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(Admitted at earlier Sessions)

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Non-Governmental Organizations
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Mr. Jorge Malleux	President

DMUN FOUNDATION, REP. OF KOREA

Mr. Jason Zhang Jinxian	Special Adviser of Executive Director on Timber and Forestry

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Mr. Miwa Inoue	IFSA Head – ITTO Sub-Commission

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ANNEX

INFORMATION FORM RELEVANT FOR ADMISSION TO SESSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER COUNCIL AND ASSOCIATED COMMITTEES AS NEW "OBSERVER" ORGANIZATION

1. Official Name: ONG COSTA VERDE - INICIATIVA 20X20

2. Membership: OBSERVER

3. Short History:

Before the Public Notary: Please be advised that, in the Public Deed Registry, you shall record the incorporation of a non-profit association, duly authorized by the General Assembly, of ALBERTO MELQUIADES SUCLLA MANRIQUE, identified by National Identity Document (D.N.I.) No. 29466968, who shall hereinafter be referred to as THE GRANTOR, whose other personal details and qualifications shall be recorded by you in the introductory section of the public instrument to which these minutes relate.

FIRST: By an act dated September 6, 2016, the constitution of the association known as "ONG COSTA VERDE DEL PERÚ," under the name "ONG COSTA VERDE DEL PERÚ," was agreed upon, and its bylaws were likewise approved.

SECOND: At the same meeting, the appointment of the Board of Directors was approved, which shall be composed of the following persons:

PRESIDENT Jorge Ramon Malleux Orjeda D.N.I. 06284295
VICE PRESIDENT Romulo Ignacio Lombardi Indacochea D.N.I. 07220625

SECRETARY Alejandro Neptali Maldonado Astete .N.I. 29687278

TREASURER Alberto Melquiades Suculla Manrique D.N.I. 29466968

SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AND AFFAIRS John James Leigh Vetter D.N.I. 08235374

AUDITOR Olger Hugo Vásquez Vásquez D.N.I. 29287801

BOARD MEMBER Richard Javier Suclla Sánchez D.N.I. 29722712

THIRD: Likewise, the Board of Directors was authorized to appear before a notary public, execute these minutes and the corresponding public deed, and carry out the relevant procedures for registration.

The undersigned Notary shall serve to add the clauses required by law and issue the relevant copies for registration.

Arequipa, September 6, 2016.

Attorney authorized: David Benavides Guzmán, registered with the Bar Association of [the jurisdiction is unclear in the source image].

4. Constitution [Please provide charter or other establishing document in all available languages]:

Attached charter of constitution

5. Aims, Objectives, Activities [Please describe the general aims and objectives of the Organization and the activities undertaken]:

ACTIVITIES TO FULFILL THE ASSOCIATION'S PURPOSES

The Association, acting on its own or together with other natural or legal persons, whether public or private, national or international, may, in order to achieve its purpose, carry out, among others, any of the following activities:
1. Promote and manage international technical and financial cooperation activities for comprehensive and sustainable human development in Peru.

2. Develop projects, provide consulting or advisory services and, in general, establish all types of cooperation and collaboration arrangements, in accordance with the law, with public and/or private entities, whether national or foreign, that contribute to the achievement of the Association's purposes.

3. Provide training, advice and capacity-building to professional and business associations connected with the forestry, agroforestry, agricultural, education and environmental sectors in Peru, thereby contributing to improved living conditions for the population in general.
4. Contribute to the education and training of adults in the use of new technologies in order to increase their employability by improving

their professional qualifications, including unemployed, jobless or inactive adults and persons with disabilities.

5. From the perspective of solidarity and training for sustainable human, social and economic development, help combat poverty, protect the environment and promote social development.

6. Facilitate and promote integration and technological development aimed at increasing productive potential in the forestry and agroforestry sectors for the benefit of the most disadvantaged sectors.

7. Conduct social and environmental awareness and education campaigns in collaboration with non-governmental development organizations, in order to raise awareness of the need for community participation.

8. Contribute to the construction, rehabilitation or repair of basic infrastructure for forestry and agroforestry production, cultural activities or environmental conservation, as needed to promote human development in the country's most disadvantaged regions.

9. Facilitate exchanges, inter-institutional relations and collaboration with other associations, federations and/or confederations at the national and international levels. For this purpose, by resolution of the General Assembly, the Association may join, integrate with, affiliate with or merge, permanently or temporarily, with one or more national or international associations, confederations or federations having similar purposes, while retaining its legal personality.

10. Organize and carry out all educational, cultural, welfare, charitable and training activities necessary to ensure the achievement of its purposes.

11. Organize and participate in academic activities such as scientific meetings, courses, conferences, round-table discussions or seminars for the exchange of knowledge and experience relating to the Association's purposes.

12. Establish and promote research and vocational training centers, educational institutions at all levels and in the three modalities, and other similar organizations that contribute to fulfilling the purposes set out in these bylaws.

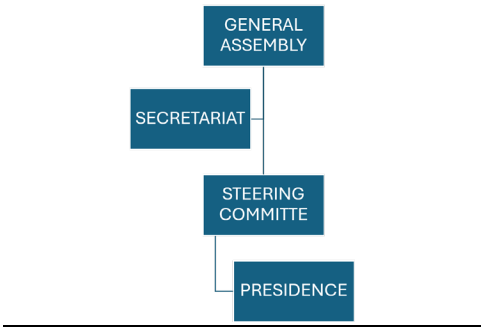
13. Conduct and disseminate studies and research concerning public administration reform, modernization of the State, decentralization, local governments, transparency in public management, governance, citizen participation, gender issues, the fight against corruption and related matters.

14. Edit, publish and distribute books, magazines, weeklies, newspapers, study materials and publications of every kind.

15. Promote the development of projects to create and strengthen micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, including promotional enterprises, by providing legal, logistical, economic, management and administrative advice, as well as assistance in obtaining the resources necessary for their operation.

16. Seek the assistance and cooperation of public administration bodies and all types of private entities, both national and foreign, in order to achieve the Association's purposes.
Translator's note: This is an editable working translation of the text supplied. Minor spelling and grammatical issues in the Spanish source have been normalized where the intended meaning was clear. The phrase "in the three modalities" in item 12 follows the source text and may require confirmation against the official bylaws.

6. Structure:



ARTICLE 15 — POWERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
a) Approve the annual report, balance sheet and accounts for the last financial year, as submitted by the Board of Directors.
b) Approve or reject the annual income and expenditure budget prepared by the Board of Directors.
c) Install the elected members of the Board of Directors in their respective offices.
d) Resolve any other matter, provided that it has been included in the meeting notice.

ARTICLE 16 — Powers of the Extraordinary General Assembly
a) Amend, supplement and/or interpret the Bylaws.
b) Approve the Internal Regulations, interpret them and/or amend them.
c) Approve or reject the purchase or sale of movable and immovable property.
d) Approve or reject financial or credit transactions that may encumber assets in the future.
e) Set extraordinary contributions payable by members and admission fees.
f) Call, organize and conduct elections to appoint members of the Board of Directors, through a committee appointed for that purpose. [The final wording of this item is unclear in the scan.]
g) Dissolve and liquidate the NGO, appointing a Liquidation Committee.

