenda item).
- e) Passive Group and Patron members convey suggestions and proposals to the CG49 committee.
- f) For as long as no complete SCG exists, the CG49 committee is in charge of the Passive Group.
- g) Patrons have free entrance to the regular General Assembly of the Passive Group, however without the right to vote.

ARTICLE 12 COMMITTEE OF THE CORE GROUP OF 49 (CO-CG49)

1. Structure and functions:

- a) The **president** is the internal and public representative of the Society.
 - As head of the group, the president manages the committee meetings and the GA of the CG49.
 - The president promotes FIGU's soundness through the conscientious execution of all General Assembly decisions.
 - The president, together with the treasurer, has signing authority.
 - If the president is unable to attend, his/her designated proxy assumes the president's functions and duties.
- b) The **secretary/clerk** is in charge of all internal information and correspondence with the public.
 - During committee meetings and General Assemblies the secretary is in charge of taking the minutes, which are then signed by both the president and the secretary; these minutes will be presented to all attendees for approval during the following meeting.
 - During all meetings/General Assemblies the secretary makes note of all attending members and the quorum's completeness.
 - The secretary keeps a complete list of all worldwide FIGU group members.
 - The secretary looks after the mailing and distribution of invitations to regular and unscheduled meetings, and the timely publication of their agendas.
 - If the secretary is unable to attend, his/her designated proxy assumes the secretary's functions and duties.
- c) The **treasurer** is in charge of all financial transactions including the monthly budget and the preparation of annual account tabulations.
 - The treasurer looks after all current group accounting, occasional billing and the collection of funds.
 - The treasurer is responsible for the systematic payment of bills, the petty cash and outstanding accounts and banking transactions.
 - At the monthly General Assembly the treasurer reports on

the current financial status and tabulates the annual accounts, which will be examined by the auditors. They, in turn, present their audit report to the members at the General Assembly.

– The treasurer, together with the president, has signing authority.

– If the treasurer is unable to attend, his/her designated proxy assumes the treasurer's functions and duties.

2. The committee has no decision-making capabilities.
 - a) The committee has no individual decision-making power and is only authorized to represent, publicly or internally, the decisions made at the GA-G49.
 - b) The committee expresses admonitions to members of the Core Groups of 49, Secondary Core Groups or Passive Groups and to outsiders if such warnings are decided upon by the GA-CG49.

3. Authorized to sign documents and other features:
 - "Billy" Eduard Albert Meier, FIGU's leader, signs as an individual in all matters.
 - Two of the president, the treasurer and the other members of the Administrative Group have collective signing authority regarding all banking and checking account matters.
 - Upon "Billy's" death, all purchasing contracts, property agreements, and land-register entries must be made collectively by two of the president, the secretary and treasurer, respectively.

ARTICLE 13 COMMITTEE OF THE SECONDARY CORE GROUP (CO-CG49)

- a) The committee of the Secondary Core Group consists of 9 members in total; 2 of them are elected delegates from the CG49 committee.
- b) The **president** is the internal and public representative of SCG. He or she executes all decisions made by the GA-SCG. As head of the group, the president chairs all committee meetings and the monthly General Assembly of the Secondary Core Group.

When the president is unable to attend, a designated proxy assumes the president's functions and duties.

- c) The **secretary/clerk** is in charge of all correspondence and the internal and public distribution of information.

During committee meetings and the GA-SCG, the secretary is in charge of taking the minutes, which are then signed by both the president and the secretary.

The secretary stays in contact with Passive Group members and mails out the invitations for the General Assembly of the Passive Group.

When the secretary is unable to attend, a designated proxy assumes the secretary's functions and duties.

- d) The **treasurer** collects the membership fees and other payments within the Secondary Core Group and the Passive Group. He or she then delivers the monies to the treasurer of the CG49.

If the treasurer is unable to attend, the designated proxy assumes the treasurer's functions and duties.

- e) In general, the committee organizes itself and purposefully designates further tasks to its members.

