

Pursuant to Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Law on Associations (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, no. 51/09), a constituent Assembly on 19 May 2010 adopted the following:

STATUTE

OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON MONUMENTS AND SITES IN SERBIA

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The association entitled the National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites in Serbia, abridged form: National Committee ICOMOS Serbia (hereinafter: National Committee) is a voluntary, non-government, non-profit association, established for an indefinite period in order to achieve the goals in the field of cultural heritage conservation. The National Committee shall be subject to current Serbian legislation and is in full accordance with the Statute of the International Council for Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), insofar as the latter is in accordance with current Serbian legislation.

Article 2

The name of the Association shall be: Nacionalni komitet Međunarodnog saveta za spomenike i spomeničke celine u Srbiji, abridged form: Nacionalni komitet ICOMOS Srbija; in English: National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites in Serbia, or: National Committee ICOMOS Serbia; in French: Comité National du Conseil International des Monuments et des Sites dans la Serbie, or: Comité National ICOMOS Serbie.

The head office of the Committee shall be based in Belgrade, address: Radoslava Grujića 11. This address may change by decision of the Executive Committee of the National Committee.

The activities of the National Committee shall be based in the Republic of Serbia.

Article 3

The seal of the National Committee shall be round, with the legend in Cyrillic: “National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites in Serbia” inside the rim. Inside this will

be the short form of the name in English: “National Committee ICOMOS Serbia”, with “ICOMOS” in Latin lettering in the centre.

ICOMOS Serbia shall have its own logo consisting of the international ICOMOS logo on a white shield with: “National Committee ICOMOS Serbia” in Serbian and English to the left and right of it.

Article 4

The National Committee shall have the status of a legal person with the rights, obligations and responsibilities pertaining to it under the Constitution of the Republic of Serbia and the law, and in accordance with other legal provisions.

The National Committee shall apply, as a matter of principle, equality of written and spoken languages as defined in the Constitution, and gender equality.

Article 5

The National Committee shall be represented and chaired by the President of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia.

Article 6

The National Committee shall be transparent in its work.

The National Committee shall keep the public informed of its work via the media. Representatives of the media (press, radio and television) shall be invited to its meetings. The National Committee shall keep all interested physical and legal persons at home and abroad informed of its work.

WRITTEN AND SPOKEN LANGUAGES

Article 7

The Assembly of the National Committee and meetings of the various bodies of the National Committee shall use the Serbian language and the Cyrillic script.

Correspondence with ICOMOS shall be in English or French.

Correspondence with national committees in other parts of the former Yugoslavia may use Serbian and make use of both scripts.

International conferences, meetings and workshops organised by the National Committee of Serbia shall be convened and held in English.

Simultaneous translation from Serbian to English or French may be supplied during the ceremonial opening or closing of the gathering.

If the international conference is a regional gathering of representatives from the countries of the former Yugoslavia, it may be convened and held in Serbian or in other Yugoslav languages.

The languages of minorities living in Serbia may be used if the relevant ministry or government agency provides the requisite financial and technical support.

DEFINITIONS

Article 8

1. The term “monument” (cultural monument) shall be taken to mean a structural – architectural item of particular cultural or historical importance together with its site, an example of vernacular architecture, any other immovable structure, part of a structure or site whose characteristics link it to a certain location, a work of monumental and decorative painting, sculpture, applied art or technical culture, or other movable objects found in them, which are of particular cultural and historical importance.

2. The term “site” refers to areas defined in the Law on Cultural Properties of the Republic of Serbia as a cultural/historical area, an archaeological site and a site of special interest.

- A cultural/historical area shall be taken to mean an urban or rural settlement or any part thereof, or a place encompassing several immovable cultural properties of particular cultural and historical significance.

- An archaeological site shall be deemed to be a part of the ground or underwater surface containing the remains of buildings or other immovable structures, tombs or other structures discovered, including movable objects from an earlier age and which are of particular cultural and historical importance.

- A site of special interest shall be taken to mean an area connected to an event of special historical importance, an area possessing elements that are clearly of natural or man-made value and which taken together form a whole, such as monumental tombs or cemeteries and other memorials raised in honour of important events, personalities or places of national history, of particular cultural and historical importance.