ARTICLE 18 — THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (STEERING COMMITTEE)
The Board of Directors is the administrative, management, executive and representative body of the NGO. It is composed of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary for Projects and International Affairs, Fiscal Officer (or auditor) and Member-at-Large. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by direct vote of eligible members. Their term of office is four years, and they may be re-elected. [The final sentence concerning the continuation or assignment of duties when officers have not been elected is not sufficiently legible to translate reliably.]

ARTICLE 19 DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT
a) Represent the Association before civil, administrative and political authorities, public bodies and courts. The remainder of this clause, concerning the scope of representation or powers, is unclear in the scan.
b) Comply with and ensure compliance with the Bylaws, the Regulations and the other internal rules of the Association.
c) Call and preside over ordinary and extraordinary sessions of the General Assembly of members.
d) Call ordinary and extraordinary General Assembly meetings and other meetings that may be required. [Some wording is unclear.]
e) Jointly with the Treasurer, sign contracts, checks, negotiable instruments and other documents issued by the Association; open and close bank accounts and carry out related banking operations. [Some details in the source are unclear.]
f) Open, jointly with the Treasurer, a savings account to hold a reserve fund.
g) Appoint working committees.
h) Endorse or approve the general documents issued by the President. [The precise scope of this duty is unclear.]
i) Defend the Association's rights and oversee and implement the development plan and financial plan approved by the General Assembly.
j) Administer the oath to new members joining the NGO.
k) Legally represent the NGO and grant powers of attorney in its name.
l) Sign the Association's official correspondence.
m) Coordinate the work carried out within the Association.
n) Ensure that the accounts are kept up to date by inspecting books, documents and transactions, and take the measures required for the normal operation of the Association.
o) Hire, supervise, suspend, replace or dismiss employees and engage advisers, consultants or service providers as necessary for the proper operation of the NGO. [The exact list of personnel categories is unclear.]
p) Submit in due time to the Board of Directors the information needed to prepare the annual management report, general balance sheet, income statement and other accounts and reports.
q) Receive and collect payments and issue the corresponding receipts, acknowledgments or discharges.
r) Initiate, pursue, process and conclude administrative proceedings necessary to achieve the Association's objectives, including filing claims and other remedies or appeals, and exercising powers to withdraw, settle or bring proceedings. [Several legal terms in this clause are indistinct.]
s) Request or convene meetings/elections and take the steps needed to achieve the Association's objectives and exercise the corresponding powers. [The original wording is partly illegible.]
t) Represent the interests and affairs of the NGO.
u) Request and engage persons, institutions or administrative service providers for management and other services, and make the corresponding payments or disbursements.
v) Represent the NGO under the general and special powers referred to in Articles 74 and 75 of the Code of Civil Procedure, so that it may be represented in judicial, arbitral, administrative and other proceedings. [The final words of the source clause are illegible.]

7. Finance [Please indicate source of re

ASSETS OF THE NGO
ARTICLE 5. The assets of the NGO COSTA VERDE DEL PERÚ INICIATIVA 20 X 20 shall consist of assets held by it by way of gift or free of charge; mandatory periodic contributions, admission fees, and extraordinary contributions from its members; as well as donations and other gifts that the NGO may receive from public and/or private institutions.

ARTICLE 6. The monthly dues payable by each member, as well as any extraordinary dues that may be established, shall be mandatory, non-refundable, and final.
Failure to pay two regular dues and two extraordinary dues shall render the member not in good standing.

ARTICLE 7. Admission fees and extraordinary contributions shall be set by resolution of the General Assembly of Members. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to vary the amount of the monthly dues.

ARTICLE 8. The Ordinary General Assembly shall approve the Annual Budget of income, outgoings, expenses, and/or any other commitments proposed by the Board of Directors and may make any adjustments it considers appropriate in light of the institutional interest and [the remainder of the sentence is not visible in the supplied image].
Translator's note: The source image cuts off during Article 8. The bracketed text marks the portion that could not be read because it is outside the image; no missing wording has been invented

8. Publications:

Since our foundation, we have produced and published several scientific and technical documents, and operated a few projects financed by ITTO : PD 724/13, PD 852/17 and PD 932/23,
We also take part of the Peruvian delegation to the ITTO´s Councils, as an adviser

9. Contact Address [Please provide in full the postal address, including telephone, facsimile and e-mail]:

Jorge Malleux: jmalleuxQgmail.com, Jose Nicolas rodrigo 654-102 Surco Lima PERU

10. Working Language(s) of the Organization:

Spanish, English, French

11. Name(s) of Representative(s) [Please list all name(s) and official designation(s) of Representative(s) who will attend the Sessions. If necessary, use reverse side of this page]:

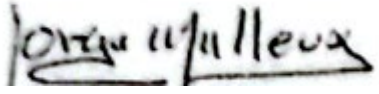
JORGE MALLEUX , President

12. Relevance to the objectives of the ITTA, 2006:

In particular, COSTA is fully consistent with the ITTO Guidelines for the Restoration, Management and Rehabilitation of Degraded and Secondary Tropical Forests.

The following principles have specifically been considered:
Principle 1: Degraded and secondary forests need to be seen as integral parts of the rural tropical landscape that are affected by off-site conditions. Restored primary forests, managed secondary forests and Rehabilitated forests lands can provide numerous benefits and services to society, taking into consideration the following actions:
 Incorporate degraded and secondary forests into land-use planning at micro and macro scales.
 Establish integrated land-use plans that reflect an appropriate balance between conservation, production and sustainable livelihood needs from forests.
 Explore options for restoration and rehabilitation before allocating degraded and secondary forests to non-forest uses.

COSTA VERDE IS precisely focused on degraded land as a core element, proposing their restoration and sustained management as a strategy for the rehabilitation of rural landscapes through reforestation with Tara and associated agroforestry systems, an approach that has proven to be highly effective in both environmental and economic terms.
Principle 5: Secure land tenure, land-user access, customary rights and property rights are fundamental to the restoration, management and rehabilitation of degraded and secondary forests.
Principle 8: Local communities and stakeholders actively participate in and share the responsibility for decision-making in planning and implementing restoration, management and rehabilitation strategies.