- f) The committee possesses no decision-making authority but executes the resolutions passed at the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 14 FINANCIAL ISSUES AND LIABILITY FOR ORGANIZATIONAL DEBTS

1. The maintenance of a reasonably balanced monthly budget ensures that no hasty, unexpected expenses are incurred or obligations entered into, that could endanger the financial stability of the Society.

2. Due to FIGU's status as a non-profit organization, the committee must never allow itself to become involved in speculative transactions.

Major purchases must be made only when they fall within current financial guidelines and actual financial capabilities.

3. Should the Society, through incompetence of its responsible personnel, ever reach a point of severe financial distress, the administration of the Society will be placed into the hands of a recog-

nized trust firm until such time that situation improves or a liquidation becomes inevitable.

4. The Society's financial liability is limited to the Society's capital at hand.
Any possible liability – including criminal – will only affect the responsible perpetrator(s) involved. Any type of recourse of accessing funds of the Passive Group is completely out of the question.
5. Speculative deals, as with shares and bonds or in other ways, may never be executed in any way on behalf of the FIGU Society, neither with FIGU-owned capital, nor with outside money; not by the FIGU Society nor by individual FIGU members or by a decision made at a General Assembly. This decision is valid for all times and shall never be altered and not be replaced by another decision. This is also valid for all FIGU groups of any kind all over the world.

ARTICLE 15 FIGU'S STATUTES AND BY-LAWS

For all further authoritative interests of the CG49, SCG and similar FIGU satellite groups/societies or other FIGU groups, FIGU's Statutes as well as by-laws are completely valid.

1. FIGU has Community by-laws at its disposal which are valid in accord with the terrestrial law of the authorities. They also legally correspond to the framework and explanations of the Statutes; but they contain all necessary points in detail with regard to FIGU's work in a peaceful and life-connecting and consciousness-teaching format.
2. All articles of the Statutes which have been given according to Swiss law correspond with FIGU's by-laws and are legally valid according to Swiss law.
3. FIGU's by-laws are also valid in all foreign countries and states, respectively.
4. For FIGU groups outside of Switzerland statutes have to be drawn up and made valid which are completely in accordance with the laws etc. of the foreign countries and states, if this is necessary according to the laws of the countries in question.

ARTICLE 16 CHANGES OF THE STATUTES

1. Statutes may only be changed during a joint General Assembly, regular or unscheduled, of which the SCG and PG members were notified in writing at least 2 months in advance. The invitation to the meeting will include the list and the exact wording of the statute segment(s) to be changed.
2. The suggested new Statute's wording must have been unanimously approved previously during a General Assembly of the CG49 at The Center. The date of this GA-CG49 must be noted in the invitation.
3. In order to be moved and passed, the approval of the suggested new Statute wording requires the ratifying and valid vote of 2/3 of the attendees.
(Abstentions do not count as valid votes; the approval of 66.7% is required).
4. Any approved Statute changes will take effect the day of the regular or unscheduled General Assembly.
5. Regular changes of the Statutes are regularly made during any General Assembly of the PG members, along with the SCG and the CG49 at The Center, without any prior information to the members in order to prevent agreements/arrangements.

ARTICLE 17 PRIVATE PROPERTY, ETC.

- a) Private buildings, land, farmland, gardens and forests, etc. remain absolute private property of the registered owners, as is fixed and explained in the contracts attested by a notary.
- b) Shared property of capital for buildings, land, farmland, gardens and forests, etc. have to be officially registered and confirmed by a notary.
- c) Private fortune, income, donations and monies as well as personal belongings etc. are not property of the "Free Community" (FIGU), but of the private owners in question, if this has not been contractually determined otherwise by the private owners.
- d) There is no obligation that income, gifts, donations, settlements, grants, monies and assets etc. to individual group members, resulting from work and material of the "Free Community", must be handed over entirely, in parts or percentage to the "Free Commu-

nity" or other individual group members. Such income, gifts, donations, settlements, grants, monies and assets etc. are the sole property of the person in question who received the earnings.

