

Statutes of International Movement of Youth with Disabilities (IMYD)

Easy to read version

- This Easy to Read version of the statutes is not a legal document.
- It helps everyone understand IMYD.

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Summary

This document explains the rules for the International Movement of Youth with Disabilities (IMYD).

- IMYD believes in the rights of people with disabilities.
- IMYD is for young people with disabilities aged 18 to 35.
- IMYD helps young people with disabilities share information and represent them in important meetings.
- The main office is in Paris.
- There are different types of members: young people with disabilities, organizations, and allies.
- The General Assembly has the most power and makes important decisions.
- The Board of Directors manages IMYD and has 13 to 16 members.
- There are rules for meetings and how to handle money.
- If IMYD needs to end, the General Assembly will decide what to do.

Preamble

- IMYD believes in the rights of people with disabilities.
- These rights are in the United Nations Convention from 2006
- and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights from 1948.

Article 1: Constitution

- IMYD is a group under French law.
- IMYD stands for "International Movement of Youth with Disabilities."

Article 2: Purpose

- IMYD is an international, non-profit group.
- IMYD is not political or religious.
- IMYD is for young people with disabilities aged 18 to 35.
- IMYD helps young people with disabilities share information and experiences.
- IMYD represents young people with disabilities in important meetings.

Article 3: Duration

- IMYD will exist forever.

Article 4: Headquarters

- The main office is in Paris.
- The main office can move if the Board of Directors decides.

Article 5: Members

IMYD has three types of members:

1. Young people with disabilities
 - Ages 18 to 35 with disabilities.
2. Organizations for young people with disabilities
 - Groups that support young people with disabilities.
 - Led by young people with disabilities.

3. Allies

- People or groups that help IMYD.
- Allies do not vote.
- But can give advice.

Honorary Member

- People who help IMYD a lot can be honorary members.
- Honorary members are chosen by the Board of Directors.
- They are chosen for three years.
- They can be renewed.

Article 6: Regional Groups

IMYD members are in groups based on the United Nations regions:

- Africa
- Asia and the Pacific
- Eastern Europe
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Western Europe and others

Members choose their country based on nationality or where they live.

Article 7: Membership

- To join IMYD, you must agree to the values of IMYD.
- Membership is valid for one year.
- The Board of Directors must approve new members.

Article 8: Ending Membership

Membership ends if:

- You do not renew.
- You die or your group ends.
- You write a letter to resign.
- You harm IMYD.

Article 9: General Assembly

- The General Assembly has the most power in IMYD.
- It elects the Board of Directors.
- It checks the work of the Board of Directors.
- It changes the statutes if needed.
- It can end IMYD.

Article 9.1: General Rules

- The General Assembly includes all members.
- It meets once a year.
- The President or many members can call a meeting.
- Members can give their vote to another member.
- Votes need a majority to pass.

Article 9.2: Ordinary General Assembly

- Happens at least once a year.
- Votes on reports and finances.
- Elects the Board of Directors every two years.

Article 9.3: Extraordinary General Assembly

- Happens only once a year if needed.
- Can change statutes or end IMYD.
- Needs two-thirds majority to pass changes.

Article 10: Board of Directors

- Manages IMYD.

Article 10.1: Composition

- 13 to 16 members:
 - 3 to 6 members elected by the General Assembly.
 - 10 members elected by regional groups.
- The regional groups elect a gender-balanced pair.

- The pair are from different countries.
- The General Assembly must elect:
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- Each director serves personally, even if they represent a group.

Article 10.2: Resignation and Replacement

- If a member resigns, the Board of Directors can choose a temporary replacement.
- The temporary replacement will serve until the next General Assembly.

Article 10.3: Board Meetings

- The Board meets at least five times a year.
- The President or many members can call a meeting.
- Members can give their vote to another member.
- Votes need a majority to pass.

Article 10.4: Provisional Administrators

- If needed, the General Assembly can appoint 3 to 5 temporary administrators.
- They help with current affairs for up to one year.

Article 11: Internal Regulations

- The Board of Directors can create and change internal rules.
- Changes need approval from two-thirds of the Board members.

Article 12: Financial Resources

- IMYD's money comes from various allowed sources.
- IMYD keeps a record of its finances.
- It reports how it uses any grants received.

Article 13: Dissolution

- The General Assembly can decide to end IMYD.
- Needs one-quarter of members present.
- If IMYD ends, remaining money goes to a similar organization.
- A member will handle legal formalities.

Annexes

Article 29 of the CRDP: Participation in Public Life

- People with disabilities have the right to participate in politics and public life.
- This includes forming organizations to represent them.

Article 32 of the CRDP: International Cooperation

- Countries should work together to support people with disabilities.
- This includes sharing information and best practices.

General Observation No. 7 of the CRPD

- Organizations for people with disabilities should be led by people with disabilities.

UN Regional Groups

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- Eastern Europe
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