LIMA 26 October 2026 _____
(date)

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(signature) JORGE MALLEUX PRESIDENT OF COSTA VERDE

INFORMATION FORM RELEVANT FOR ADMISSION TO SESSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER COUNCIL AND ASSOCIATED COMMITTEES AS NEW "OBSERVER" ORGANIZATION

1. Official Name:
   DMUN Foundation

2. Membership:
   Under article IV of the Constitution, the Foundation has three categories of membership:
   - Individual Members — young people and adults who support the mission and values of the Foundation. Individual membership carries no dues; applicants become members by registering for a programme of the Foundation. Members under the age of eighteen must have the consent of a guardian.
   - Organizational Members — youth-led organisations, academic clubs and civil society groups aligned with the mission of the Foundation. They must be formally registered in their home country or operate as an established youth collective, must demonstrate at least two years of programmatic activity or leadership in youth empowerment, and must designate one representative to act as liaison to the Foundation. Admission is on the recommendation of the Membership Committee and the approval of the Board of Trustees.
   - Honorary Members — individuals recognised for extraordinary contributions to the Foundation or to youth empowerment, nominated by the Board of Trustees and approved by a simple majority of the Board.

   All members in good standing may vote in elections to the Board of Trustees, serve on committees, stand for election as officers and propose agenda items for the Annual General Meeting. As at the date of this application, the programmes of the Foundation engage over 27,000 members from more than 162 countries, and the Foundation is the largest international non-governmental organisation dedicated to the representation of children and youth in multilateral institutions.

3. Short History:
   The Constitution of the Foundation was signed by the Founding Board on 5 May 2021. The Foundation was established as a youth-led international non-governmental organisation, registered as a non-profit entity in the Republic of Korea and in the United States of America, in order to remove the systemic barriers that prevent children, young people and youth-led civil society from participating in intergovernmental processes. It began with free simulation-based education on multilateralism and expanded into direct capacity-building, policy research and representation at intergovernmental meetings.
   The Foundation today holds observer, consultative or equivalent status with some 60 intergovernmental organisations and their subsidiary bodies, and participates regularly in the work of the United Nations, including the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary machinery, the Financing for Development process, and the negotiation of the United Nations Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation.

4. Constitution [Please provide charter or other establishing document in all available languages]:
   The establishing instrument of the Foundation is the Constitution of the DMUN Foundation, 2025 Edition, Version 1, as approved by the Annual Meetings of the DMUN Foundation and originally signed by the Founding Board on 5 May 2021. Its full text is reproduced at annex I to this Information Form.

5. Aims, Objectives, Activities [Please describe the general aims and objectives of the Organization and the activities undertaken]:
   General purpose. Under article III, section 1, of its Constitution, the Foundation is a non-profit, youth-led civil society organisation dedicated to capacity development, advocacy and partnership-building, with the

aim of advancing youth participation in international diplomacy, sustainable development and policymaking.

Mission. Under article II, section 1, the Foundation seeks to equip young people with opportunities to be informed of global events and to express their perspectives on them; to ensure that young people are given effective representation in multilateral and intergovernmental engagements, with particular concentration on youth of underrepresented backgrounds; and to demonstrate that youth-led organisations are capable of fulfilling the obligations expected of civil society stakeholders.

Specific objectives and activities, as set out in article III, section 2:

- Capacity-building programmes — Model United Nations conferences, workshops and simulation exercises for youth; training in research, negotiation, public speaking and the drafting of policy briefs; and online resources and toolkits supporting youth participation worldwide. The Foundation operates the largest independent virtual Model United Nations conference in the world, delivered without charge.
- Advocacy and policy engagement — youth-led inputs into global policy processes; engagement with Member States, United Nations agencies and other stakeholders to advocate for youth inclusion in decision-making; and the publication of position papers, briefing notes and advocacy toolkits.
- Partnerships and networks — formal partnerships with regional and global youth networks, academic institutions and civil society organisations; liaison between youth leaders and governmental and intergovernmental bodies; and joint events and initiatives.
- Research and knowledge sharing — research on youth engagement and civic education; the publication of case studies, research reports and policy analyses; and the maintenance of a digital repository of resources accessible to young people worldwide.

These activities are carried out in part through the Global Youth Representatives Programme, which places trained young representatives in the meetings of more than 36 intergovernmental organisations, amounting to approximately 172 meetings each year, and through the Katija Hyoungjoo Neuber Institute, a youth-led policy research institute operating under the auspices of the Foundation. All education and capacity-building programmes are provided free of charge.

6. Structure:

Board of Trustees. Under article V of the Constitution, the Board of Trustees is the ultimate governing body of the Foundation and holds fiduciary responsibility for its mission and legality. It consists of not fewer than seven and not more than twenty individuals, comprising Elected Trustees chosen by the Individual Members, Director's Trustees who are members of the Executive Directorate, Chair's Trustees appointed by the existing Board to fill skills or regional representation gaps, and one Constitutional Trustee, being the founding Executive Director. Elected Trustees serve three-year staggered terms. The Board approves strategic plans, annual budgets and major programmatic initiatives, ensures sound financial management, and meets at least four times each year.

Officers. The Board elects from among its members a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Treasurer and a Secretary, each for a term of one year, renewable for up to two consecutive terms.

Executive Director. Under article VI, the Board appoints the Executive Director, who serves as chief executive officer of the Foundation, manages its day-to-day operations, leads its staff and volunteer teams, represents the Foundation publicly and reports regularly to the Board. The Executive Director is an ex officio, non-voting member of the Board and of all Board committees.

Committees. Under article VII, four standing committees exist unless the Board decides otherwise: the Finance Committee, chaired by the Treasurer; the Governance and Nominating Committee, chaired by the Vice Chair; the Programme and Impact Committee; and the Membership and Engagement Committee. Ad hoc committees and task forces may also be established, and each committee must include at least one Trustee.

Membership organs. Under article VIII, an Annual General Meeting is held once each year, at which the

financial statements and the report of the Executive Director are presented, Trustees are elected and amendments to the Constitution are considered. Special Meetings may be convened by the Board or on the written petition of at least twenty per cent of Individual Members.
Offices. The Secretariat of the Foundation is seated in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

7. Finance [Please indicate source of revenue]:
The financial year of the Foundation runs from 1 January to 31 December. Its sources of revenue are:
- Annual dues payable by Organizational Members, set by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. No dues are charged to Individual Members, and no fee is charged for participation in the education, capacity-building or representation programmes of the Foundation.
- Voluntary contributions and grants from individual philanthropists, private foundations and non-governmental organisations, each of which is assessed by the Finance Committee for alignment with the mission and values of the Foundation and for legal and ethical compliance before acceptance.
- In-kind contributions of professional services and facilities.

Under article VII, section 4, of the Constitution, and in accordance with the commitment of the Foundation to independence, the Finance Committee automatically rejects any prospective donation from national, regional or local governments, from entities owned or controlled by any government, and from entities whose controlling interests are held by a government-affiliated body. The Foundation accordingly receives no governmental funding of any kind. It derives no revenue from commercial activity in the timber sector or in any related industry.
The Finance Committee oversees budgeting, financial reporting, audits, investments and risk management, and the audited financial statements are presented to the Annual General Meeting.

