



## **Statutes of the International Sustainable Energy Organization**

### **Preamble**

Recognizing that

- fossil mineral energy resources are limited and therefore must be conserved for more valuable purposes than for combustion, since the industry and organic chemistry depend on them as hydrocarbon feedstock for plastics, paints, fibres, health products, lube oils, refrigerants, detergents, pesticides, cosmetics, metallurgy, coatings etc. and the depletion mid-point has been passed in most regions of the world;
- fossil energy emissions are the main reason for man-made climate change with CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in the atmosphere passed the point of no return with global warming, sea level rise and weather disasters causing the loss of fertile, highly populated coastal zones and sovereign island states, the retraction of glaciers and disturbing the natural weather cycles, causing harm to all living species in the biosphere;
- agriculture in many areas is being harmed by acid rains, violent flooding and desertification, causing severe problems to the food production for the world population;
- oil spills are affecting coastal areas with their important habitats, wildlife and beaches for tourism and oil drilling in deep seas and in protected wildlife resorts have similar negative effects;
- the reliance on imported fossil fuels causes trade imbalances, foreign exchange shortages, affecting especially the poorer nations, hampering their infrastructure development, provision of food, and delaying social and gender well-being;
- health effects in cities and coal mines exceed tolerable limits resulting in exorbitant health cost, due to energy pollution and intolerable noise;
- oil wars kill innocent inhabitants and unconvinced soldiers, damaging the environment and wasting billions of Dollars, which are urgently needed to develop and build sustainable energy systems;
- the transition to a clean, efficient renewable energy economy is therefore top urgent for the survival on planet Earth requiring all conceivable means to disseminate renewable energy technologies and better efficiency by technical, legal, educational, financial means on a fast track.

Most principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, approved by consensus by most Nations in 1992, have not been implemented as regards energy, as explained in Annex 3 "ISEO in the Context of the United Nations Goals for Sustainable Development".

Plenty of clean, sustainable energy technologies are available to satisfy all societal needs for development, housing and transport economically and in an ecological way, creating extra clean jobs.

The methodology for world-wide action towards the transition to the "Clean, Sustainable Energy Age" are embedded in the "Global Energy Charter for Sustainable Development", formulated and updated by an interdisciplinary group of legal, technical, economic and scientific experts.

Under the slogan "*Intact Nature & Health through Clean Energy - Renewable Energy from an Intact Nature & Climate*", ISEO will cooperate intensely with complementary international organizations such as FAO, IUCN, UNEP, UNESCO, WWF, WMO, WHO and many NGOs supporting the goals of ISEO which shall act as a world-wide clearing house and umbrella for such endeavors.

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### ARTICLE I Establishment of ISEO

The founding parties establish an international organization for sustainable energies, called ISEO (Sustainable Energy Organization) in Geneva, Switzerland). ISEO is constituted upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth in accordance with Article 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code as an international association of governmental and non-governmental members. Therefore it has legal personality and may perform and act as such in conformity with its objectives.

### ARTICLE II Purpose

ISEO shall seek to enlarge and accelerate the contribution of sustainable energy to economic and social development throughout the world. Sustainable energies include any energy source, system, carrier and use, that does not harm the health, environment, climate and peace on Earth.

To attain these objectives, ISEO

- (a) mobilizes its members, committees, components and partners to build alliances for the promotion of clean, sustainable energy systems, based on the Global Energy Charter for Sustainable Development;
- (b) Strengthens the institutional capacity of its members to implement sustainable energy systems at global, regional, national and local levels at an accelerated pace to avoid an ecological and climate collapse;
- (c) Promotes enhanced cooperation between its governmental and non-governmental members to strengthen the capacity of its members and affiliated organizations towards its goals;
- (d) Encourages research and development related to sustainable energy systems, enhances the cooperation with and between academia and disseminates information about such work;
- (e) Provides a forum and clearing house with its internet portal, symposia and workshops for discussion of energy related health, environment and climate issues, including their scientific, educational, legal, economic, social, environmental and political aspects, at global, regional, national and local levels.
- (f) Develops expert networks and information systems to support its members and associates;
- (g) Enhances and disseminates relevant standards, guidebooks and reference materials on clean, sustainable energy systems, drawing on the expertise of its members and associated organizations;
- (h) Influences national and international legal and administrative instruments to enable societies to enforce and enjoy the advantages of clean, sustainable energies;
- (i) Makes representations to governments, international agencies and commissions to influence energy policies towards the transition to the clean, sustainable energy age;
- (j) Assists in the development of mechanisms for easier and increased financing of sustainable energy systems, education and research, and to decrease harmful subsidies for unsustainable systems;

