



World Furniture

STATUTES

Shanghai, 10 September 2007

WORLD FURNITURE CONFEDERATION CONSTITUTION AND RULES

CHAPTER I - NAME

Article 1:

The International organisation of the furniture manufacturing industry is called:

WORLD FURNITURE CONFEDERATION

International Confederation of the Furniture Industry
Here after called WFC.

CHAPTER II - OBJECTS

Article 2:

The objects of the WFC are:

1. To promote the interests of the furniture industry world wide.
2. To eliminate all barriers to trade in furniture and materials used in its production.
3. To promote the co-operation among industry organisations and among furniture companies world wide.
4. To promote the creation of regional supra national furniture manufacturers organisations.
5. To organise a yearly World Furniture Congress.

CHAPTER III - OFFICE

Article 3:

The office of the WFC is located in the offices of the member organisation that proposed the chairman.

CHAPTER IV - MEMBERS

Article 4:

a) Members.

Shall qualify to become member of the WFC any supra national organisation representing the furniture industry of one or more sovereign countries, members of the United Nations.

If no regional supra national organisation exists in the geographical area of an individual sovereign country, member of the United Nations, this country can become temporarily member until such organisation is created.

Only Members are entitled to vote.

b) Supporting Members.

Any entity active in the furniture sector can become supporting member of the WFC

Supporting members are not entitled to vote but they can participate in the General Assembly or Committees as observer.

Article 5:

Membership of the WFC implies acceptance of these present rules and an undertaking to apply the decisions of the WFC General Assembly.

Article 6:

All applications for membership shall be addressed to the General Secretariat of the WFC.

The General Assembly has to unanimously accept any application for membership.

CHAPTER V - BUDGET

Article 7:

The draft budget of the WFC shall be proposed annually by the President to the General Council which may adopt, reject or amend it.

The budget will be covered by revenues generated by the organisation of the World.

Furniture Congress and by contributions of the members and supporting members to be decided by the General Assembly.

Committees will either receive a separate budget or their cost will be borne by the participants.

The proposed budget and amounts of respective contributions shall be annexed to the notice convening the General Assembly meeting.

The financial year commences on 1st January and ends on 31st December.

CHAPTER VI - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly determines the policy of the WFC.

Article 8:

The General Assembly consists of delegations comprising a maximum of six representatives of each individual national organisation that adheres to the WFC through one of the supra national members.

Delegations may be assisted by not more than three advisers.

Supporting members may have an observer attend the meeting of the General Assembly.

Article 9:

All delegations shall be called by the Secretary General to a General Assembly meeting once a year. This meeting shall coincide with the World Furniture Congress.

The calling notice and agenda of the meeting, settled by the President, shall be addressed to the delegations of the General Assembly in writing at least one month before the date fixed for the meeting.

Requests for amendments to the agenda shall be submitted to the Secretary General at least fifteen days before the General Assembly meeting in question.

These amendments shall be notified to the delegations of the General Assembly at least one week before the General Council meeting in question.

The agenda and any amendments shall be approved by the General Assembly at the beginning of the meeting.

The resolutions of the General Assembly shall be recorded in minutes which shall be circulated to all members.

Article 10:

The following shall be submitted to the General Assembly for approval:

1. Applications for membership.
2. A report on the activities of the WFC presented by the President.

3. The financial report which shall have been sent to members two weeks before the meeting of the General Council.

4. The budget of the WFC and the division of contributions for each member of the WFC.

5. Resolutions in name of the WFC.

6. The creation or dissolution of Committees.

7. Changes to the rules or dissolution

Article 11:

The General Assembly shall proceed with the election of the President and Vice- Presidents in conformity with Article 13 of these rules. The General Assembly may elect the retiring President as an Honorary President.

Article 12:

The General Assembly may only take decisions on matters included in the agenda as approved at the beginning of the meeting in accordance with the provisions of Article 9.

Article 13:

To be valid, decisions of the General Council must be approved unanimously by the delegations in the General Assembly meeting with at least two thirds of the delegations present or represented.

CHAPTER VII - THE PRESIDENCY

The President is responsible for the management of the WFC.

Article 14

1. The President and the Vice-Presidents numbering one for each supra national member are elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years.

