



CONSTITUTION

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PREAMBLE

We, the Member Organizations of the "IOGT International," do hereby establish this Constitution in order to fully realize our purpose of contributing to a world of peace, democracy and justice where free and healthy citizens actively contribute in all levels of society.

This constitution sets out the global governance framework at the highest level.

This constitution is supplemented by Rules of Procedure that provide further information on the details of the operations of IOGT International and its governing body. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this constitution and the Rules of Procedure or other related documents the provisions of this constitution will take precedence.

Whereas the IOGT International World Congress approves the constitution, the Rules of Procedure are subject to the discretion of the IOGT International Board and are modifiable by the International Board.

The election of the International Board and the content of the Rules of Procedure are, by default, determined and if needs be revoked by the World Congress. The Rules of Procedure are delegated to the International Board but are also under the full authority of the World Congress.

ART I

NAME

The name of the organization is: IOGT International.

ART II

PLATFORM: VISION, MISSION, CORE VALUES, PRINCIPLES, AND INDEPENDENCE

IOGT International is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan and non-confessional, voluntary and international non-governmental organization founded in 1851, registered in Sweden on 22 March 2010.

ART II.1

VISION

IOGT International's vision is a world of peace, democracy and justice where free and healthy citizens actively contribute in all levels of society. It is a life for all human beings free to live up to their fullest potential, and free from harm caused by alcohol and other drugs.

ART II.2

MISSION

IOGT International's mission is to unite, strengthen and empower civil society to tackle alcohol and other drugs as serious obstacles to development on personal, community, societal and global level.

IOGT International advocates for comprehensive and evidence-based solutions consisting of public policy measures as well as scientific research, prevention, education and awareness raising, capacity building and treatment and rehabilitation.

IOGT International promotes a lifestyle free from alcohol and other drugs.

ART II.3

CORE VALUES

Human rights and global solidarity

IOGT International is a global community and movement of human rights defenders resting on the principles of international solidarity, the universality and indivisibility of human rights, independence, democracy and mutual respect. IOGT International believes that each human being is unique and has an infinite value. Everyone is entitled to personal freedom and is encouraged to work for the improvement of the quality of life of all people.

Democracy

IOGT International fosters active citizenship and community engagement in order to promote democracy at all levels of society.

Peace and sustainable development

IOGT International works for peace by promoting sustainable development and protecting human rights and human dignity. Furthermore, IOGT International advocates for the peaceful settlement of conflicts between individuals and groups. Member organizations are encouraged to work towards peace among nations.

ART II.4

PRINCIPLES

IOGT International's work rests on four principles, which seek to create the conditions for all people to lead happier, healthier, richer and freer lives together.

2.4.1

Harness the potential of every human being by developing life skills, critical thinking, a sense of self-esteem and the capacity to engage in the community.

2.4.2

Support families by providing help to treat and overcome alcohol and other drug use disorders affecting the user as well as other family members.

2.4.3

Strengthen communities by providing safe and enabling environments where people of all ages, and especially children and youth can live up to their full potential.

2.4.4

Develop societies by advocating population-level policy solutions to prevent and reduce harm caused by alcohol and other drugs.

2.5

IOGT International and all its member organizations are independent of any ties, financial or otherwise, to the alcohol and tobacco industry. IOGT International and all its Member Organizations do not collaborate, financially or otherwise, with the alcohol and tobacco industries or their Social Aspects and Public Relation Organizations (SAPROs).

ART III

PLEDGE

All IOGT International Member Organizations embrace the IOGT International platform by actively promoting human rights and human dignity, and a lifestyle free from alcohol and other drugs.

Individuals, who are members of IOGT International or IOGT International Member Organisations, lead a lifestyle free from the use of alcohol and non-medical use of other dependence producing drugs.

ART IV

MOVEMENT STRUCTURE: MEMBERSHIP, ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOVERNANCE

4.1

Movement membership

IOGT International consists of like-minded civil society, comprising national and local non-governmental organizations, and other civil society networks or entities as well as individuals gathering together to advance the IOGT International platform.

4.2

Movement accountability

IOGT International is accountable to all who benefit from the fulfillment of its Vision and Mission and to its members, activists, and supporters worldwide.