- (k) Contributes to the preparation of international agreements relevant to sustainable energy and the mandatory introduction of a full energy accounting system, including all externalities and risks.
- (l) Takes any other appropriate action which will promote the clean, sustainable energy age and
- (m) Implements the provisions of these statutes

### **ARTICLE III Functions**

#### **A. ISEO is authorized:**

1. To encourage and assist research on, and development and practical application of sustainable energy throughout the world; and, if requested to do so, to act as an intermediary for the purposes of securing the performance of services or the supplying of technologies, materials, equipment, or facilities by one member of the Agency for another; and to perform any operation or service useful in research on, or development or practical application of sustainable energy;
2. To make provision, in accordance with this Statute, for technologies, materials, services, equipment, and facilities to meet the needs of research on, and development and practical application of sustainable energy, including the production of electric power, clean fuels and heat, with due consideration for the needs of the less developed areas of the world;
  3. To foster the exchange of scientific and technical information on uses of sustainable energy;
  4. To encourage the exchange of training of scientists and experts in the field of sustainable energy;
  5. To establish and administer codes and safeguards designed to ensure that applied sustainable energy systems are fully compatible with the biosphere, climate and health of life on Earth.
6. To establish or adopt, in consultation and where appropriate, in collaboration with the competent organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned and relevant NGOs, standards of safety for protection of health in the field of energy;
7. To acquire or establish any facilities, plant and equipment useful in carrying out its authorized functions, whenever the facilities, plant, and equipment otherwise available to it in the area concerned are inadequate or available only on terms it deems unsatisfactory.

#### **B. In carrying out its functions, ISEO shall:**

1. Conduct its activities in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations to promote peace and international co-operation, and in conformity with policies of the United Nations furthering the establishment of safeguarded worldwide disarmament and in conformity with any international agreements entered into pursuant to such policies;
2. Allocate its resources in such a manner as to secure efficient utilization and the greatest possible general benefit in all areas of the world, bearing in mind the special needs of the less developed areas;
3. Submit reports on its activities annually to the General Assembly of the United Nations;
4. Submit reports to the Economic and Social Council and other organs of the United Nations on matters within the competence of these organs.

### **ARTICLE IV Membership**

- A. Members of ISEO shall be States, specialized agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), local communities, voluntary groups, industries, trade associations, academia, research and development institutions, already accredited by ECOSOC, CSD or DPI, or not yet accredited organizations, which all have legally signed the application form for ISEO membership. Furthermore, experts and honorary members may be admitted. The five membership categories of ISEO are:

- Category A:     (a) States, government agencies and regional state unions  
                       (b) Political and/or economic integration organizations

- Category B     (a) UN accredited national non-governmental organizations (NGO)

- (b) UN accredited international non-governmental organizations (INGO)
  - Category C
    - (a) Local communities
    - (b) Local volunteering groups
  - Category D
    - (a) Industries (not accredited NGO at the UN)
    - (b) Trade Associations (not accredited at the UN)
  - Category E
    - (a) Academia and Research Institutions not listed as formal NGOs
    - (b) Experts who are actively involved and Honorary Members
- B. Memberships applications have to be notified to the Central Secretariat of ISEO and then approved by the General Conference upon the recommendation of the Executive Secretary / Director General. In recommending and approving a State or NGOs for membership, the Board of Governors and the General Conference shall determine that the ISEO candidate is able and willing to carry out the obligations of membership in ISEO, giving due consideration to its ability and willingness to act in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.
- C. ISEO is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its government members. All members, in order to ensure to all of them the rights and benefits resulting from membership, shall fulfil in good faith the obligations assumed by them in accordance with this Statute.