The terms defined in this Article refer to immovable cultural properties according to the current Law on Cultural Properties¹ and hereinafter may be incorporated in the terms “cultural heritage” or “cultural properties”. These terms cover the above definitions and also extend to the broader concept of cultural property.

¹ Law on Cultural Properties, Arts. 19-22 (*Republic of Serbia Official Gazette*, no. 71/94)

The terms “monument”, “site”, and consequently the terms “cultural heritage” or “cultural properties” do not refer to:

1. Movable cultural properties preserved in museums and forming part of the museum collections;
2. Archaeological collections preserved in museums or on-site repositories;
3. Open-air museums.

OBJECTIVES

Article 9

The National Committee ICOMOS Serbia is established in order to:

1. Improve conservation, protection and rehabilitation of the cultural heritage, its monuments and sites, in keeping with the Statute and principles of International ICOMOS.
2. Promote the importance of the cultural heritage while endeavouring to ensure its appropriate treatment by society.
3. Cooperate with similarly oriented government and non-government institutions and organizations at home and abroad.

Article 10

The tasks of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia are to:

1. Assist and encourage activities and plans to research, protect, develop, use and promote the values of the cultural heritage. In view of the above, it shall be the task of the National Committee to cooperate with government and local authorities, to assist in communication with the institutions and individuals responsible for these activities, to mediate in presenting them to international organizations and to take part with representatives of the authorities in the work of expert bodies;
2. Gather, research and distribute information on principles, methods and policies of protection, conservation, use and promotion of the cultural heritage;
3. Cooperate at national and international level in developing centres for scientific documentary research, the protection, conservation, use and promotion of the cultural heritage, along with the study of traditional architectural methods and their application in practice.

4. Stimulate the adoption and application of international standards and criteria in the study, protection, conservation, use, promotion and accessibility of the cultural heritage;

5. Collaborate in setting up professional training programmes in the research, protection, conservation, use and promotion of the cultural heritage;

6. Contribute to an exchange of experience, coordination and joint activities between:

- Municipalities with historical settlements or cultural monuments, and if necessary, any neighbouring municipalities expressing an interest in this area;
- Regional and local organizations whose aims are to protect the cultural heritage;

7. Implement decisions of the ICOMOS Assembly, the programmes and recommendations of the ICOMOS Advisory and Executive Committees;

8. Establish and maintain close relations with UNESCO, the World Heritage Committee (WHC), the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property in Rome (ICCROM), the International Council of Museums (ICOM), bodies of the Council of Europe, regional conservation centres working with UNESCO support, and other international and regional organizations and institutions whose aims are similar or related.

ACTIVITIES

Article 11

In order to achieve its objectives and carry out its tasks, the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia shall:

1. Form permanent and temporary groups to work on the protection of cultural monuments, historical settlements, monument groups and areas; develop programmes, put forward proposals and engage in expert activities;

2. Develop mechanisms and procedures which will link state and local government, institutions and individuals responsible for the protection of cultural properties in practice, ways and means of presenting these mechanisms and their acceptance at national level;

3. Organize ICOMOS forums, scientific gatherings, symposiums, conferences, study tours, workshops and training programmes, exhibitions and other public manifestations;

4. Organize activities such as workshops, on-the-job training, seminars and the like, aimed at increasing the general interest in the cultural heritage, especially among the younger generations;

5. Activate projects for the professional training of educators in order to equip them to educate children and young people in protecting and affirming the cultural heritage;

6. Take part in drafting laws, strategic plans and meetings of ministries and institutions whose actions affect the protection and promotion of the cultural heritage at national and local level;

7. Initiate the drafting and putting into effect of local plans of action to provide an environment which will make the heritage accessible to all sectors of the population, including persons with special needs;

8. Produce studies, analyses, reports, programmes and expert reports, carry out any specific projects in the research, protection, preservation, development, use and promotion of the cultural heritage values which may be entrusted to it, or approved by local or international institutions and organizations.