4.3

Movement governance

The supreme authority of the organization is the IOGT International World Congress, hereinafter called the World Congress. Between sessions this authority is vested in the IOGT International Board elected by the World Congress.

ART V

MEMBERSHIP: CATEGORIES, ADMISSION, FEES, TERMINATION, AND DISSOLUTION

IOGT International's World Congress may grant membership and has final jurisdiction in regards to the admission and termination of membership of any entity or individual, in accordance with this Constitution.

5.1

Membership categories

The membership of IOGT International is composed of three categories of members:

[Full member organizations,](#)
[Associate member organizations and](#)
[Individual members.](#)

5.1.1

Full Membership

Full membership in IOGT International may be granted to any non-governmental organization based on individual members, or any civil society network or entity, which endorses fully the IOGT International Platform. Full member organizations shall be those that are engaged in advancing the IOGT International Platform and have appropriate organizational structures.

Delegates from Full Member Organizations have the right to attend and participate in the World Congress, to take part in the discussions, make proposals and present candidates for the elections, and have full voting rights in the World Congress and their members are eligible to hold any office within IOGT International.

5.1.2

Associate Membership

Associate membership in IOGT International may be granted to any organization, institution, foundation, network or other entity, which supports the IOGT International platform but does not actively promote a lifestyle free from alcohol and other drugs.

Associate member organizations shall be those that are engaged in advancing the vision, core values and main principles of IOGT International.

Delegates from Associate Member Organizations have the right to attend and participate in the World Congress, to take part in the discussions, make proposals and present candidates for the elections, but shall have no voting rights and are not eligible to hold office within IOGT International.

5.1.3

Individual membership

Individuals are welcome to seek direct membership in IOGT International. Individuals normally affiliate to IOGT International through their recognized state or national level organization. Where no such organizations exist, or due to special circumstances, individuals may seek direct membership in IOGT International.

Individual members shall be those persons who endorse fully the IOGT International platform.

Individual Members have the right to attend and participate in the World Congress and may speak by special permission of the presiding officer.

They are eligible to hold office within IOGT International but shall have no voting rights in the World Congress.

5.2

Membership admission

Every civil society organization and individual supporting the IOGT International platform is welcome to apply for membership. Membership in IOGT International shall become effective on a pro-tempore basis upon approval by the International Board completing a formal application process. Final membership admission is granted by a two-thirds majority of votes cast at an ordinary World Congress in session.

5.3

Membership fees

Only member organizations that have paid their annual membership fees are entitled to exercise any right or prerogative as defined in the Constitution.

Each member organization is obliged to make timely payments of its annual membership fees.

Annual reports shall be made by each of the member organizations to the International Office in accordance with a form issued by the International Board before May 1st the following year.

5.4

Membership termination

Each member organization may resign its membership at any time by submitting a written notice to the International President. Upon receipt of such a notice, the membership status shall be terminated immediately. Annual membership dues for the year in which the resignation occurs shall be payable in full.

Membership of IOGT International may be revoked / suspended by a two-

thirds vote of the International Board if there is evidence of violation of the IOGT International Platform.

Such a decision by the International Board is subject to approval by two-thirds majority at the following World Congress, after which membership in IOGT International is finally terminated.

5.5

Dissolution of member organizations

If a member organization ceases to exist, its by-laws not providing for the disposal of its property, all assets and properties shall be placed under the authority of the International Board. The International Board shall assume custody of the property and use it for the reconstruction of such organization and/or to promote the ideas of IOGT International in the country concerned.

If the organization resumes its activities within four years, the remainder of its property shall be returned. After four years, the International Board is free to decide about the property, provided that the member organization is still not active.

ART VI

THE WORLD CONGRESS: AUTHORITY, CONVENING, VENUE, QUORUM, RULES

The IOGT International World Congress is the highest decision-making body of the movement.

6.1

World Congress: Authority

The World Congress has the following authority:

- Amends this constitution including the Vision, Mission, Core Values and Principles and amends IOGT International's rules of procedure if necessary;
- Adopts the Plan of Action that enables the delivery of the Vision and Mission including the Plan of Action;
- Elects, oversees and has the power to dismiss the International Board;
- Approves the budget for the coming period and approves financial reports of the International Board and auditors;
- Adopts and updates if necessary the policy programs;
- Receives reports and proposals from the International Board and the membership entities and makes decisions in areas within its competence;
- Receives reports on the implementation of IOGT International's Strategic Plan and holds the movement accountable.
- Approves and terminates membership of IOGT International Member Organizations.