#### **ARTICLE V General Conference**

- A. A General Conference consisting of representatives of all members shall meet in regular annual session and in such special sessions as shall be convened by the Director General / Executive Secretary at the request of the Board of Governors or by a fifth of the members. The sessions shall take place at the headquarters of ISEO unless otherwise determined by the Board.
- B. At such sessions, each member shall be represented by one delegate who may be accompanied by alternates and by advisers. The cost of attendance of any delegation shall be borne by the member concerned.
- C. The General Conference shall elect a Chairman and such other officers as may be required at the beginning of each session. They shall hold office for the duration of the session. The General Conference, subject to the provisions of this Statute, shall adopt its own rules of procedure. Each member shall have one vote.
- D. The General Conference may discuss any questions or any matters within the scope of this Statute or relating to the powers and functions of any organs provided for in this Statute, and may make recommendations to the membership of ISEO or to the Board of Governors or to both on any such questions or matters.
- E. The General Conference shall
- elect a President, Vice Presidents and members of the Board of Governors in accordance with article VI;
  - approve States for membership in accordance with article IV;
  - suspend a member from the privileges and rights of membership in accordance with article XVIII;
  - consider the annual report of the Board;
  - in accordance with article XIII, approve the budget of ISEO recommended by the Board or return it with recommendations as to its entirety or parts to the Board for resubmission to the General Conference;
  - approve reports to be submitted to the United Nations as required by the relationship agreement between ISEO and the United Nations, except reports referred to in paragraph C of article XI, or return them to the Board with its recommendations;
  - approve any agreement or agreements between ISEO and the United Nations and other organizations as provided in article XV or return such agreements with its recommendations to the Board, for resubmission to the General Conference;
  - approve rules and limitations regarding the exercise of borrowing powers by the Board, in accordance with paragraph G of article XIII; approve rules regarding the acceptance of voluntary contributions to ISEO; and

approve, in accordance with paragraph F of article XIII, the manner in which the general fund referred to in that paragraph may be used;

approve amendments to this Statute in accordance with paragraph C of article XVII;

approve the appointment of the Director General in accordance with paragraph A of article VII.

F. The General Conference shall have the authority

to take decisions on any matter specifically referred to the General Conference for this purpose by the Board;

to propose matters for consideration by the Board and request from the Board reports on any matter relating to the functions of ISEO.

## **ARTICLE VI Board of Governors**

A. The Board of Governors shall be composed as follows:

1. The outgoing Board of Governors shall designate for membership on the Board the members most advanced in the technology of sustainable energy including sources, transportation and application from following geographic areas:

- North America, including Hawaii, Bermuda and Bahamas
- Latin America, including the islands in the Caribbean
- Western Europe, including Scandinavia, Iceland and Greenland
- Central and Eastern Europe, including Russia
- Africa, including its islands and Madagascar
- Middle East and South Asia, including Indian Ocean islands
- South East Asia (ASEAN states), and all Pacific Nations
- Far East, including China, Mongolia, Korea and Japan (excluding Russia)

2. The General Conference shall elect the members of the Board of Governors as follows:

Sixteen (16) government members, with due regard to equitable representation on the Board as a whole of the members in the areas listed in sub-paragraph A 1 of this article, so that the Board shall at all times include two representatives of category A (a) of article IV A each of these areas, of all of which at least one representing endangered small island states, one representing mountainous regions and ice caps and one representing desert regions. The Board may also accept representatives from 16 major supranational NGO member of category B (b) of article IV A, active in sustainable energy for Board Membership election. Members in any one term of office will be eligible for re-election in the same category;

B. The designations shall take place at the regular annual sessions of the General Conference.

C. Members represented on the Board of Governors shall hold office from the end of the regular annual session of the General Conference after their designation until the end of the following regular annual session of the General Conference.

D. Each member of the Board of Governors shall have one vote. Decisions on the amount of ISEO's budget shall be made by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, as provided in paragraph H of article XIII. Decisions on other questions, including the determination of additional questions or categories of questions to be decided by a two thirds majority, shall be made by a majority of those present and voting. Two-thirds of all members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

E. The Board of Governors shall have authority to carry out the functions of ISEO in accordance with this Statute, subject to its responsibilities to the General Conference as provided in this Statute.

F. The Board of Governors shall meet at such times as it may determine. The meetings shall take place at the headquarters of ISEO unless otherwise determined by the Board.

G. The Board of Governors shall elect a Chairman and other officers from among its members and, subject to the provisions of this Statute, shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

- H. The Board of Governors may establish such committees and working groups as it deems advisable. The Board may appoint persons to represent it in its relations with other organizations.
- I. The Board of Governors shall prepare an annual report to the General Conference concerning the affairs of ISEO and any projects approved by ISEO. The Board shall also prepare for submission to the General Conference such reports as is or may be required to make to the United Nations or to any other organizations the work of which is related to that of ISEO. These reports, along with the annual reports, shall be submitted to members of ISEO at least one month before the regular annual session of the General Conference.