9. Publish and distribute all information on this matter, making use of all permissible means of the mass media, including publishing and advertising;

10. Launch, edit and publish - independently or in collaboration with others – printed and electronic magazines of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia, other internal journals and bulletins;

11. Launch and ensure the regularly updated web presentation of the National Committee on the Internet;

12. Initiate the setting up of special funds and assist the development of various forms of financial assistance for the protection of the cultural heritage;

13. Engage in other commercial activity, but only when directly related to the main occupation of the National Committee. The nature of such activities is defined in Article 45 of the Statute of the National Committee.

MEANS OF ACTION

Article 12

The National Committee, as a member of the International Council for Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) based in Paris, France (hereinafter ICOMOS), pursuant to Article 13 of the ICOMOS Statute shall, in accordance with the national requirements and programme, produce and implement its own programmes and activities as defined by the Statute of the National

Committee, provided that these are in accordance with the aims laid down in the ICOMOS Statute, and insofar as this is in accordance with current legislation in Serbia.

Article 13

Generally speaking, the National Committee will be a forum both nationally and abroad for discussion and exchange of experience in the principles, techniques, legal, administrative and managing aspects of protection, conservation, restoration and promotion of the cultural heritage.

Article 14

The National Committee shall, pursuant to its Statute, appoint voting members to the Assembly of International ICOMOS. According to the Statute of the international organisation, the number of members with voting rights may not exceed eighteen, and shall come mainly from among the individual members. Voting rights may not be granted to honorary or sponsor members. The National Committee shall forward the names via its bodies to the ICOMOS Secretariat at least one month before a meeting of the ICOMOS Assembly. One member may vote on behalf of not more than three others who have been accorded by vote the right to vote, and then only with their written consent. Each written consent shall be valid only for one voting. Members of the Executive Committee shall automatically be voting members, while the others are proposed and selected by the Assembly.

Article 15

The National Committee ICOMOS Serbia may form branches.

Branches of the National Committee may be formed for one or several municipalities or regions, provided that their number is greater than one-third of the total number of members of the National Committee, and for as long as such organization is deemed justifiable.

The decision to set up a branch shall be made by the Assembly on the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the National Committee.

Branches shall not have the status of legal persons. Their work shall be defined in a separate Bylaw.

MEMBERSHIP: RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 16

Membership in the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia may be individual, collective or honorary.

Article 17

Individual membership: physical persons whose professional and other activities are directly or indirectly related to the protection of the cultural heritage. Only individual members have the right to be elected to bodies of the National Committee or International ICOMOS. A member must be a person who is: permanently resident in the Republic of Serbia, a foreign national who is permanently resident in the Republic of Serbia, a Serbian national temporarily resident abroad (on a scholarship, pursuing a course of studies, or providing technical assistance). Such temporary residence may not exceed five years.

Collective membership: legal entities engaged in research, protection, restoration or promotion of the cultural heritage; who are owners of a cultural monument, or who have been entrusted with the care and management of a cultural monument, historical settlement, town, site or area.

Honorary membership: individuals who have made an outstanding contribution in the cultural heritage conservation field. An honorary member may be a foreign or Serbian national who is a member of a foreign national committee, who has contributed significantly to communication with the National Committee of Serbia, persons no longer active but who have made an appreciable and quantifiable contribution during their working life. Honorary membership may not be granted to persons outside the conservation profession who are in positions of public authority, party officials, or who occupy a position which might provoke a conflict of interests.

Article 18

The National Committee may form a group of younger members – *young professionals* - (persons under thirty years of age).

Persons who have actively assisted or engaged in professional conservation for at least three years will be accepted as members of the *young professionals*.

The following may apply for membership of the *young professionals*:

- Students who have opted to study conservation and gained theoretical and practical experience in conservation;
- Trainees in institutions for the protection of cultural heritage;
- Young external associates in institutions for the protection of cultural monuments, or participants in projects dealing with protection.

Members of the *young professionals* shall pay 50% of the prescribed international membership fee and 50% of the established internal membership fee.

Young professional status shall cease when the individual attains thirty years of age. Anyone wishing to become a member must fill out a new application.

Article 19

In order to implement the objectives and activities of the National Committee, members of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia shall have rights and obligations in keeping with the Constitution of the Republic of Serbia, the Law on Cultural Properties, the Statute of the National Committee and the Statute of International ICOMOS.