8. Publications:
Pursuant to article III, section 2, of its Constitution, the Foundation publishes position papers, briefing notes and advocacy toolkits on issues affecting young people; case studies, research reports and policy analyses arising from its research on youth engagement and civic education; and online resources and toolkits supporting youth participation in Model United Nations and in intergovernmental processes, maintained in a digital repository accessible to young people worldwide. Research outputs are issued in particular through the Katija Hyoungjoo Neuber Institute. The Foundation also issues official statements and textual submissions to intergovernmental bodies, and reports annually to its membership on programmatic achievements and organisational performance. Publications are issued in English and are made available without charge. Publications are available at the website of the Foundation at www.dmun.org.

9. Contact Address [Please provide in full the postal address, including telephone, facsimile and e-mail]:
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Telephone: +82 10 5696 8302
E-mail: enquiries@dmun.org
Website: www.dmun.org
The Foundation Secretariat does not use facsimile in its work

10. Working Language(s) of the Organization:
English. The Constitution and the official documents of the Foundation are issued in English; under article I, section 1, of the Constitution, the name of the Foundation in languages other than English is determined by the Executive Director.

11. Name(s) of Representative(s) [Please list all name(s) and official designation(s) of Representative(s) who will attend the Sessions. If necessary, use reverse side of this page]:
H.E. Mr. Jaewon CHOI
Executive Director
Representative

Mr. Maximilian Jian Zhi ANG
Observer of the DMUN Foundation to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific and Other Intergovernmental Organisations at Asia
Alternate Representative

Mr. Jason Jinxian ZHANG
Special Adviser of the Executive Director on Timber and Forestry
Adviser

12. Relevance to the objectives of the ITTA, 2006:

The work of the Foundation corresponds directly to several of the objectives set out in article 1 of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006, and in particular to the objectives of contributing to sustainable development and poverty alleviation, of encouraging members to develop national policies aimed at the sustainable utilisation and conservation of timber-producing forests and the maintenance of ecological balance, of improving forest law enforcement and governance and addressing illegal logging and related trade, and of recognising the role of forest-dependent indigenous and local communities in achieving sustainable forest management.

The Foundation would contribute to those objectives in three respects. First, through education and capacity-building: the capacity development mandate set out in article III of its Constitution allows the Foundation to deliver, free of charge, the training that enables young people from producing and consuming member countries alike to understand and engage with the technical work of the Organization, and it is well placed to extend that work to the tropical timber economy. Secondly, through the intergenerational dimension of sustainable forest management: decisions taken now on the management of tropical forests determine the resource base available to the generation that the Foundation represents, and the Foundation would bring that perspective to the deliberations of the Council and its Committees. Thirdly, through the coherence of the work of the Organization with the wider sustainable development architecture: the Foundation participates in the High-level Political Forum, in the Financing for Development process and in the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and can assist in connecting the work of the Council to Sustainable Development Goal 15 and to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in particular its targets on the restoration and sustainable management of forest ecosystems and on the participation of young people in decision-making.

The Foundation has no commercial interest in the tropical timber trade. Under article VII, section 4, of its Constitution it accepts no funding from any government or government-controlled entity, and it would attend the sessions solely in its capacity as a non-governmental organisation representing children and young people.

24 August 2026
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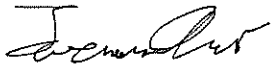

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ANNEX I

CONSTITUTION OF THE DMUN FOUNDATION

2025 Edition, Version 1 — Approved by the Annual Meetings of the DMUN Foundation

Preamble

We, the Members and Stakeholders of the DMUN Foundation,
United by our conviction that young people possess unique perspectives and the capacity to solve global challenges,
Recognizing that young people possess not only the passion and creativity but also the insight to address complex global challenges,
Uniting in our shared purpose to cultivate inclusive spaces where every voice is heard, every perspective respected, and every idea has the potential to spark positive change,
Noting that youth have distinct and evolving roles in shaping global agendas,
Transcend traditional boundaries of civic engagement,
Hereby establish this Constitution to define our identity, articulate our purpose, and govern our operations.
Through this Constitution, we commit to empowering youth leadership, upholding transparency and accountability, and fostering a collaborative and inclusive institution to foster and advance the values of peace, understanding, multilateralism, and sustainable development.
Signed in the 5th Day of May, 2021 C.E.
The Founding Board of the DMUN Foundation

Article I

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Discover Model United Nations Foundation (hereafter, "the Foundation" or "DMUN Foundation").
The name of this organization in languages other then English would be determined by the Executive Director.

Section 2. Headquarters

The principal office of the Foundation shall be located at a site determined by the Board of Trustees. Secondary offices, virtual or physical, may be established as necessary to advance the Foundation's mission.

Section 3. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Foundation shall run from January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year.

Article II

Section 1. Mission

- Equip young people with opportunities to be informed of global events, helping young people express their perspectives on said issues.
- Provide support to ensure that young people are given effective representation in multilateral and intergovernmental engagements, with particular concentration towards youths of underrepresented backgrounds.
- Demonstrate that youth-led organizations are well-capable of fulfilling any and all obligations expected of civil society stakeholders expected by society.

Section 2. Vision

Our vision is to enable youths to become active global citizens and future leaders through our programs and opportunities, receiving necessary skills and resources for them contribute effectively and meaningfully to the objectives of sustainable development, peace, multilateralism, and the overall betterment of the world.

Section 3. Core Values

- Youth-Centered Leadership: We believe that young people possess unique insights and must lead in identifying and solving challenges that affect them.

- Inclusivity & Diversity: We welcome individuals of all backgrounds, beliefs, and identities, striving to create safe spaces for open dialogue.
- Integrity & Transparency: We maintain the highest standards of professionalism, ethical conduct, and accountability in every aspect of our operations.
- Collaboration & Solidarity: We partner with like-minded organizations and stakeholders, fostering alliances to amplify youth voices globally.
- Innovation & Excellence: We encourage creativity and continuous improvement in program design, delivery, and impact assessment.

Article III

Section 1. General Purpose

The Foundation is a nonprofit, youth-led civil society organization dedicated to capacity development, advocacy, and partnership-building, aiming to advance youth participation in international diplomacy, sustainable development, and policymaking.

Section 2. Specific Objectives

Capacity-Building Programs:

a. Organize Model United Nations (MUN) conferences, workshops, and simulation exercises for youth.
b. Host trainings on research, negotiation, public speaking, and drafting policy briefs.
c. Develop online resources and toolkits to support youth MUN participation globally.

Advocacy & Policy Engagement:

a. Provide youth-led inputs into global policy processes.
b. Engage with Member States, UN agencies, and other stakeholders to advocate for youth inclusion in decision-making.
c. Publish position papers, briefing notes, and advocacy toolkits on issues affecting youth (e.g., education, climate, digital rights).

Partnerships & Networks:

a. Establish formal partnerships with regional and global youth networks, academic institutions, and civil society organizations.
b. Serve as a liaison between youth leaders and governmental or intergovernmental bodies.
c. Co-host joint events or initiatives to strengthen the global youth movement.

Research & Knowledge Sharing:

a. Conduct research on youth engagement, civic education, and the impact of MUN in developing leadership skills.
b. Publish case studies, research reports, and policy analyses.
c. Maintain a digital repository of resources accessible to youth worldwide.