#### **ARTICLE VII Staff**

- A. The staff of ISEO shall be headed by a Director General. The Director General shall be appointed by the Board of Governors with the approval of the General Conference for a term of four years. He shall be the chief administrative officer of ISEO.
- B. The Director General shall be responsible for the appointment, organization and functioning of the staff, and shall be under the authority of and subject to the control of the Board of Governors. He shall perform his duties in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.
- C. The staff shall include such qualified scientific and technical and other personnel as may be required to fulfil the objectives and functions of ISEO. ISEO shall be guided by the principle that its permanent staff shall be kept to a minimum and as decentralized as possible if this reduces operational cost.
- D. The paramount consideration in the recruitment and employment of the staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be to secure employees of the highest standards of efficiency, professional competence, and integrity. Subject to this consideration, due regard shall be paid to the contributions of members to ISEO and to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible.
- E. The terms and conditions on which the staff shall be appointed, remunerated, and dismissed shall be in accordance with regulations made by the Board of Governors, subject to the provisions of this Statute and to general rules approved by the General Conference on the recommendation of the Board.
- F. In the performance of their duties, the Director General and the staff shall not seek or receive instructions from any source external to ISEO. They shall refrain from any action which might reflect on their position as officials of ISEO; subject to their responsibilities to ISEO, they shall not disclose any industrial secret or other confidential information coming to their knowledge by reason of their official duties for ISEO. Each member undertakes to respect the international character of the responsibilities of the Director General and the staff and shall not seek to influence them in the discharge of their duties.
- G. In this article the term "staff" includes guards.

#### **ARTICLE VIII Exchange of information**

- A. Each member should make available such information as would, in the judgement of the member, be helpful to ISEO, preferably by electronic means suitable for the ISEO internet portal for easy dissemination.
- B. Each member shall make available to ISEO all technical and scientific information by electronic means, developed as a result of assistance extended by ISEO pursuant to article XI. under paragraphs A and B of this article. It shall take positive steps to encourage the electronic exchange among its members of information relating to the nature and peaceful uses of sustainable energy and shall serve as an intermediary among its members for this purpose.

#### **ARTICLE IX Services, equipment, and facilities**

Members may make available to ISEO services, equipment, and facilities which may be of assistance in fulfilling ISEO's objectives and functions.

#### **ARTICLE X ISEO projects**

- A. Any member or group of members of ISEO desiring to set up any project for research on, or development or practical application of sustainable energy may request the assistance of ISEO in securing relevant materials, technologies, services, equipment, and facilities necessary for this purpose. Any such request

shall be accompanied by an explanation of the purpose and extent of the project and shall be considered by the Board of Governors .

- B. Upon request, ISEO may also assist any member or group of members to make arrangements to secure necessary financing from outside sources to carry out such projects. In extending this assistance, ISEO will not be required to provide any guarantees or to assume any financial responsibility for the project.
- C. ISEO may arrange for the supplying of any materials, services, equipment, and facilities necessary for the project by one or more members or may itself undertake to provide any or all of these directly, taking into consideration the wishes of the member or members making the request.
- D. For the purpose of considering the request, ISEO may send into the territory of the member or group of members making the request a person or persons qualified to examine the project. For this purpose ISEO may, with the approval of the member or group of members making the request, use members of its own staff or employ suitably qualified nationals of any member or other UN body, academia or NGO.
- E. Before approving a project under this article, the Director General shall give due consideration to:
  - 1. The usefulness of the project, including its scientific and technical feasibility;
  - 2. The adequacy of plans, funds, and technical personnel to assure the effective execution of the project;
  - 3. The adequacy of proposed health and safety standards for the system's operating facilities;
  - 4. The inability of the member or group of members making the request to secure the necessary finances, materials, facilities, equipment, and services;
  - 5. The equitable dissemination of the results of the project after successful completion;
  - 6. The special needs of the less developed areas of the world; and
  - 7. Such other matters as may be relevant for achieving the overall goal of ISEO.
- F. Upon approving a project, ISEO shall enter into an agreement with the member or group of members submitting the project, which agreement shall:
  - 1. Provide for allocation to the project of any required special technology, tools or materials;
  - 2. Set forth the terms and conditions, including charges, on which any materials, services, equipment, and facilities are to be provided by ISEO itself, and, if any such materials, services, equipment, and facilities are to be provided by a member, the terms and conditions as arranged for by the member or group of members submitting the project and the supplying member;
  - 3. Include undertakings by the member or group of members submitting the project: (a) that the assistance provided shall not be used in such a way as to further any military purpose; and (b) that the project shall be subject to environmental and health regulations to be specified in the agreement;
  - 4. Make appropriate provision regarding the rights and interests of ISEO and the member or members concerned in any inventions or discoveries, or any patents therein, arising from the project;
  - 5. Make appropriate provision regarding settlement of disputes;
  - 6. Include such other provisions as may be appropriate.
- G. The provisions of this article shall also apply where appropriate to a request for materials, services, facilities, or equipment in connection with an existing project.