The following are the rights and obligations of regular members of the National Committee:

- To take part in the aims and tasks of the National Committee;
- To elect others and be elected as officials and bodies of the National Committee;
- To improve the work of the National Committee and contribute to both the reputation of their own and that of the Committee itself at national and international level;
- To be duly informed of the intentions and activities of the National Committee;
- To be kept informed of the financial business of the National Committee;
- To attend the ICOMOS Assembly;
- Pursuant to Article 10 of this Statute, they may have the right to vote at the ICOMOS Assembly.

Sponsor members and honorary members shall have the same rights as regular members, except for the right to vote at General Assemblies of the National Committee or ICOMOS.

Article 20

Individual and collective members must pay an annual membership fee as established by the ICOMOS Assembly and which varies per type of membership, in keeping with decisions adopted by the Executive Committee of International ICOMOS. Honorary members will not pay a membership fee. Paid-up members will receive an international membership card, periodical publications and other benefits as decided from time to time by the ICOMOS Executive Committee.

Article 21

Membership applications for individual and collective members are voluntary and are made by signing an application form which is then handed in to the National Committee.

Once the National Committee has been formed, the decision to admit someone to the membership shall be made by the Executive Committee. New members must sign the ICOMOS Ethical Commitment Statement.² It is the duty of the Executive Committee of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia to pass on the names of new members to the ICOMOS Secretariat.

All members of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia are members of the International ICOMOS organization.

The Executive Committee shall propose candidates for honorary membership. A majority of the Assembly confirms candidacy by majority ballot, and the Executive Committee of the National Committee passes the candidates' names to the ICOMOS Secretariat.

The Executive Committee shall propose candidates for ICOMOS bodies. A majority of the Assembly confirms candidacy and the Executive Committee of the National Committee passes the candidates' names to the ICOMOS Secretariat.

The National Committee shall keep a Register of its members and update it annually.

Article 22

Membership of the National Committee shall cease for the following reasons:

- At the personal written request of the member;
- Non-payment of membership fees;
- Failure to adhere to the provisions of this Statute, or damaging the reputation of the National Committee.

² Ethical Commitment Statement for ICOMOS members

The decision to terminate membership shall be made by the Executive Committee of the National Committee which is bound to explain its reasons.

The member must be allowed to react to the reasons for which termination of his or her membership in ICOMOS was proposed.

The Executive Committee of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia is bound to pass on the names of members whose membership has been terminated to the ICOMOS Secretariat.

BODIES OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Article 23

The bodies of the National Committee are the Assembly, Executive Committee and Supervisory Committee.

THE ASSEMBLY

Article 24

The Assembly comprises all members of the National Committee and is the supreme body of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia.

It is the right of the Assembly to:

1. Adopt and amend the Statute of the National Committee;
2. Adopt other internal rules;
3. Choose and dismiss the President and members of the Executive and Supervisory Committees;
4. Adopt an annual report on the activities of the Executive and Supervisory Committees;
5. Ratify decisions of the Executive Committee;
6. Approve general guidelines for the programme activities of the National Committee, in general and annually;
7. Decide on participation in the work of other organizations at home and abroad;
8. Approve the annual financial report for the past year and adopt a budget for the coming one;

9. Set the level of the internal membership fee;
10. Discuss complaints from members and annul decisions by other bodies of the National Committee that are not in keeping with legislation, the Statute or other internal rules of the National Committee;
11. Decide on setting up and closing down branch organizations;
12. Grant members of the National Committee the right to vote at the ICOMOS Assembly;
13. Institute awards, recognition and scrolls of honour, and form a separate Awards Committee;
14. Approve honorary membership in the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia;
15. Adopt other decisions pursuant to the Statute;
16. Decide on changes to the status and on terminating the work of the National Committee.

Article 25

The Assembly shall be convened once a year. Elections shall take place at every third regular session.

The Assembly is convened and opened by the President of the National Committee. He may chair the meeting alone or propose a working chair and chairperson of the particular session. Special Rules of Procedure shall set out how the Assembly is to be chaired and run.

An extraordinary Assembly may be convened at the request of the Executive Committee, or of one-third of the total number of members of the National Committee.

If the President of the National Committee does not convene a Assembly within 30 days of receiving a request from the Executive Committee or a third of the membership, it shall be convened by the Executive Committee.