6.2

World Congress: Convening and venue

World Congress shall meet every fourth year at an agreed time and venue.

World Congress shall be convened by notice given to its membership by the International Board. The date and venue should be given no later than eight months before. The notice shall be in writing and shall include a draft agenda (6.7) and the rule regulating the number of delegates each organization is entitled to send (6.5).

The agenda and the documents for the Congress shall be sent two months prior to the opening of the Congress.

6.3

Quorum of the Congress

At least half of the registered delegates must be present to form a quorum of the Congress.

6.4

Extraordinary World Congress

An Extraordinary World Congress shall be convened when at least five of the International Board members or at least one third of members with full membership have requested this in writing by delivering a notice to the International President.

In the event of an Extraordinary World Congress, at least three months written notice shall be given to the membership, together with an agenda listing the matters to be discussed. No other business shall be transacted.

6.5

Representation

The World Congress shall be a representative body consisting of delegates from the Member Organizations. Each full member organization shall be entitled to send delegates to the World Congress according to the following schedule:

Up to 100 members 1 delegate	15,001 - 20,000 members 7 delegates
101 - 1,000 members 2 delegates	20,001 - 25,000 members 8 delegates
1,001 - 3,000 members 3 delegates	25,001 - 30,000 members 9 delegates
3,001 - 5,000 members 4 delegates	30,001 - 35,000 members 10 delegates
5,001 - 10,000 members 5 delegates	35,001 - 40,000 members 11 delegates
10,001 - 15,000 members 6 delegates	40,001 - > 12 delegates

No Member Organization shall be entitled to send more than 12 delegates.

The basis of representation is the number of individual members as of 31st December of the year prior to the World Congress, in accordance with the annual report submitted by the respective Member Organization.

Other civil society networks or entities with full membership in IOGT International that do not have or count individual members shall be entitled to one delegate respectively.

Each associate member organization is entitled to send one delegate to the World Congress.

All IOGT International members are permitted to attend the proceedings of the World Congress and any member may speak by special permission of the presiding officer. Only delegates and members of the International Board are entitled to make proposals.

The names of World Congress delegates elected by member organizations shall be submitted in order of preference to the International Office not later than one month prior to the opening of the World Congress session. In the event of names not being submitted and no satisfactory explanation given to the World Congress, the organization concerned may, by decision of the World Congress, lose its right to vote.

6.6

Voting Procedures

A simple majority of the votes cast is required for decisions to be binding on the World Congress, except where a two-thirds majority of the vote is required by the Constitution. Abstentions or invalid votes are not counted. In case of a tie vote, the President shall have a casting vote. In cases where the

President does not exercise the casting vote, drawing lots shall decide the matter. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot if one or more of the delegates request it.

On votes taken by a show of hands, delegates shall have one vote. When votes are taken by ballot, a delegate may cast the accumulated vote of his or her organization or country.

Voting by proxy is permitted if a written mandate is given to a representative from another Full Member Organization. In cases of proxy voting, a delegate may hold up to twelve votes.

The Credentials Committee must approve all proxy votes.

Members of the International Board may vote on all questions except those dealing with their own report and in elections.

6.7

World Congress Agenda

The agenda of the World Congress shall include the following items:

- Opening
- Attendance
- Approval of the convening of the World Congress
- Approval of the agenda
- Election of sessional officers
- Admission of new member organizations
- Election of congressional committees
- Reports from the International Board
- Financial and auditors' report
- Motions
- Strategic Plan
- Policy programs
- Membership fees
- Officers' allowances
- Budgets
- Statements from the World Congress
- Election of officers and auditors
- Time and venue for the next World Congress
- Closing

The World Congress may delegate the items on the agenda to sessional commissions on a proposal from the International Board.

6.7.1

Motions and other proposals for the World Congress

Motions or other items for consideration by the World Congress shall be submitted to the International Office no later than three months prior to the opening of the World Congress session.

6.7.2

World Congress Minutes

After an ordinary or extraordinary World Congress, the International Board shall publish the journal of proceedings and provide member organizations and members of the International Board with a copy of the minutes of the World Congress session.