#### **ARTICLE XI ISEO safeguards**

- A. With respect to any ISEO project, or other arrangement where ISEO is requested by the parties concerned to apply safeguards, ISEO shall have the following rights and responsibilities to the extent relevant to the project or arrangement:
  - 1. To examine the design of equipment and facilities, and to approve it only from the viewpoint of assuring that it will not further any military purpose, that it complies with applicable environment, health and safety standards, and that it will permit effective application of the safeguards provided for in this article;

2. To require the observance of any health and safety measures prescribed by ISEO;
  3. To call for and receive progress reports;
  4. In the event of non-compliance and failure by the recipient State or States to take requested corrective steps within a reasonable time, to suspend or terminate assistance and withdraw any materials and equipment made available by ISEO or a member in furtherance of the project.
- B. ISEO shall, as necessary, establish a staff of inspectors. The staff of inspectors shall have the responsibility of examining all operations conducted by ISEO itself to determine whether ISEO is complying with the environment, health and safety measures prescribed by it for application to projects subject to its approval, supervision or control. ISEO shall take remedial action forthwith to correct any non-compliance or failure to take adequate measures.
- C. The staff of inspectors shall also have the responsibility of determining whether there is compliance with the measures referred to in sub-paragraph A-2 of this article, and with all other conditions of the projects prescribed in the agreement between ISEO and the State or States concerned. The inspectors shall report any non-compliance to the Director General who shall thereupon transmit the report to the Board of Governors. The Board shall call upon the recipient State or States to remedy forthwith any non-compliance which it finds to have occurred. In the event of failure of the recipient State or States to take fully corrective action within a reasonable time, the Board may take one or both of the following measures: direct curtailment or suspension of assistance being provided by ISEO or by a member of ISEO, and call for the return of materials and equipment made available to the recipient member or group of members.

## **ARTICLE XII Reimbursement of members**

Unless otherwise agreed upon between the Board of Governors and the member furnishing to ISEO technologies, materials, services, equipment, or facilities, the Board shall enter into an agreement with such member providing for reimbursement for the items furnished.

## **ARTICLE XIII Finance**

- A. The Board of Governors shall submit to the General Conference the annual budget estimates for the expenses of ISEO. To facilitate the work of the Board in this regard, the Director General shall initially prepare the budget estimates. If the General Conference does not approve the estimates, it shall return them together with its recommendations to the Board. The Board shall then submit further estimates to the General Conference for its approval.
- B. Expenditures of ISEO shall be classified under the following categories:
1. Administrative expenses: these shall include:
    - (a) Cost of the INTERNET platform, information security, websites, electronic information exchange and electronic data banks.
    - (b) Cost of the permanent staff, consultants and advisors of ISEO other than the staff employed in connection with materials, services, equipment, and facilities referred to in sub paragraph B-2 below; costs of meetings; and expenditures required for the preparation of ISEO projects and for the distribution of information;
  2. Expenses, other than those included in sub-paragraph 1 of this paragraph, in connection with any materials, facilities, plant, and equipment acquired or established by ISEO in carrying out its authorized functions, and the costs of materials, services, equipment, and facilities provided by it under agreements with one or more members.
- C. In fixing the expenditures under sub-paragraph B-1 (b) above, the Board of Governors shall deduct such amounts as are recoverable under agreements regarding the application of safeguards between ISEO and parties to bilateral or multilateral arrangements.
- D. The Board of Governors shall apportion the expenses referred to in paragraph B-1 above among members in accordance with a scale of fees to be fixed by the General Conference according to article 71 of the Swiss Civil Code. The liability of the members is limited to the amount of their fees. In fixing the scale of fees the General Conference shall be guided by the principles adopted by the United Nations in assessing contributions of Member States to the regular budget of the United Nations.



- E. The Board of Governors shall establish periodically a scale of charges, including reasonable uniform storage and handling charges, for materials, services, equipment, and facilities furnished to members by ISEO. The scale shall be designed to produce revenues for ISEO adequate to meet the expenses and costs referred to in sub paragraph B-2 above, less any voluntary contributions which the Board of Governors may, in accordance with paragraph F, apply for this purpose. The proceeds of such charges shall be placed in a separate fund which shall be used to pay members for any materials, services, equipment, or facilities furnished by them and to meet other expenses referred to in sub-paragraph B- 2 above which may be incurred by ISEO itself.
- F. Any excess of revenues referred to in paragraph E over the expenses and costs there referred to, and any voluntary contributions to ISEO, shall be placed in a general fund which may be used as the Board of Governors, with the approval of the General Conference, may determine.
- G. Subject to rules and limitations approved by the General Conference, the Board of Governors shall have the authority to exercise borrowing powers on behalf of ISEO without, however, imposing on members of ISEO any liability in respect of loans entered into pursuant to this authority, and to accept voluntary contributions made to ISEO.
- H. Decisions of the General Conference on financial questions and of the Board of Governors on the amount of ISEO's budget shall require a two- thirds majority of those present and voting.