An invitation to attend a Assembly shall contain the following information: the summoner, the agenda, place, date and location of the meeting. An invitation shall be sent to each member of the National Committee personally, 30 days before the date of the session, and in the case of an extraordinary Assembly, 7 days before.

Article 26

An Assembly shall be considered legitimate only when over 50% of all members having the right to vote are present. If the number of members duly informed and present is smaller, the

session shall be postponed for one hour, at the same place and with the same agenda, and shall then be considered legitimate, regardless of the number of members present. When the Assembly is one at which elections are due to take place, or if the adoption of statutory documents is on the agenda, the Assembly shall be postponed for a month. If a quorum is not reached, the adoption of statutory documents may be postponed until the next regular Assembly. When the Assembly is again convened one month later, procedure for elections or the adoption of statutory documents shall be followed by those present, regardless of the number of members of the National Committee.

Each member shall have the right to one vote at the Assembly.

Article 27

Voting at sessions of the Assembly of the National Committee shall be public.

Voting by secret ballot shall take place only:

- When electing the President and members of the Executive and Supervisory Committees.
- If the session of the Assembly elects for a certain decision to be voted on by secret ballot.

Decisions of the Assembly shall be accepted by majority vote of members with voting rights.

Exceptions to this rule are decisions related to:

- Adoption of the Statute of the National Committee or any amendments thereof;
- A change or cessation of the work of the National Committee.

These shall be adopted by a majority two-third vote of members with voting rights.

Decisions of the Assembly are binding on all bodies of the National Committee.

Article 28

Decisions of the Assembly shall be subject to legal verification and verification of their compliance with national legislation and the Statute of the National Committee.

Decisions by bodies of the Assembly which are contrary to national legislation, the Statute or previous decisions of the Assembly shall be examined at the next Assembly.

If the Assembly is unable to provide a competent opinion on challenged decisions by Assembly bodies, the Executive Committee in regulating disputed issues shall either interpret the matter in the light of national legislation, seek legal arbitration from the relevant Public Legal Officer, and in cases related to the professional preservation of the cultural heritage and contemporary conservation, seek arbitration from the ICOMOS Secretariat in Paris.

Individual members or groups of members may also seek arbitration in cases of dispute only following written clarification from the Executive Committee, or in cases where the Executive Committee has not pronounced on the disputed issues within the prescribed time limit. In this case, the person or persons requesting arbitration must attach material proof that the Executive Committee did not issue a statement within the prescribed time limit (recorded mail slip or verified copy of a submission).

A time limit shall be set in accordance with the nature of the dispute and in keeping with the internal Rules of Procedure.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 29

The Executive Committee is the executive body of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia which is in charge for the attainment of the Committee's objectives.

The Executive Committee has the right to:

1. Organise the regular activities of the National Committee;
2. Manage the work of the National Committee between sessions of the Assembly, make decisions in order to achieve Committee objectives and give certain duties to individual members.
3. Write and deliver a report at the Assembly on the activities of the National committee;
4. Provide that the decisions of the Assembly are carried out;
5. Decide on initiating procedure to amend the Statute on its own initiative or at the request of at least five members of the National Committee, and prepare draft amendments which it then passes to the Assembly for adoption;

6. Formulate and propose budgets for projects to the Assembly;
7. Approve and annul individual, collective or honorary membership of the National Committee, report all cases of applications from accepted or excluded members to the Assembly;
8. Form expert teams and keep a check on their work;
9. Approve sources of financing;
10. Decide on the number, position and salary of paid staff of the National Committee;
11. Decide the permanent address of the National Committee;
12. Manage the property of the National Committee;
13. Award scrolls of honour; scrolls of honour shall be issued on specially designed forms and shall not contain sums of money or any items of value (non-commercial print or electronic publications, marketing novelty items issued or produced by the National Committee shall not be treated as items of material value within the terms of these limitations);
14. Decide on all questions that under national legislation and the Statute are not the responsibility of any other body;
15. Undertake other commitments as defined by the Statute.

Following the dissolution of the National Committee, the Executive Committee shall undertake the process of liquidation, or appoint an administrator.

Article 30

The Executive Committee shall consist of 9 members. These should cover all types of activity related to conservation, protection, rehabilitation and promotion of the cultural heritage, i.e. cultural monuments and sites.