The presidency will rotate among the supra national members according to a sequence defined by the General Assembly. The Vice-President coming from the supra national organisation that will propose the next president is designated as the First Vice-President.

2. At least two months before the last General Assembly meeting of the current Presidency candidates for the following Presidency and Vice-Presidencies must be officially nominated by members of the General Council.

Article 15:

The President shall preside over meetings of the General Assembly. He shall represent the WFC in relation to third parties.

He has the right to start legal proceedings.

He may delegate all or part of his powers, to the Vice-Presidents, to the Secretary General or to Committees.

He is invested with the widest powers in regard to the administration of the WFC in conformity with its objects, notably to study, oversee and decide on the employment of funds.

He is ex-officio a member of all Committees.

He shall remain in office until his successor is appointed.

Article 16:

If the President ceases to be available he shall be replaced by the first Vice-President until at the latest the next meeting of the General Assembly which shall appoint a successor if at that date the unavailability of the president continues.

CHAPTER VIII - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 17:

The president shall be assisted by a board composed of representatives of each supra national member. They assist him in preparing the General Assembly and in selecting the next World Furniture Congress organiser. Together they decide on any matter not foreseen in the present rules.

CHAPTER IX - THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Article 18:

The President nominates a Secretary General to carry out the decisions of the General Assembly and the President under whose authority he serves. He supervises the day to day operations of the secretariat.

The Secretary General shall attend meetings of the General Assembly in a consultative capacity with no vote.

CHAPTER X - THE CONGRESS

Article 19:

Every year the WFC will organise a World Furniture Congress. The president and the Board will appoint an organiser who will be responsible for the organisation. The organiser will contribute to the WFC budget with the amount decided by the General Assembly.

CHAPTER XI - THE COMMITTEES

Article 20:

The Committees are set up by the General Assembly which shall determine their task and define the limit of their powers as well as their eventual financial resources.

Article 21:

All WFC members can designate at least one Committee member. Supporting members can participate as observers.

Article 22:

The Committees elect their Convenor and Secretary. They shall be appointed until the dissolution of the Committee or until the next WFC presidency at which time they can be eligible for re-election.

The WFC president is ex-officio a member of all Committees. He must be kept informed of all their activities.

The Convenor shall report on the Committee's activities at each meeting of the General Assembly. Positions or decisions formulated by the Committees Article 23 are binding only to the participants unless they are ratified by the General Assembly.

CHAPTER XII - ALTERATION OF RULES

Article 23:

Proposals for alteration of the rules shall be submitted to the General Secretariat which shall notify the General Assembly.

With the exception of Article 2, which cannot be amended, the rules can only be altered by a resolution approved by unanimity. Proposals for alterations to the rules must be sent to delegations of the General Assembly at least one month before the next meeting of the General Assembly.

We accept the statutes of the World Furniture Confederation and herewith become members of the confederation, Shanghai September 10th, 2007.

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Asia/Southeast Asia - CAPFA
(members of the United Nations)

翁昌煥

Europe - UEA

Brasil - ABIMAD

Bulgaria - BBCWF

China - CNFA

France - UNIFA

Japan - FJFMA

Latvia - LATVIJASKOKS

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CHAPTER XIII - DISSOLUTION OF THE WFC

Article 24:

The WFC may only be dissolved by a resolution of the General Assembly approved by unanimity.

The General Assembly shall decide all details of the winding-up and shall settle arrangements for distribution of the assets in a manner conforming as far as possible to the objects of the WFC.

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Netherlands - CBM

Romania - APMR

Russia - AMEDORO

Turkey - MOBDER

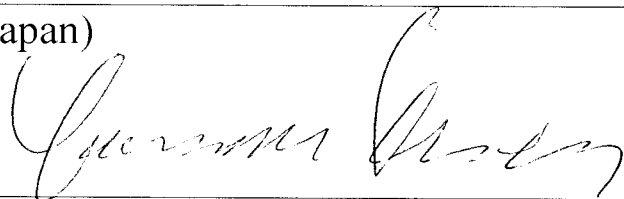
Ukraine - MEBLIDEREVPROM

United Kingdom - BFM


United States of America - AHFA

Additional founding members (last registered as per September 6, 2007)

IDAFIJ (Japan)



KFFIC (Korea)

SANG Chul Kim 

FTA (Tunisia)

