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EDO COMMUNITY CLUB STUTTGART
GERMANY (e. V. 1997)

Summary

Whereas we the Edos, presently residing in and around Stuttgart, Germany, are enjoined to assemble ourselves together for the purpose of fashioning out modalities to promote unity and cultural awareness.

Be it resolved, that we recognize ourselves as a social-philanthropic Club in order to assist the less privileged in Edo State and to exercise all our invaluable rights and privileges granted to a social-philanthropic organization by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Germany, do hereby adopt the articles of Constitution and by-law agreed to be governed by them.

ARTICLE 1 - CLUB NAME

Section 1

- The Club shall be known and addressed as EDO COMMUNITY CLUB STUTTGART, GERMANY
- A post box shall be necessary for the address. The Club shall be known as EDO COMMUNITY CLUB STUTTGART, GERMANY, "EINGETRAGENER VEREIN" (e. V.), meaning a registered Club.

ARTICLE 2 - AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- To promote unity and cultural awareness of the Edo-Citizens in and around Stuttgart and the world at large.
- A social-philanthropic Club to assist Members and Non-Members, particularly the Edos in Edo State.
- To assist in the development of infrastructural facilities in Edo State.
- To help each other, that is providing both financial and moral assistance to Members in times of difficulty. However, the Club bears no responsibility when a Member commits an unlawful act.
- Togetherness, to establish and maintain social contacts among Members.
- The Club shall not indulge in political and commercial activities.
- The activities of the Club in Nigeria shall be bounded only in Edo State.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

- To all Edo-Citizen from 18 years and above.
- To those, who are by birth not Edo-Citizen, but could identify themselves through a long stay in the Edo region as Edo-Citizen and could speak Edo language fluently.
- The Club shall also admit spouses as members.

ARTICLE 4 - ORGANS OF THE CLUB

Section 1

the Organs shall consist of Executive and Non-Executive Members. The Executive Members shall comprise of:

A President
B Vice President
C Secretary
D Asststant Secretary
E Public Relations Officers
F Wefare Officer
G Organistng Officer
H Treasurer
I Financial Secretary

Section 2

Club Representation

The President and the Secretary and a Non-Executive Member shall represent the Club where possible. The said Members can undertake any financial transaction on behalf of the Club, within the context of the Constitution up to a total amount of 500 €(five hundred-Euro) when it is urgent.



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Functions of the executive members

A. THE PRESIDENT

- He/she shall be the Head of the Club.
- He/she shall preside over meetings/Club/functions.
- He/she shall read annual reports and speeches.
- He/she shall have the right to terminate meetings when necessary.

B. THE VICE PRESIDENT

- He/she shall assist the President in the execution of his/her duties and act on his/her absence.
- He/she shall assist the Club in other duties as mandated by the Club.

C. THE SECRETARY

- He/she shall prepare agenda for meetings.
- He/she shall take minutes at all meetings.
- He/she shall be a signatory to the minutes of all meetings.
- He/she shall keep records of minutes of meetings.
- He/she shall prepare speeches.
- He/she shall be responsible for all Club's correspondence

D. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

- He/she shall assist the Secretary in the execution of his/her duties and act on his/her absence.

E. THE PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER

- He/she shall be the image-maker of the Club.
- He/she shall distribute posters, invitation cards of the Club.
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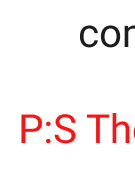
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TERMS OF OFFICES

All Executive Members shall hold office for a period of (2) years in a particular office. An executive Member can be re-elected but not more than two terms

ELECTION PROCEDURE

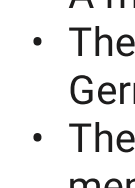
- Electoral Committee shall be responsible for scrutinizing interested candidates into any of the offices.
- Candidates shall submit their interests 3 months prior to the election date
- Grievances against any of the candidates shall be reported to the committee within the stipulated period

P:S The following are not eligible for elections:

- Persons indicted for financial misappropriation
- Persons not meeting up with the financial obligations of the Club to a maximum of three months (monthly dues/levies).
- Persons not meeting up with their indebtedness to the Club.
- Perpetual absentees/late comers.

ARTICLE 5 - FINANCIAL WITHDRAWAL

- The Club shall be financed through admission fees, monthly dues, gifts, and donations.
- The Club may request members to pay special dues when necessary.
- All the money for the Club shall be kept in the Club's bank account.
- Withdrawals shall be made by three members (the President, Treasurer, and one Non-Executive Member
- Withdrawal shall be made only with the consent of the Club except on emergency cases
- The Financial year shall be from 1st January to 31st December
- Apart from the Financial year accounting must be rendered every 6 months



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ARTICLE 6 - AUDIT

- Account books of the Club shall be audited two times in a year by three members comprising of two non-executive and one executive member
- Any misuse of the Club funds by a member shall be referred to disciplinary Committee for trial and if found guilty shall be legally dealt with

ARTICLE 7 - VOTING

- Each member has one vote.
- Voting to elect executive members shall be by secret ballot. All other voting shall be open.
- Motion shall be seconded before voting is casted
- All voting shall carry a simple majority except:

Enacting new laws or deleting rules in the Constitution which shall carry not less than 2/3 (two-third) of Members present at the meeting

EXPULSION

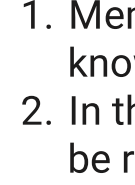
Expulsion of a member from the club shall be recommended by the disciplinary committee and such member has the right to make an appeal to the executive committee. An appeal by such expelled member shall be carried out in the presence of the Chairman or secretary of the disciplinary committee and the expelled Member shall also be present

REMOVAL OF AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER

Removal of an executive Member through a vote of no confidence shall carry not less than 2/3 (two-third) members of the club. The process of removing an executive member shall be through a secret ballot

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution shall be entered and signed by the secretary and the president respectively. The resolution shall state time, location and voting results.