6.7.3

Election of the International Board

To be elected a member of the International Board the candidate must have received a majority of all the votes cast, unless there is only one nominee for an office, in which case the presiding officer, after asking if there are any further nominations, shall declare the nominee elected to the office. The nominations for each member of the International Board shall immediately be followed by election before nominations for the next office are taken.

6.8

Auditors

The World Congress shall elect two persons as auditors to audit the accounts of IOGT International.

The auditors shall examine the accounts and other financial records, the assets of the organization and ensure that the budgets and other instructions of the World Congress are observed. The auditors shall report to the next ordinary World Congress.

The auditing of accounts may be delegated to a firm of auditors by special decision of the World Congress.

6.9

Nominations Committee

The World Congress shall appoint a Nominations Committee of three members and they shall hold office until the next World Congress.

This committee shall organize the process of nominations and election to the International Board.

ART VII

INTERNATIONAL BOARD: AUTHORITY, COMPOSITION AND INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

The International Board reports to and is accountable to the World Congress.

7.1

Authority of the International Board

The International Board provides global leadership for the fulfillment of IOGT International's Vision and Mission through the implementation of the Stra-

tegic Plan. The International Board as well oversees the compliance with global policies and standards.

7.2

Composition of the International Board

Members of the International Board shall reflect gender, age and geographic balance.

The World Congress shall elect to the International Board up to nine members for the following offices:

One International President (IP),

One International Vice President (IVP)

One International Treasurer (IT)

And up to six Board Members.

The International Board can appoint observers to the International Board from among the IOGT International membership.

7.3

International President

The International President is the leader of IOGT International and is accountable to the International Board.

In case of resignation or incapacity of the International President, the International Vice President shall automatically take the helm of IOGT International. In extraordinary circumstances, the International Board shall elect an interim President among its members until the next World Congress.

ART VIII

IOGT INTERNATIONAL OFFICE: AUTHORITY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LEGAL DOMICILE AND LEGAL COMMITMENT

The International Office, led by the Executive Director and overseen by the International Board, supports, enables and implements the work and functioning of IOGT International.

8.1

Executive Director

The International Board shall appoint an Executive Director who is responsible for daily business.

The Executive Director is the chief executive of the International Office, and is appointed by, accountable to the International President and Board and is subject to established policies and rules of procedure.

8.2

Legal domicile

The International Board shall set up an International Office in a place it deems to be appropriate.

The legal domicile of IOGT International shall be the place where the International Office is situated.

8.4.

Legal commitment and power of contract

The joint signatures of the International President and the Executive Director legally commit IOGT International.

ART IX

LOGOTYPE

The World Congress shall decide upon the official logotype.

ART X

ECONOMY: FISCAL YEAR AND AUDITING

10.2

Fiscal year

The fiscal year shall commence on January 1st and end on December 31st.

10.3

Auditing

At intervals, not exceeding 12 months, the auditors elected by the last World Congress or a legally registered auditing firm appointed according to decision of the World Congress shall audit the accounts of IOGT International.

ART XI

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution shall not be altered except on a proposal made in writing by the International Board or a full member organization. Any proposed amendment shall be sent to the International Board through the International Office six months prior to the opening of the next ordinary World Congress. The International Board shall communicate any such amendment to all member organizations at least four months before the date of the Congress.

Two-thirds majority of the delegates attending, and voting is required for adoption of an amendment.

Adoption of an amendment to the Constitution may be at an ordinary or an extraordinary session of the World Congress.

ART XII

DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

The World Congress must agree upon the Dissolution of IOGT International. Such an extraordinary meeting requires a quorum of at least half of combined total of the Voting members plus one (50% + 1), present in person or duly represented as per Article 6.5 for any deliberations or actions to be valid. A decision to dissolve IOGT International requires a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of Voting delegates present or duly represented. A blank vote shall not be taken into consideration to determine the majority.

In the case of dissolution, the Extraordinary World Congress shall appoint two (2) liquidators to be in charge of the liquidation of the IOGT International assets.

The net assets of IOGT International shall be donated to one (1) or more non-profit organization engaged in work advancing the IOGT International Platform as stipulated by Article 2, or whose public interest mission is most similar to that of IOGT International.

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