Article IV

Section 1. Categories of Membership

Individual Members:

a. Youth or adult individuals who support the mission and values of the Foundation.
c. Have the right to vote on membership matters, serve on certain committees, and stand for election as officers.

Organizational Members:

a. Youth-led organizations, academic clubs, or civil society groups that align with the Foundation's mission.
b. Must apply, demonstrate alignment with core values, and agree to a memorandum of understanding detailing roles and responsibilities.
c. Shall designate one representative to serve as a liaison to the Foundation.
d. Have the right to vote on membership matters, serve on certain committees, and stand for election as officers.

Honorary Members:

a. Individuals recognized for extraordinary contributions to the Foundation or to youth empowerment more broadly.
b. Nominated by the Board of Trustees and approved by a simple majority of the Board.
c. Have the right to vote on membership matters, serve on certain committees, and stand for election as officers.

Section 2. Admission

Applicants for Individual Membership should register for a Foundation program to be considered for membersip
Applicants for Organizational Membership shall submit a application determined by the Trustees, to the Membership Committee.
The Membership Committee shall review applications within 60 days and recommend approval or denial to the Board of Trustees.
Upon Board approval, the applicant becomes a Member in good standing.

Section 3. Rights and Responsibilities

Rights of Members in Good Standing:

a. Attend Foundation meetings (virtual or in-person).
b. Participate in program activities at member rates.
c. Vote in elections for the Board of Trustees and on any amendments requiring membership approval.
d. Propose agenda items for the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Responsibilities of Members:

a. Uphold the mission, vision, and values of the Foundation.
b. Abide by this Constitution and any bylaws or policies adopted hereunder.
c. Actively engage in Foundation programs or initiatives where feasible.

Section 4. Eligibility

Individual Members:

a. Must agree with the principles, objectives, and values of the Foundation.
b. Must receive consent of guardian if aged under 18.

Organizational Members:

a. Must be formally registered in their home country or operate as an established youth collective.
b. Must demonstrate at least two years of programmatic activity or leadership in youth empowerment.
c. Must abide by the guidelines decided by the Board of Trustees.

Section 5. Membership Dues

The Board of Trustees, upon recommendation by the Finance Committee, shall set annual dues for Organizational Members.
There will be no dues for Individual Members.
Dues must be paid by March 31 of each year to maintain active status.
Failure to pay dues by June 30 may result in suspension of membership privileges; dues may be reinstated upon payment plus any late fees determined by the Board.

Section 6. Termination of Membership

A Member may resign in writing to the Secretary.
The Board of Trustees may suspend or terminate membership for cause, including:

a. Failure to pay dues for over six months.
b. Conduct that materially harms the Foundation's reputation or violates its core values.
c. Conviction of a felony or equivalent serious offense.

Termination requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Board, following a written notice to the Member and an opportunity to respond.

Article V — Board of Trustees

Section 1. Composition

The Board of Trustees (hereafter, "the Board") shall consist of no fewer than seven (7) and no more than twenty (20) individuals, including:

a. Elected Trustees (1-5): Elected by Individual Members.
b. Director's Trustees (0-9): Members of the Executive Directorate
c. Chair's Trustees (0–5): Appointed by the existing Board to fill skills or regional representation gaps.
d. Constitutional Trustee (1): Appointed by the authority of the Constitution, providing lifetime trusteeship to the founding Executive Director. The position will be removed at the death or resignation of the Trustee.

Section 2. Eligibility and Terms

Eligibility:

a. Must be an Individual Member in good standing.
b. Must receive at least fifty (50) signatures from Members.
c. Should demonstrate significant experience in youth leadership, diplomacy, nonprofit governance, or subject-matter expertise aligned with the Foundation's mission.

Term Length:

a. Elected Trustees serve three-year staggered terms, with approximately one-third of seats up for election each year.
b. Director's Trustees serve as long as they hold the qualifying office.
c. Chair's Trustees serve an initial term of one year; they may be reappointed once but may not exceed five consecutive terms in an appointed capacity.
d. Constitutional Trustee will serve a term at the pleasure of the Trustee themself.

Section 3. Roles and Responsibilities

The Board is the ultimate governing body of the Foundation and has fiduciary responsibility to ensure alignment with mission and legality.

Trustees must:

a. Attend at least 50% of Board meetings (virtual or in-person) each year. Absences exceeding three consecutive meetings without valid cause may trigger a review.
b. Serve on at least one standing or ad hoc committee (e.g., Finance, Governance, Programs).
c. Uphold conflict-of-interest policies and declare any potential conflicts promptly.

Specific Duties:

a. Approve strategic plans, annual budgets, and major programmatic initiatives.
b. Hire, evaluate, and, if necessary, terminate the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Executive Director.
c. Ensure sound financial management, including review of audited financial statements.
d. Oversee risk management, compliance, and internal controls.
e. Recommend and ratify policies governing personnel, finance, and programs.
f. Approve any changes to this Constitution, as outlined in Article XI.

Section 4. Officers of the Board

At its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Board shall elect, from among its members, the following officers:

a. Chair: Provides leadership to the Board, presides at meetings, and serves as primary liaison between the Board and the CEO.
b. Vice Chair: Assists the Chair and presides in the Chair's absence.
c. Treasurer: Oversees financial reporting, chairs the Finance Committee, and works closely with the CFO or equivalent.
d. Secretary: Ensures accurate meeting minutes, manages official records, and oversees communication protocols.

Officer Terms:

a. Officers serve a term of one year but may be re-elected for up to two consecutive terms.
b. Should an officer position become vacant, the Board shall elect a replacement from among its members to serve the remainder of the term.

Section 5. Meetings

Regular Meetings:

a. The Board shall meet at least four times per year (quarterly).
b. Meeting dates and formats (virtual or in-person) shall be set by the Chair in consultation with the Executive Director.

Special Meetings:

a. May be called by the Chair or by any three Trustees upon written request to the Secretary.
b. Notice of at least seven (7) days must be provided, specifying the purpose of the meeting; only items on the agenda may be acted upon.

Quorum and Voting:

a. A quorum is a simple majority of the seated Trustees.
b. Decisions shall be made by a simple majority of Trustees present, unless a higher threshold is specified elsewhere in this Constitution.

Section 6. Removal and Resignation

- A Trustee may resign by submitting written notice to the Chair.
- Removal for cause (e.g., repeated unexcused absences, breach of fiduciary duty, legal disqualification) requires a two-thirds majority vote of the full Board, after due notice and an opportunity to be heard.

Section 7. Vacancies

- If an elected Trustee seat becomes vacant more than six months before the end of the term, the Board shall call for a by-election among Members to fill the remainder of the term.
- If less than six months remain, the Board may appoint an eligible Individual Member to fill the seat, subject to ratification at the next AGM.