#### **ARTICLE XIV Privileges and immunities**

- A. ISEO shall enjoy in the territory of each member such legal capacity and such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the exercise of its functions.
- B. Delegates of members together with their alternates and advisers, Governors appointed to the Board together with their alternates and advisers, and the Director General and the staff of ISEO, shall enjoy such privileges and immunities as are necessary in the independent exercise of their functions in connection with ISEO.
- C. The legal capacity, privileges, and immunities referred to in this article shall be defined in a separate agreement or agreements between ISEO, represented for this purpose by the Director General acting under instructions of the Board of Governors, and the members

#### **ARTICLE XV Relationship with other organizations**

- A. The Board of Governors, with the approval of the General Conference, is authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements establishing an appropriate relationship between ISEO and the United Nations and any other organizations, the work of which is related to that of ISEO.
- B. The agreement or agreements establishing the relationship of ISEO and the United Nations shall provide for:
  - 1. Submission by ISEO of reports as provided for in sub-paragraph B-3 and B-4 of article III;
  - 2. Consideration by ISEO of resolutions relating to it adopted by the General Assembly or any of the Councils of the United Nations and the submission of reports, when requested, to the appropriate organ of the United Nations on the action taken by ISEO or by its members in accordance with this Statute as a result of such consideration.

#### **ARTICLE XVI Settlement of disputes**

- A. Any question or dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Statute which is not settled by negotiation shall be referred to the International Court of Justice in conformity with the Statute of the Court, unless the parties concerned agree on another mode of settlement.
- B. The General Conference and the Board of Governors are separately empowered, subject to authorization from the General Assembly of the United Nations, to request the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion on any legal question arising within the scope of ISEO's activities .

#### **ARTICLE XVII Amendments and withdrawals**

- A. Amendments to this Statute may be proposed by any member. Certified copies of the text of any amendment proposed shall be prepared by the Director General and communicated by him/her to all members at least ninety days in advance of its consideration by the General Conference.
- B. At the fifth annual session of the General Conference following the coming into force of this Statute, the question of a general review of the provisions of this Statute shall be placed on the agenda of that session. On approval by a majority of the members present and voting, the review will take place at the following General Conference. Thereafter, proposals on the question of a general review of this Statute may be submitted for decision by the General Conference under the same procedure.
- C. Amendments shall come into force for all members when:
  - 1. Approved by the General Conference by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting after consideration of observations submitted by the Board of Governors on each proposed amendment, and
  - 2. Accepted by two-thirds of all the members in accordance with their respective constitutional processes. Acceptance by a member shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the depositary Government referred to in paragraph C of article XXI.
- D. At any time after five years from the date when this Statute shall take effect in accordance with paragraph E of article XXI or whenever a member is unwilling to accept an amendment to this Statute, it may withdraw from ISEO by notice in writing to that effect given to the depositary Government referred to in paragraph C of article XXI, which shall promptly inform the Board of Governors and all members.
  - E. Withdrawal by a member from ISEO shall not affect its contractual obligations entered into pursuant to article XI or its budgetary obligations for the year in which it withdraws.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII Suspension of privileges**

- A. A member of ISEO which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to ISEO shall have no vote in ISEO if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two years. The General Conference may, nevertheless, permit such a member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the member.
- B. A member which has persistently violated the provisions of this Statute or of any agreement entered into by it pursuant to this Statute may be suspended from the exercise of the privileges and rights of membership by the General Conference acting by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting upon recommendation by the Board of Governors.

#### **ARTICLE XIX Definitions**

As used in this Statute:

The term "sustainable energy" includes any renewable energy system as specified in the terminology of the international standard ISO13602-Part 1 with minimum losses and releases to the environment. Sustainable uses of any energy system require the most rational and efficient application of energy with minimum losses, waste or releases to the environment.

#### **ARTICLE XX Signature, acceptance, and entry into force**

- A. This Statute shall be open for signature from 6 April 2003 by all Member States of the United Nations or by any of the UN Specialized Agencies, Programs, Funds, Entities, Institutes, Commissions, related organizations and other membership categories according to article IV.
- B. The signatory States shall become parties to this Statute by deposit of an instrument of ratification.
- C. Instruments of ratification by signatory States and instruments of acceptance by States whose membership has been approved under paragraph B of article IV of this Statute shall be addressed to the Preparatory Commission of ISEO.
- D. Ratification or acceptance of this Statute shall be effected by States in accordance with their respective constitutional processes.
- E. This Statute, apart from the Annexes, shall come into force when sixteen States have deposited instruments of ratification in accordance with paragraph B of this article.