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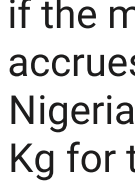
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ARTICLE 8 - MEETINGS

- The meeting shall be held once a month and on the last Saturday of the month. An emergency meeting can be called through the President when necessary.
- The executive meeting should be held quarterly.
- The place of meeting shall be as agreed by the Club members. The times of meeting as agreed by the Club is 6pm to 8pm
- Attendance at meetings shall be compulsory. Any member who desires to be absent his/herself shall inform the secretary or the President through writing or call at least 6 hours before the meeting starts
- 50% (fifty percent) of members shall form a quorum at the meetings
- For benefits of order, any member who desires to raise a motion or talk at meetings shall first raise up his/her hand and wait to be called on by the organizing secretary
- A motion from a member shall be respected
- The Club shall use the Edo language at meetings. In addition, English or German languages shall be used when necessary
- The organizing Secretary is through this Constitution empowered to call members to order at meetings. If the improper conduct persists, the organizing Secretary shall in consultation with the President ask the said person to leave the meeting hall for a specific period.
- The use of force on a member at meetings is strictly forbidden

ARTICLE 9 - ADMISSION FEE AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

- Admission fee and monthly dues shall be 50 € (one hundred Euro) respectively
- These contributions shall be paid by each member (solicited).
- Payment of admission fees and monthly dues are preconditions that need to be fulfilled in order to be recognized as a member of the Club.
- All payments shall be directed to the Treasurer or through the Club Bank's account. The Treasurer shall issue receipts on all payments made to the Club
- Admission fees and monthly dues paid to the Club are not refundable.



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ARTICLE 10 - SUSPENSION

A) A member shall be suspended when:

- One uses force on a Member (e.g fighting, abuse, filthy words, etc)
- Discrimination among Members.
- One who disturbs regularly at meetings and other Club gathering
- One who misuses Club fund and made to pay back the fund before the suspension

B) Before a member is suspended, he/she shall appear before an appointed Disciplinary Committee. The Suspended Member has the right to appeal to the Executive Committee.

C) Suspended can be recalled if there is evidence of remorse adequately acknowledged by the Club.

ARTICLE 11 - END OF MEMBERSHIP

The Membership shall cease to exist:

- through death of a member.
 - through the resignation of a member:
1. Member, who desires to resign shall make his/her resignation intention known by writing to the Secretary with three months notice
 2. In the case of an Executive member, add to the above, an election shall be rendered to the Club prior to the resignation.
 3. Through dismissal of a member as a result of misappropriation of Club's fund
 4. Through expulsion of the member after two times warning
 5. Through members that severe communication contacts with the Club.
 6. Through member's indulgence in drug business/fraud activities.



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ARTICLE 12 - DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

- The Club shall be dissolved, when 2/3(two-third) of its members' votes for its dissolution at a general or special meeting called for this purpose.
- In case of dissolution of the Club, the net assets if any (after all debts and liabilities of the Club have been discharged by members) shall be directed to an orphanage home in Edo-State (under the supervision of members available).

REPATRIATION

When a member is repatriated, the Club shall donate 500 € (five hundred Euro) if the member meets his /her financial obligation to the Club. Also, an amount accrues from special fund-raising made for the purpose to help him/her in Nigeria. In addition, the Club shall bear the cost of shipping goods up to 100 Kg for the said member by freight.

ELIGIBILITY OF ASSISTANCE FROM CLUB

- Member owing the Club 3(three) months dues shall be given 1/2(half) privileges with legal matters, Birthday/Naming ceremony, funeral, and repatriation.
- Members owing the Club for more than 6(six) months dues will not be given the privileges during legal matters, Birthday/Naming ceremony, funeral and repatriation.

INVITATION

Invitations from other Clubs shall be members by the Club or through special levy which shall be contributed by members.

COMMENCEMENT

The above said benefits will come into force immediately. However new members shall qualify for the said benefits after six months of their membership

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HOSPITALIZATION

When a member is hospitalized, the Club shall present gifts either in cash or kind worth 100€ (hundred Euro) provided the Club is informed about it once a year.

ASSISTING MEMBERS

The Club owns the obligation to assist members with 100 € (one hundred Euro) for any legal case. Any addition to that amount, members will be levied to assist the member and this is to be authorized by the House.

BIRTHDAY/NAMING CEREMONY

The Club shall donate 200€ (Two hundred euros) to a Member when a child is born into the family. This type of help shall be enjoyed by each member ONLY when the member is celebrating officially.

FUNERAL

The Club shall provide assistance both in kind (by way of helping in organising and performing the funeral ceremony here in Germany and in cash 1 500 € (One thousand five hundred Euro) to a Member who loses the:

- Mother
- Father
- Spouse
- Child

Provided the club is informed, in this case;

- Members shall be levied 100 € (hundred Euro) each to support the funeral
- For a member that is deceased the Club will be responsible for the funeral if it is in Germany but if the member is to be sent home, the Club will be responsible for the arrangement
- The Club will make a periodical visit to the family to ask for their welfare.
- The Club shall also assist morally or otherwise if the need arises.