Article VI

Section 1. Executive Director

The Board shall appoint Executive Director (ED) who serves as the chief executive officer of the Foundation, responsible for carrying out the strategic direction set by the Board.
The Executive Director shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of the Board and all Board committees, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution.

Section 2. Appointment Process

A search committee, chaired by the Board Chair and including at least two other Trustees and one member from the Advisory Council (if established), shall conduct a transparent recruitment process.
Final candidates must be approved by a unanimous vote of the full Board. If unanimity is not reached within five ballots, a two-thirds majority is sufficient to approval.
After the approval of the Trustees, the candidate(s) approved will go through a final round of voting among all Members.

Section 3. Duties and Responsibilities

Manage day-to-day operations, implement Board policies, and lead staff and volunteer teams.
Develop annual operational plans and budgets in consultation with the Finance Committee.
Represent the Foundation publicly, fostering partnerships and managing media relations.
Provide regular reports to the Board on program outcomes, financial status, and organizational risks.
Ensure compliance with all legal, regulatory, and contractual obligations.

Section 4. Performance Evaluation and Removal

The Board shall conduct an annual performance review of the CEO/ED, based on metrics established in the employment agreement.
Removal of the CEO/ED for cause requires a two-thirds majority vote of the full Board and a simple majority vote from all Members.

Article VII

Section 1. Standing Committees

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the following Standing Committees shall exist:

Finance Committee:

a. Chaired by the Treasurer.
b. Oversees budgeting, financial reporting, audits, investments, and risk management.
c. Reviews and vets all funding sources consistent with Article VII.4 below.

Governance & Nominating Committee:

a. Chaired by the Vice Chair.
b. Monitors compliance with this Constitution, reviews Board composition, and proposes nominees for open Trustee seats.
c. Periodically reviews and recommends updates to the Constitution and related governance policies.

Program & Impact Committee:

a. Chaired by an appointed Trustee with substantive program expertise.
b. Evaluates program effectiveness, recommends new initiatives, and reviews program budgets.

Membership & Engagement Committee:

a. Oversees member recruitment, retention, and communications.
b. Coordinates the Annual General Meeting and member-driven events.

Section 2. Ad Hoc Committees and Task Forces

The Board, ED, or any Standing Committee may establish ad hoc committees or task forces as needed. Such groups shall have a clear mandate, duration, and reporting requirement, and must include at least one Trustee.

Section 3. Composition and Quorum

Each Committee shall consist of a Chair and at least two additional Members, including at least one Trustee.
The Chair of each Committee is appointed by the Board and serves a one-year term.
A quorum for any Committee meeting is a simple majority of its voting members.

Section 4. Conflict-of-Interest & Vetting of Funding Sources

All committees, especially the Finance Committee, must abide by the Conflict-of-Interest policy (see Article VIII).
Vetting Government-Affiliated Donors: In accordance with the Foundation's commitment to independence, the Finance Committee shall automatically reject any prospective donation from:

a. National, regional, or local governments;
b. Entities owned or controlled (directly or indirectly, majority share) by any government.
c. Entities whose controlling interests are held by a government-affiliated body.

All other prospective donors (e.g., individual philanthropists, private foundations, NGOs) shall be assessed by the Finance Committee for alignment with mission, values, and legal/ethical compliance before acceptance.

Article VIII

Section 1. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM shall be held once each year, preferably in the second quarter, on a date determined by the Board.
Notice: Members shall receive written notice (email or post) at least 30 days in advance, including the date, time, virtual/in-person format, and proposed agenda.
Agenda Items: Individual and Organizational Members may submit agenda items in writing no later than 45 days before the AGM. The Board shall include all valid agenda items.

Section 2. Business at the AGM

Approval of minutes from the previous AGM.
Presentation of the financial statements and Treasurer's report.
ED's report on programmatic achievements and organizational performance.
Election of Trustees (as needed).
Amendments to the Constitution (if proposed by the Board or by petition of at least 10% of Individual Members).

Any other business properly introduced.

Section 3. Quorum and Voting at the AGM

Quorum: Twenty percent (20%) of Individual Members in good standing, present in person or via certified proxy, constitute a quorum.

Voting:

a. Each Individual Member present or by proxy has one vote.
b. Organizational Members have one vote in the AGM, per organization.
c. Decisions are by simple majority of votes cast, except for amendments requiring higher thresholds (see Article XI).
d. Proxy voting shall be permitted via written designation submitted to the Secretary at least 48 hours before the AGM.

Section 4. Special Membership Meetings

A Special Meeting may be called by:

a. The Board upon a two-thirds majority vote of Trustees.
b. Written petition of at least 20% of Individual Members in good standing.

Notice of a Special Meeting, including purpose, must be given at least 21 days in advance.

Article X

Section 1. Proposal of Amendments

Amendments may be proposed by:

a. A simple majority vote of the full Board of Trustees.
b. A written petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of Individual Members in good standing.

Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 90 days before the AGM or a Special Meeting called for constitutional amendments.

Section 2. Notice and Review

The Secretary shall circulate proposed amendments to all Members at least 60 days before the meeting where they will be considered.
The Governance & Nominating Committee shall prepare a summary analysis of each proposed amendment, highlighting its purpose and potential impacts.

Section 3. Adoption Thresholds

Amendments to Articles II (Mission, Vision, Values), III (Purpose and Objectives): Require a two-thirds majority of Individual Members present or by proxy at the AGM or Special Meeting.
Amendments to all other Articles: Require a simple majority of Individual Members present or by proxy at the AGM or Special Meeting.
Once adopted by Members, any necessary Board resolutions to implement the amendments must be passed by simple majority at the next regular Board meeting.

Section 4. Effective Date

Adopted amendments shall take effect on the date specified in the adoption motion or, if none is specified, immediately upon adjournment of the meeting at which they were approved.

Article XI

Section 1. Vote to Dissolve

The Foundation may be dissolved only upon:

a. A unanimous vote of the full Board of Trustees; and
b. A two-thirds majority vote of Individual Members present or by proxy at a Special Meeting called specifically for dissolution.

Section 2. Appointment of Liquidators

Upon approval to dissolve, the Board shall appoint one or more liquidators (who may be external professionals

or Trustees) to wind up the Foundation's affairs.

Section 3. Settlement of Obligations

The liquidators shall:

Inventory all assets and liabilities.
Collect and reconcile accounts receivable.
Pay or make provision for all outstanding debts, liabilities, and obligations.
Terminate contracts, leases, and legal obligations in accordance with applicable laws.

Section 4. Distribution of Remaining Assets

After settling debts, any remaining assets shall be transferred to one or more tax-exempt or nonprofit organizations whose purpose closely aligns with the Foundation's mission—preferably an international youth-led civil society organization.

The selected recipient(s) shall be determined by a simple majority vote of the Board, subject to any legal or regulatory requirements.

In the event no suitable organization is found, the liquidators shall dispose of assets in a manner consistent with the Foundation's mission—such as donating intellectual property to an open-access youth policy repository or transferring digital resources to a recognized youth coalition—subject to legal compliance.