F. The depositary Government shall promptly inform all States signatory to this Statute of the date of each deposit of ratification and the date of entry into force of the Statute. The depositary Government shall promptly inform all signatories and members of the dates on which States subsequently become parties thereto.

G. The Annexes to this Statute shall come into force on the first day this Statute is open for signature.

**ARTICLE XXI Registration with the United Nations**

A. This Statute shall be registered by the depositary Government pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

B. Agreements between ISEO and any member or members, agreements between ISEO and any other organization, and agreements between members subject to approval of ISEO, shall be registered with ISEO. Such agreements shall be registered by ISEO with the United Nations if registration is required under Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

**ARTICLE XXII Authentic texts and certified copies**

This Statute, done in the English, French, Russian, Spanish, Chinese and Arabic languages, each being equally authentic, shall be deposited in the safe of ISEO. Duly certified copies of this Statute shall be transmitted by ISEO to the Governments of States admitted to membership under paragraph B of article IV and to the NGO Members.

Geneva, 18 March 2003

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Baumgartner

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## **Annex 1**

### **Preparatory Commission**

- A. A Preparatory Commission shall come into existence on the first day this Statute is open for signature. It shall be composed of one representative each of initial signatories. The Preparatory Commission shall remain in existence until this Statute comes into force and thereafter until the General Conference has convened and a Board of Governors has been selected in accordance with article VI.
- B. The expenses of the Preparatory Commission may be met by loans or gifts to ISEO's trust fund provided by the initiators of ISEO or other sponsors and for this purpose the Preparatory Commission shall make the necessary arrangements with the appropriate authorities of the United Nations, including arrangements for repayment of the loan by ISEO. Should these funds be insufficient, the Preparatory Commission may accept advances from other Governments or sponsors. Such advances may be set off against the contributions of the Governments, UN bodies or NGOs concerned to ISEO.
- C. The Preparatory Commission shall
1. Elect its own officers, adopt its own rules of procedure, meet as often as necessary, determine its own place of meeting and establish such committees as it deems necessary;
  2. Appoint an Executive Secretary and staff as shall be necessary, who shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as the Commission may determine;
  3. Make arrangements for the first session of the General Conference, including the preparation of a provisional agenda and draft rules of procedure, such session to be held as soon as possible after the entry into force of this Statute;
  4. Make designations for membership on the first Board of Governors in accordance with sub- paragraphs A- 1 and A- 2 and paragraph B of article VI;
  5. Make studies, reports, and recommendations for the first session of the General Conference and for the first meeting of the Board of Governors on subjects of concern to ISEO requiring immediate attention, including (a) the financing of ISEO; (b) the programmes and budget for the first year of ISEO; (c) technical problems relevant to advance planning of ISEO operations; (d) the establishment of a permanent ISEO staff; and (e) the location of the permanent headquarters of ISEO;
  6. Make recommendations for the first meeting of the Board of Governors concerning the provisions of a headquarters agreement defining the status of ISEO and the rights and obligations which will exist in the relationship between ISEO and the host Government;
  7. (a) Enter into negotiations with the United Nations with a view to the preparation of a draft agreement in accordance with article XVI of this Statute, such draft agreement to be submitted to the first session of the General Conference and to the first meeting of the Board of Governors; and  
(b) Make recommendations to the first session of the Conference and to the first meeting of the Board of Governors concerning the relationship of ISEO to other international organizations as contemplated in article XVI of this Statute.
  8. Verify and, if in line with this statute, transmit all applications for ISEO membership to the depositary government.

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## Annex 2

### Application for ISEO Membership

In recognizing the need for the global promotion, generation and use of sustainable energy, the exchange of sustainable energy technologies, their implementation and complete energy statistics, planning and financing, we / I apply to become a member of

#### ISEO - International Sustainable Energy Organization

- Category A (a) States, government agencies and regional state unions
- Category A (b) Political and/or economic integration organizations

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- Category B (a) UN accredited national non-governmental organizations (NGO)
- Category B (b) UN accredited international non-governmental organizations (INGO)

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- Category C (a) Local communities
- Category C (b) Local volunteering groups

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- Category D (a) Industries (not accredited NGO at the UN)
- Category D (b) Trade Associations (not accredited at the UN)

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- Category E (a) Academia and Research Institutions not listed as formal NGOs
- Category E (b) Experts who are actively involved and honorary Members

We / I approve the statutes dated 6 April 2003, as published on the ISEO website [www.uniseo.org](http://www.uniseo.org)  
Organization / Government of .....

