



# UNION EUROPEENNE DES PARACHUTISTES

Association suivant la loi du 1<sup>er</sup> Juillet 1901 – J.O. n° 12 du 21-03-1990

## STATUTES

### **Article 1: COMPOSITION**

**The Union Européenne des Parachutistes (UEP)** is an association that groups together and federates Military Parachutist Associations

The Union has been declared under the French law dated July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1901 and the decree dated August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1901. The statutes were published in the French Republic Official Journal on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1990.

The Union is unlimited in time and has its headquarters in Paris. These can be transferred by decision of the Executive Board at any time to any other place in Paris or in France.

The official languages are French and English.

### **Article 2: OBJECTIVES**

**2.1.** Outside of all political or religious ideology, to constitute an association based on the traditional values of military parachutists of all generations.

**2.2.** To encourage all actions destined to build a united Europe.

**2.3.** To be associated with all the important events that perpetuate military traditions and transmit to the parachutist spirit to the younger generation based on a sense of honour and duty.

**2.4.** To initiate and coordinate all actions designed to develop solidarity amongst its members.

**2.5.** To never, for any reason, interfere with the internal affairs of the member associations.

### **Article 3: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership implies subscribing to the objectives of the Union as stated in these Statutes. Outside of the UEP, all members are free to adopt the political orientation they choose but they may not in such circumstances refer to their membership of the UEP at the risk of being excluded from the Union.

### **Article 4: ADMISSION**

Admission to the UEP is decided by the Presidium upon written request either directly or through a member association.

### **Article 5: SUBSCRIPTION**

Members associations will pay an annual subscription determined by the presidium during the annual congress.

### **Article 6: RESIGNATION – EXCLUSION**

Membership ceases in the following situations:

Associations send their resignation by registered letter addressed to the President in office.

Associations that are excluded following a decision by the Presidium for either non-payment of their subscription for two consecutive years or as a sanction for non respect of the internal regulations or for any act that could bear moral or material prejudice to the Union.

Any association member may contest their exclusion. An association may only be represented by its President.

In any event, any sum paid to the Union will not be reimbursed.

### **Article 7: ADMINISTRATION**

#### **7.1. Presidium**

The UEP is run by a Presidium that includes the Presidents of the member associations however each country can only be represented by one association.

The Presidium elects an Executive President and a Vice President by simple majority and their mandate is limited to one year. They may not be re-elected until each other member association has fulfilled the roles for one mandate.

In the case where an Executive President or Vice President (following year's executive president) should leave their position within their national association, they will be automatically replaced by their successor for the remainder of their mandate

The Presidium must meet at least once a year and as often as is necessary upon request of the Executive President or at least one third of the members.

#### 7.2. Role of the Presidium

The Executive President takes direction of the Presidium and decides the Agenda of each meeting. The Presidium then deliberates on the questions raised and decisions are made based on a simple majority. In the case of a split decision, the Executive President has a casting vote.

The Executive President is responsible for the budget that must be presented each year.

The Presidium decides all requests for membership or exclusion.

Membership of the Presidium does not give the right to any form of reward.

#### 7.3. Role of the Executive Board

The permanent General Secretary and the Treasurer, in order to ensure continuity and in line with the statutes are selected from the French Member Association.

Under the responsibility of the executive President, the permanent General Secretary and the treasurer comprise the executive board of the Union. Their nomination is approved by the Presidium.

The permanent General Secretary is responsible for all correspondence and liaisons between national Presidents in French and English. He is responsible for the minutes of all meetings.

The Treasurer maintains the accounts of the Union.

#### **Article 8: BUDGET**

Income is generated by subscriptions and/or donations.

Expenses are either administrative or related to the promotion of the Union.

The budget is controlled annually by the Presidium.

#### **Article 9: STATUTES**

Statutes may be modified by the Presidium with a simple majority vote.

#### **Article 10: INTERNAL REGULATIONS**

These are prepared by the permanent General Secretary and must be approved by the Presidium as are any further modifications.

#### **Article 11: DISSOLUTION**

The dissolution of the Union may be decided by the Presidium only if the two following conditions are respected:

- All members must be present
- The decision must be unanimous.

#### **Article 12: SETTLEMENT**

In the case of dissolution, the Presidium must decide how the assets of the association are to be dissolved. Beneficiaries of these assets must be Associations providing support to Military parachutists and be linked in some way to the Associations represented in the Presidium.

#### **Article 13: DECLARATION**

The General Secretary is responsible for the declaration of the Union in accordance with the law.

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