Article XII

Section 1. Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Foundation shall indemnify its Trustees, officers, employees, and volunteers against any and all expenses and liabilities reasonably incurred in connection with claims arising out of their service to the Foundation, provided they acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in the Foundation's best interests.

Section 2. Insurance

The Board may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Trustee, officer, employee, or volunteer, against any liability asserted against them in such capacity, to the extent allowed by law.

Section 3. Non-Discrimination

The Foundation shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or any other status protected by law in any of its programs, activities, or employment practices.

Section 4. Confidentiality

All Trustees, officers, staff, and volunteers must maintain the confidentiality of any proprietary, personal, or sensitive information acquired in the course of their service to the Foundation, unless disclosure is required by law.

Section 5. Non-Endorsement of Candidates

The Foundation shall not endorse or oppose any candidate for elected public office. Political advocacy is permitted only insofar as it pertains to advancing the Foundation's mission without favoring or opposing specific parties or candidates, consistent with applicable nonprofit regulations.

Section 6. Other Matters

For any other matters that are not directly mentioned in the Constitution, the Executive Director, in consultation with the Board of Trustees and the Annual Meetings, should conduct appropriate decisions to address that matter.

Article XIII

Section 1. Ratification of This Constitution

This Constitution shall be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Trustees and a simple majority of Individual Members present or by proxy at a ratification meeting.

Section 2. First Board Election Under the New Constitution

All current Trustees and officers shall continue to serve until the first AGM following ratification.
Thereafter, elections shall be held according to Article V for any seats whose terms expire or for any newly created seats to comply with the Board composition rules.

Section 3. Bylaws and Policies

Any existing bylaws, policies, or procedural manuals inconsistent with this Constitution shall be revised or repealed within 90 days of ratification. The Governance & Nominating Committee shall oversee this process.

INFORMATION FORM RELEVANT FOR ADMISSION TO SESSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER COUNCIL AND ASSOCIATED COMMITTEES AS NEW "OBSERVER" ORGANIZATION

1. Official Name: International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA)

2. Membership: IFSA is a non-profit, non-political, and non-religious global organization of tertiary forestry students. It connects over 10,000 forestry and related science students across approximately 50 countries, organized through Local Committees (LCs) worldwide.

3. Short History: Founded in 1990 (originating from the International Forestry Students Symposium established in 1973), IFSA has grown into the premier global student network in forestry, achieving official observer status and youth partnership with major international forest-related organizations.

4. Constitution
   IFSA Statutes and Rules of Procedure (RoP), legally registered as an association in Freiburg, Germany. *(Available online at: https://ifsa.net/statutes-and-rops/)*

5. Aims, Objectives, Activities
   Aims: To enrich forestry education, facilitate knowledge exchange, and provide youth perspectives in international forest policy and sustainable forest management.
   Activities: Organizing international student symposiums, webinars, youth delegations to international conventions (e.g., UNFCCC, CBD, UNFF), joint publications, capacity-building workshops, and promoting professional development programs like the ITTO Fellowship.

6. Structure: Governed by the General Assembly (GA) and an elected Executive Board (President, Vice-President, Treasurer). The operational work is carried out by three main departments: Internal Department, External Department (including Partners Commission and ITTO Sub-Commission), and Capacity Development Department.

7. Finance Funded primarily through membership fees from Local Committees, grants, official partnership agreements, and sponsorships from international forestry institutions and donor organizations.

8. Publications: IFSA Newsletters, Annual Reports, IFSA Blog, Joint Research Publications, and official Youth Position Papers for global environmental summits. *(Website: https://ifsa.net)*

9. Contact Address [Please provide in full the postal address, including telephone, facsimile and e-mail]:
   Postal Address: IFSA Secretariat, Tennenbacher Str. 4, 79106 Freiburg, Germany
   Official Email: board@ifsa.net / partners@ifsa.net

   Incoming Representative Contact Address:
   Email: miwa@ifsa.net / itto.commission@ifsa.net

10. Working Language(s) of the Organization: English

11. Name(s) of Representative(s) [Please list all name(s) and official designation(s) of Representative(s) who will attend the Sessions. If necessary, use reverse side of this page]:
    Ms. Miwa Inoue (Head of ITTO Sub-Commission, IFSA)

12. Relevance to the objectives of the ITTA, 2006:
    IFSA actively supports the objectives of the International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA, 2006) by educating the next generation of forest managers and policymakers on Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) and legal timber supply chains. Through joint initiatives, webinars, youth delegations to ITTC sessions, and collaboration on upcoming milestones (such as GREEN×EXPO 2027 in Yokohama), IFSA provides vital youth

engagement, capacity building, and awareness for sustainable tropical timber management and trade.

6th November 2026 _____

(date) (signature)

INFORMATION FORM RELEVANT FOR ADMISSION TO SESSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER COUNCIL AND ASSOCIATED COMMITTEES AS NEW "OBSERVER" ORGANIZATION

1. Official Name:
   Japan Tropical Forest Action Network (JATAN)
2. Membership:
   Non Governmental Organization (NGO)
3. Short History:
   In response to a request from NGOs around the world working to protect tropical forests at an international conference held in Malaysia in 1986, JATAN was established in 1987 by Japanese citizens and organizations.
4. Constitution [Please provide charter or other establishing document in all available languages]:
   (Attached)
5. Aims, Objectives, Activities [Please describe the general aims and objectives of the Organization and the activities undertaken]:
   Our Mission
   - To convey the richness of tropical forests and the sentiments of the people who continue to live traditional lifestyles there
   - To consider issues from the perspective of local residents who have had their precious forests taken away and their rivers polluted
   - To highlight tropical forest issues that are often overlooked in mass-consumption society
   - To actively connect with local residents and international organizations that share our goals for solutions

   https://en.jatan.org/about-us
6. Structure:
   Akira Harada (Representative Director)
   For over 20 years, he has been involved in field research in Australia (Tasmania), Indonesia (Sumatra, Kalimantan), and Malaysia (Sarawak). He is deeply moved by the non-violent tactics employed by local residents who resist forces developing forests, even when they are forced to retreat.
   Toyoyuki Kawakami (Steering Committee Member)
   He is responsible for analyzing Japan's role in campaigns targeting Japanese buyers and financial institutions in the paper pulp and palm oil sectors, aimed at resolving deforestation and human rights issues in Indonesia.
   Takayuki Nakatsuka (Palm Oil and Paper Campaign Manager)
   Since joining JATAN in 2011, he has primarily worked on palm oil and paper pulp issues in Indonesia. He aims to improve the situation by leveraging the network he has built with Indonesia.
   Naoko Yoshida (Accounting): After working for educational organizations and NGOs, she joined JATAN in 2021. Leveraging her experience in general affairs and accounting, she primarily engages in operational support.
   Hajime Enomoto (Cacao Campaign Manager): Joined as a staff member in 2021. Drawing on nearly 20 years of experience in reforestation activities in West Africa, he aims to implement grounded initiatives to address the issues of cacao and deforestation.
   https://jatan.org/staff
7. Finance [Please indicate source of revenue]:
   (Attached)
8. Publications:
   JATAN NEWS, organization's journal (published four times a year), etc.
   https://jatan.org/archives/category/finw/publishing
9. Contact Address [Please provide in full the postal address, including telephone, facsimile and e-mail]:
   1-13-11 204, Sendagaya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0051
   E-mail: info@jatan.org / haradajatan@gmail.com
   TEL: 090-9156-1291 (harada)
10. Working Language(s) of the Organization:
    English / Japanese

11. Name(s) of Representative(s) [Please list all name(s) and official designation(s) of Representative(s) who will attend the Sessions. If necessary, use reverse side of this page]:
Akira Harada (Representative Director)

Mr. Akira Harada

12. Relevance to the objectives of the ITTA, 2006:

As an NGO, JATAN endorses the ITCC's objective of promoting the restoration of degraded forests while giving due consideration to the interests of tropical forest communities.