The President of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia is *ex officio* also a member of the Executive Committee.

Article 31

Members of the Executive Committee shall be selected from the individual membership of the National Committee for a period of three years, and may be elected twice again in continuity. After a break of three years, they may again be elected under the same conditions.

Should a place on the Executive Committee fall vacant, the Assembly shall elect a new member to the Committee from among the individual members. In this case, the Executive Committee may temporarily co-opt someone from among the individual members until the next session of the Assembly.

Article 32

The Executive Committee is headed by the President of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia. The Executive Committee shall meet as required, and at least three times a year.

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be scheduled and chaired by the President in conformity with separate Rules of Procedure.

Members of the Executive Committee may not vote on matters in which they or members of their family are personally involved, or on matters involving a legal entity in which a member of the Executive Committee is part of the management, or in which he or she could influence decision-making.

Article 33

Members of the Executive Committee shall not be paid for activities in which they engage while at this post. As is the case for all other members of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia, only expenses arising from work on the National Committee's annual plan of action or by special decision of the Committee shall be paid, and only when all the requisite documentation has been submitted.

Honorary members of the National Committee and persons engaged on contract work may attend Committee meetings, but only in an observer or consultant capacity.

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

Article 34

The President of the Executive Committee of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia:

- Represents and acts on behalf of the National Committee before government bodies, organizations, physical and legal persons at home and abroad;

- Convenes and chairs meetings of the Executive Committee and proposes the agenda;
- May delegate some of his or her powers to members of the Executive Committee and authorize a third party to represent the professional interests of the National Committee before a court, government bodies, organizations and third parties;
- Represents the National Committee at the ICOMOS Advisory Committee, takes part in the work and develops relations between the Secretariat and all other national and scientific committees of International ICOMOS;
- Signs decisions, official letters and conclusions of the Executive Committee;
- Drafts and delivers the annual report on the work of the National Committee to the Assembly.

Article 35

The President shall answer for his or her work to the Assembly of the National Committee.

Article 36

The President of the National Committee shall be elected from among the individual members of the National Committee for a period of three years, and may be elected for a further two terms of three years each. Following a break of three years, he or she may again be elected under the same conditions.

Article 37

The President may, if necessary, appoint a Deputy.

The Deputy shall assist the President or fulfil his or her duties in the President's absence. The President may therefore temporarily or permanently delegate part of his or her duties to the Deputy.

Article 38

The Deputy of the National Committee shall be appointed from among the members of the Executive Committee.

Article 39

The Secretary of the National Committee shall be elected from among the members of the Executive Committee for a period of three years and may be re-elected for a further two terms of three years each. Following a break of three years, he or she may again be elected under the same conditions.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to assist the President of the National Committee in carrying out the programme.

Article 40

The administrative secretary may be employed by the National Committee following an advertisement for the vacancy.

It shall be the duty of the administrative secretary to:

- Attend to all administrative and office work
- To keep on file the documentation of the National Committee

The administrative secretary shall answer for his or her work to the President of the National Committee.

THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Article 41

The Supervisory Committee shall consist of 3 (three) members elected by the Assembly for a period of three years, and may be re-elected for the same period.

The Supervisory Committee shall keep a check on the work of the Executive Committee and on the finances of the National Committee, submitting a report to each session of the Assembly.

Meetings of the Supervisory Committee shall be considered valid when over half its members are present.

The Supervisory Committee shall:

1. Check that decisions by the Assembly on the budget, revenue and expenditure of the National Committee are carried out;
2. Check that the financial plan is carried out;
3. Have the right to check, inspect and make inventories, and report accordingly to the relevant bodies.

PROGRAMME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Article 42

Members of the Programme Advisory Committee are the presidents of the sections *ex officio*.

The Programme Advisory Committee is headed by the President of the National Committee.

The Programme Advisory Committee shall meet as required, but at least three times a year. It prepares the National Committee programme, and together with the Executive Committee and the National Committee Chairman, sees to its implementation.

SUBCOMMITTEES AND SECTIONS

Article 43

In order to explore specific problems of a professional, scientific or technical character, subcommittees and sections shall be formed at the proposal of the Executive Committee.