Name: ..... First / Middle Names: .....

Address .....

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Place .....

Telephone ..... Fax .....

Website ..... E-mail .....

Signed by .....

.....Signature (-s) .....

Place ..... Date .....

Initial voluntary contribution for the start-up expenses may be made to the ISEO Trust Fund  
Accounts at CS, Geneva:

Remarks: .....



## Annex 3

### ISEO in the Context of the United Nations Goals for Sustainable Development

Referring to the RIO DECLARATION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, proclaiming in Principle 1 that “Human beings are at the centre of concerns for sustainable development. They are entitled to a healthy and productive life in harmony with nature”, rather than being victims of polluting, risky energy, endangering the health, the biosphere and climate; and peace threatened by oil wars.

and in Principle 2, that “States have, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the principle of international law, the sovereign right to exploit their own resources pursuant to their own environmental and developmental policies ... which do not cause damage to the environment of other states”, which is not the case with the actual unsustainable, polluting energy resources intruding the environment of other sovereign states, that can and must be replaced economically by indigenous, clean, sustainable energy sources.

It further states in Principle 4 “In order to achieve sustainable development, environmental protection shall constitute an integral part of the development process and cannot be considered in isolation from it”; and in Principle 7 “States shall cooperate in a spirit of global partnership to conserve, protect and restore the health and integrity of the Earth’s ecosystem”; and in Principle 9 “States shall reduce and eliminate unsustainable patterns of production ....”. rather than expanding the finite fossil and fissile fuel economy with more risky and unecological coal, oil, gas and uranium fired power stations and millions more of polluting vehicles.

In Principle 13 it is said that “States shall develop national laws regarding liability and compensation for the victims of pollution and other environmental damage”, which is a task wasting hundreds of billions of dollars, instead of investing this money in indigenous, clean, sustainable energy systems, which can cover all needs economically and ecologically, rather than wasting tight foreign exchange for importing polluting, risky energy causing incalculable and irreversible damages, as referred to in Principle 15 “.... the precautionary approach shall be widely applied, where there are threats of serious and irreversible damage .....”.

Therefore Principle 16 must be enforced without further delay in order to “promote the internalisation of environmental costs .... taking into account the approach that the polluter should bear the cost of pollution ....”, especially as regards unsustainable energy systems, which are the main cause of air pollution, health problems, biosphere degradation, acid rain, oil spills, lead, platinum and other heavy metal contaminations, global warming, rising oceans, retracting glaciers and incalculable risks of oil wars and by radioactivity.

And last but not least it must be noted that the presently dominating energy systems are in conflict with Principle 24 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, stating that “Warfare is inherently destructive of sustainable development”, which is true in a double sense: warfare is often caused by political oil claims and causing unnecessary waste of precious fossil resources, which should be conserved for the indispensable petrochemical uses by many future generations, rather than being combusted within one single generation.

Agenda 21 does not sufficiently stress the importance and urgency of the transition from polluting, risky and wasteful energy sources to clean, sustainable energy systems. Therefore most of the ten years were lost between the Rio and Johannesburg Summits. The general statements in Agenda 21 without any binding obligations or targets for renewable energy must be corrected by ISEO, by stressing the reasons, urgency and means for an effective action plan for the transition to the clean, sustainable energy age.

The means and methods for world-wide remedial action and financing for the transition to the clean, sustainable energy age are embedded in the Global Energy Charter for Sustainable Development, formulated and updated by an interdisciplinary group of legal, technical, economic and scientific ecological experts from the UN, Governments, NGOs and Academia in conjunction with the “Geneva Proclamation for Sustainable, Clean Energy”, based on the conclusions and “Blueprint” of the CLEAN ENERGY 2000 Conference in Geneva. Suitable implementation tools are relevant ISO and IEC standards, such as the International Standard on Technical Energy Systems Analysis ISO13602-1, the ISO and IEC standards for clean, renewable energy systems and the new ISO standard for complete energy statistics and an integrated forecasting methodology.

To satisfy developmental and modernization needs world-wide and to maintain the standard of living with maximum energy efficiency measures, the annual world market share growth target for renewable energy must exceed 5 % until the year 2050, requiring at least the same investments as the non-renewable energy sector and military budgets, which each absorbed in recent years annually over 1000 Billion USD/EUR capital. Hence financial institutions have to play an important role in this transition, to be enhanced and coordinated by ISEO.