October 1, 2026 Akira Harada

(date) (signature)

INFORMATION FORM RELEVANT FOR ADMISSION TO SESSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER COUNCIL AND ASSOCIATED COMMITTEES AS NEW "OBSERVER" ORGANIZATION

1. Official Name: Kerala Forest Research Institute

2. Membership: Observer

3. Short History:

The Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI) is a multidisciplinary centre of excellence dedicated to research in tropical forests and forestry. Established in 1975, KFRI has now entered its 50th year of service. KFRI became a constituent institution of the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) under the aegis of Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of Kerala in 2002 .

KFRI team comprises of highly qualified scientific, technical, and administrative professionals. The institute is structured into 17 Research Departments grouped under nine Programme Divisions, ensuring interdisciplinary convergence to advance KFRI's mission. KFRI undertakes diverse research and consultancy programmes for national and international agencies on topics related to biological conservation and sustainable natural resource management. It is accredited as a research centre by FRI University Dehradun, University of Calicut, and Cochin University of Science and Technology for PhD programmes.

The institute boasts state-of-the-art research infrastructure, including advanced laboratories for Tissue Culture, Clonal Multiplication, Physiology, Wildlife Biology, Soil Science, Biotechnology, Wood Sciences, Biochemistry, Mycology, Entomology, Silviculture, GIS, and Remote Sensing. The plant propagation facilities in KFRI include a Forest Seed Centre (KFSC), nurseries, and greenhouses, along with long-term ecological monitoring systems such as Permanent Plots and Weather Stations. KFRI also serves as the Secretariat for international networks like TEAKNET, funded by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations.

Over the past five decades, KFRI has been actively involved in research across India's remote forest regions and has led to an impressive collection of plant, animal, and soil specimens. KFRI scientists actively participate in policy-making through government committees, management plan teams, and conservation strategies for protected areas and forest divisions.. This deep engagement positions KFRI as a think tank in forest and natural resource policy.

4. Constitution [Please provide charter or other establishing document in all available languages]:

Attached as Annexure - 1

5. Aims, Objectives, Activities [Please describe the general aims and objectives of the Organization and the activities undertaken]:

   The Institute is envisioned to become a Centre of Excellence in tropical forestry to offer scientific backbone for effective conservation of forest ecosystems and sustainable utilization of natural resources for ensuring benefits to the society. The Mission being to provide technical support to facilitate scientific management and utilization of forests for social benefits. It envisages to:

   a. Conduct inter/multidisciplinary research on priority areas of tropical forestry including biodiversity conservation, wildlife management, socio-economics, indigenous knowledge, value addition of forest products, participatory forest management and livelihood improvement of forest dwellers/dependents by scientific management of forest resources,

b. Provide technical advice and solutions to practical problems related to forest conservation and sustainable utilization of forest resources, and

c. Disseminate knowledge and information on forest-related matters to end-users, farmers, general public and transfer of technology to stakeholders for social benefits.

6. Structure:

Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI) is an institution of the Kerala State Council for Science and Technology (KSCSTE) organised under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Kerala. The institute is managed by a Management Committee (MC) chaired by the Director. A Research Council (RC) comprising eminent scientists of the country advises on matters concerning research policies and monitors the quality of research undertaken at the Institute. A Research Monitoring and Evaluation (RME) unit under the Director assists in monitoring the research programmes.

KFRI has 17 research Departments grouped under 9 Programme Divisions. In addition to special facilities such Research Monitoring and Evaluation Unit (RME-Unit), Central Instrumentation Unit (CIU) and Kerala Forest Seed Centre (KFSC). Each Programme Division is headed by a Programme Coordinator (PC), and each Department by a Head of the Department (HOD).

Finance [Please indicate source of revenue]: Government budgetary provisions, research grants and self generated funds

7. Publications:

Attached as Annexure 2

8. Contact Address [Please provide in full the postal address, including telephone, facsimile and e-mail]:
Director
Kerala Forest Research Institute
Peechi – 680 653, Thrissur, Kerala
India
Mob: +91 4872690100
Email: directorkfri@kfri.org

9. Working Language(s) of the Organization:
English

10. Name(s) of Representative(s) [Please list all name(s) and official designation(s) of Representative(s) who will attend the Sessions. If necessary, use reverse side of this page]:
a. Dr. Sandeep Sasidharan Nair, Senior Principal Scientist & TEAKNET Coordinator, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi, Thrissur, Kerala, India – 680 653

11. Relevance to the objectives of the ITTA, 2006:

The participation in the International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC) Meeting is directly relevant to the objectives of the ITTA, 2006, particularly in promoting the sustainable management and utilization of tropical timber resources and enhancing trade in sustainably produced timber. In the context of the ITTO project “Promotion of Sustainable Teakwood Use in Domestic Markets of India” (PD 933/23 Rev.2 (M)), my participation provides an opportunity to share project objectives, exchange knowledge and experiences, and disseminate information on sustainable teakwood utilization in India’s domestic markets. It also supports international cooperation, stakeholder networking, market transparency, and the promotion of sustainable teakwood products, contributing to the broader objectives of ITTO in advancing sustainable forest management and responsible timber trade.

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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Special Governing Body meeting (held on 22nd February 2003) of "**The Kerala Forest Research Institute-Society**" registered Under Travancore–Cochin Literary, Scientific & Charitable Societies Registration Act 1955 in this office with Register No: **T.99/1975** , has resolved to amalgamate with "**Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment**" with Register No: **T.3141/02** with reference to Section 18 of the aforesaid act and had transfered all the existing assets & liabilities of **The Kerala Forest Research Institute-Society** to **Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment**, the Audited Statement of accounts and details of office bearers till date of amalgamation was also filed in this office on the 26th day of July 2021.

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Annexure - 2

List of abstracts and peer-reviewed publications concerning the area of expertise, during the last three years.

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3. Short History: On April 1, 2026, the Center was established to advance SGI's long-standing peace initiatives. It serves as a key function in SGI's engagement as an NGO in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC, since 1983).

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