The subcommittees and sections shall consist of at least three members, of which one shall be the President.

Membership of subcommittees and sections is voluntary.

Membership shall be confirmed by the Executive Committee.

Activities and reports by the subcommittees and sections and progress achieved shall be determined by the Executive Committee, which shall inform the Assembly accordingly.

FINANCE

Article 44

The National Committee may obtain revenues from membership fees, voluntary contributions, donations and gifts (in cash or in kind), subventions, legacies, interest on investments, leases, dividends, projects with government bodies or foundations, assistance from other countries or local communities, and by other legal means.

Article 45

The National Committee may engage directly in commercial or other profitable activity, pursuant to the law setting out the classification of activities, under the following conditions:

1. That the activity is related to the statutory objectives of the National Committee and it will be sufficient to ensure their realization;
2. That the activity is not contrary to the Statute.

The National Committee shall also acquire earnings through engaging in commercial activity no. 22110: the publishing of books, brochures, music books and other publications.

The National Committee may only commence such activities once it has been entered in the Serbian Business Registers Agency.

The National Committee may set up working groups or enter into partnership with other working groups and their founders in order to acquire revenue, or take part in various forms of partnership in order to achieve the non-profit objectives of the National Committee. The decision to set up or take part in a profit-making enterprise or corporation shall be made by the Executive Committee.

The National Committee does not have the right to distribute any profits made from commercial or other activity to its founders, members, and members of bodies of the National Committee, directors, employees or persons connected to them.

In terms of the Law on Associations, such [connected] persons shall be deemed to be those thus defined by the Law on Business Companies.

Article 46

The National Committee may also earn revenue from registration fees for seminars and other forms of education in conservation of cultural properties, the sale of the products of educative and creative workshops, and from other similar forms of commercial activity in which the National Committee engages.

Any profit accruing from commercial and other activity may only be used for National Committee objectives, including costs of the regular work of the National Committee and participation in financing projects.

TRANSFORMATION OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Article 47

The National Committee, registered to engage in activities in the interests of the common good, may not transform itself into non-profit legal entity acting for the benefit of private individuals.

CHANGES TO THE STATUTE

Article 48

The Statute may be changed by the Assembly on the recommendation of the Executive Committee or one-third of the Assembly members. A decision to change the Statute shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority.

In keeping with the preceding paragraph, a proposition for changes shall be placed on the agenda of the next Assembly meeting. The agenda must be sent to all Assembly members at least 30 days in advance.

All changes to the Statute must be reported to the Serbian Commercial Court within 7 days and shall enter into force only following a ruling by that court.

TERMINATING THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Article 49

The Assembly, meeting especially for that purpose, shall decide by a two-thirds majority to end the work of the National Committee.

The National Committee ICOMOS Serbia shall automatically cease to exist following the abolition of International ICOMOS.

In the case that the National Committee is abolished, individual membership in International ICOMOS shall not be affected.

In addition to a decision by the Assembly, the abolition may also be pronounced by a court in the following cases:

1. When the activities of the National Committee are contrary to the Statute, or existing laws and regulations in Serbia.
2. When bankruptcy has been declared.

In the case of the National Committee being disbanded or abolished, individual membership in International ICOMOS shall not automatically cease if the individual member or group of members continues to pay membership, or work in international sections.

Article 50

When it ceases to work, the property of the National Committee shall be transferred to a domestic non-profit legal entity set up for these or similar ends, or the Assembly shall in its decision to cease work define the person to whom the property is to be transferred in keeping with the Law on Associations.

TEMPORARY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 51

The Law on Associations shall apply in all questions not covered by the Statute.

Article 52

As soon as this Statute has been adopted, the Executive Committee shall undertake to adopt Rules of Procedure and all other documents required in order for the National Committee to function.

Article 53

Following adoption of this Statute, pursuant to Article 21 herein, all current members of the National Committee ICOMOS Serbia must sign the ICOMOS Ethical Commitment Statement by 25 December 2010 at the latest.

Article 54

The founders, here undersigned, adopted this Statute on 19 May 2010, in Belgrade.

Chair of the Constituent Assembly

Sanja Kesić-Ristić

In Belgrade, 19 May 2010