- e) After the owners' decease the private fortune is forfeited according to the regulations of the valid and current law of inheritance, as given by the laws of the state, regulations, legal requirements and special laws, etc., or were determined by the testators through a last will and testament, debenture bond, etc., all of which are established in law.
- f) Any selling or donation of buildings as well as land and estates to a FIGU group/society by FIGU members or non-members (FIGU) requires an officially certified contract. Provisional transfers are not permitted and will become valid only through an official transfer and the registry in relevant official land-registers.

ARTICLE 18 DISBANDING THE SOCIETY

1. The dissolution of a FIGU Society throughout the world can only be decided upon during a joint regular or unscheduled General Assembly of which the SCG and PG members were notified in writing at least 2 months in advance. The unanimous decision to disband the Society must be made prior by the General Assembly of the CG49 at The Center.
2. The invitation to the CG49 meeting must include the agenda and a clear justification for the desire to dissolve the Society. Also included must be any alternatives for the prevention of the disbandment that have previously been decided upon and executed.
3. The disbandment must have been approved by a majority of 4/5 of all the valid votes during a regular or unscheduled General Assembly. (Abstentions do not count; the dissolution is passed only when 80% of all valid votes agree to it.)
4. A liquidator entrusted with all powers of attorney will be the executor of the disbandment.
5. Remaining monies will be applied to their best advantage. After-sale funds must be sent to a thriving FIGU Core Group of 49 in another country.
6. In the event that a Core Group of 49 no longer exists worldwide, the remaining funds must be sent to the Headquarter Center ("Mother Center") in Switzerland. In the event that this also no longer exists, the remaining funds must be equally distributed

among the remaining Core Group of 49 members of the dissolved Headquarter Center.

ARTICLE 19 REFERENCE TO FORMER STATUTES AND THE INITIATION OF THESE NEW STATUTES

1. The acronym FIGU Society was chosen as the name for the Community on August 17, 1975 in Hinwil/ZH and on June 17, 1978 by the foundation assembly in accordance with Article 60 ff. of the ZGB (Swiss Civil Code). (Officially certified signatures of all founding members, June 17/August 25, 1978. President at that time: Herbert Runkel; Secretary: Bernadette Brand.)
2. Its final registration as a Swiss **society in accordance with Article 60 ff. of the ZGB** (Swiss Civil Code) became effective on September 5, 1981 and November 7, 1981, respectively. The Statutes were signed on that day by FIGU president Engelbert Wächter, and FIGU secretary, Bernadette Brand, whose signatures were formally certified by the Turbenthal Notary Public.
3. The new version of the Statutes is based on the original Statutes dated November 7, 1981, and the many changes and amendments made since then. The primary goal for the new Statutes is to provide clearer composition and text, and a better understanding of them.
4. The new Statutes will take effect in three stages:
 - a) Unanimous approval by the GA-CG49 at The Center, Hinter Schmidrüti, CH-8495 Schmidrüti/ZH, Switzerland.
 - b) An approval vote with a 2/3 majority at the regular or unscheduled General Assembly of the Passive Group at the Swiss Center.
 - c) Once approval of each of the two groups' General Assemblies has been extended, the president and secretary of the Core Group of 49 will ratify the new Statutes with their signature on the ORIGINAL document, whereby the date of the signing is binding for the effectiveness of the new Statutes' initiation.

In case of doubt, or if anything is unclear, the German text of these Statutes is authoritative.

**Ratification by the Committee of the Core Group of 49
Semjase Silver Star Center, 8495 Schmidrüti / ZH, Switzerland**

1996 Renewal of the Statutes

The regular General Assembly of the Core Group of 49 unanimously ratified these changes on September 2, 1995.

On May 11, 1996, the regular General Assembly of the Passive Group accepted these Statutes as follows:

68 "aye" votes, 0 "nay" with 1 abstention.

On behalf of the Committee of the Core Group of 49

President

Secretary



Engelbert Wächter

Bernadette Brand

Signed this day: May 11, 1996 in CH-8495 Schmidrüti/ZH

Second amendment of the Statutes with appendices until April 5, 2008

