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CHAPTER I       TITLE AND HEADQUARTERS

Article 1. The World Federation of Acupuncture-moxibustion Societies (WFAS) is a non-governmental international union of acupuncture-moxibustion societies, having formal relations with the World Health Organization (WHO).

Article 2. The Headquarters of WFAS is in Beijing, China. The emblem of WFAS is a round pattern on which the world map and five needles are encircled by two bunches of moxa leaves.

CHAPTER II       OBJECTIVES

Article 3. The objectives of WFAS shall be to promote understanding and cooperation among acupuncture-moxibustion groups throughout the world, to strengthen international academic exchanges, to develop the medical science of acupuncture-moxibustion, and to enhance the state and function of acupuncture-moxibustion in the medical health care of the people of the world, thereby contributing to the health of humanity.

Article 4. To attain these objectives, WFAS shall undertake the following responsibilities:

(1) Organize international conferences, medium-sized symposiums and seminars on acupuncture-moxibustion;
(2) Promote cooperation among acupuncture-moxibustion groups throughout the world, and encourage various kinds of academic exchanges on the medical science of acupuncture-moxibustion;
(3) Execute the task brought by the formal relations between WFAS and WHO, complete the cooperation plan with WHO and implement the strategy of WHO on traditional medicine;
(4) Disseminate information on and promote the medical science of acupuncture-moxibustion, strive for legal status of acupuncture-moxibustion in all
countries;
(5) Develop education and training of acupuncture-moxibustion, and improve its professional quality;
(6) Promote the service of acupuncture-moxibustion treatment and acupuncture research.
(7) Publish periodicals on the medical science of acupuncture-moxibustion, and provide information services;
(8) Create and promote the international standardization of acupuncture-moxibustion;
(9) Take on any other work necessary for realizing the objectives of WFAS.

CHAPTER III     MEMBERSHIP

Article 5. WFAS is composed of member societies. A member society must be a lawful acupuncture-moxibustion society or organization of at least three years' history in a country/region and must have at least fifty individual members with 3/4 of them satisfying one of the following conditions:
(1) be a qualified acupuncturist or doctor of traditional Chinese medicine who:
   A. holds a certificate or a license registered with the appropriate authorities in his/her own country or region to practice acupuncture or traditional Chinese medicine; or
   B. has been formally trained and qualified by examination as an acupuncturist or doctor of traditional Chinese medicine, or has been awarded a certificate of equivalent qualification, in a country where acupuncture is a traditional medical practice; or
   C. has practiced acupuncture-moxibustion and qualified as an acupuncturist or doctor of traditional Chinese medicine in a country/region where the practice of acupuncture-moxibustion is legally recognized, and has subsequently emigrated to a country or region where such practices have not yet been legally recognized;
(2) be a qualified doctor of western medicine, who:
   A. has received a certificate after completing the courses of an international training center established in cooperation with WHO; or
   B. has graduated and been awarded an acupuncture-moxibustion training certificate recognized by the administrative authorities in his/her own country or region; or
   C. has received at least 120 hours of basic training and at least 100 hours of clinical training in acupuncture institutions recognized by the administrative authorities; or
   D. has been engaged in acupuncture-moxibustion research, albeit with no clinical qualifications.
(3) researchers of other disciplines engaged in acupuncture research.
(4) acupuncturists passing the WFAS International Acupuncturist Proficiency Test

Article 6. Societies that do not have the qualifications laid down in Article 5 may
also be admitted as members by the Executive Committee of WFAS by a majority vote of 3/4.

Article 7. Applicants shall submit application forms to the secretary-general. Membership shall be granted after consideration by the Executive Committee and approved by a majority of the members of the General Assembly. When the General Assembly is not in session, membership or associate membership can be granted by the Executive Committee after postal ballot, or after examination and vote at the executive meeting during the international symposium held once every year.

Article 8. Society members shall enjoy the following rights;
(1) to vote;
(2) to nominate and to be elected; This right shall be automatically forfeited when a member fails to pay the annual membership fee for two consecutive years.
(3) to elect the assigned number of delegates to attend the General Assembly;
(4) to have priority and preferential treatment in international academic conferences and seminars on acupuncture-moxibustion and any other activities organized by WFAS;
(5) to have priority in obtaining periodicals and other literature published by WFAS.

Article 9. Members shall accept the following obligations:
(1) to observe the Constitution of WFAS;
(2) to pay the annual membership fee when due;
(3) to implement the resolutions of WFAS and perform the tasks assigned by WFAS.

Article 10. Membership of members may be terminated under the following conditions:
(1) application to withdraw from WFAS;
(2) failure to pay the annual membership fee for an accumulative total of four years;
(3) performance of activities contrary to the objectives of WFAS.

CHAPTER IV ORGANIZATION

Article 11. The organs of WFAS shall be the General Assembly, the Executive Committee, and the Secretariat.

CHAPTER V GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 12. The General Assembly shall be the supreme governing body of WFAS. It
shall be held every four years either in conjunction with the World Academic Conference on Acupuncture-Moxibustion or not.

**Article 13.** Delegates to the General Assembly shall be elected from each member society. The number of delegates shall be fixed according to the individual number of members of the society, on the following basis:

— one delegate for member societies with up to 200 individual members inclusive;
— two delegates for member societies with 201-400 individual members;
— three delegates for member societies with 401-600 individual members;
— four delegates for member societies with 601-800 individual members;
— five delegates for member societies with 801-1000 individual members;
— six delegates for member societies with more than 1001 individual members.

**Article 14.** The functions of the General Assembly shall be:
(1) to review the progress and financial reports of the Executive Committee;
(2) to examine and approve the admission and termination of membership;
(3) to elect members of the Executive Committee and appoint the honorary president and other honorary titles;
(4) to examine and approve the proposals for the programs of work of the current Executive Committee submitted by the previous Executive Committee;
(5) to determine matters concerning the next session of the General Assembly.

**Article 15.** A simple majority of the delegates present, including proxies, shall constitute a quorum. One delegate must have no more than two proxies.

**Article 16.** All delegates attending the General Assembly shall be entitled to vote. All motions shall be decided by vote. Resolutions of the General Assembly shall be valid when adopted by a simple majority of the delegates present (including proxies) and voting. Amendments to the Constitution shall require a 2/3 majority of the delegates present (including proxies) and voting.

**Article 17.** Voting shall be:
(1) by a show of hands;
(2) by secret ballot.

If the votes are equally divided, the president shall have the casting vote. Those special occasions that should be decided by the General Assembly after the closing of General Assembly will be settled by voting through communication by letter following the same procedure.
CHAPTER VI  THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 18. The Executive Committee shall be the permanent governing body of WFAS when the General Assembly is not in session. The Executive Committee shall meet once every two years and whenever else it is necessary. For those problems which need immediate attention, the Presidential Meeting may discuss and decide at any time, and inform the executive members of the decision of the meeting. The Presidential Meeting is composed of the honorary president, former presidents, president, vice-presidents, secretary-general, and treasurer. Those who are absent because of special reasons may join the presidential meeting for consultation by letter.

Article 19. The Executive Committee shall consist of 50-60 people:
The president, 14-20 vice presidents, former president, the treasurer, the secretary-general, and 32-36 executive members.

Article 20. The president shall chair the Presidential Meetings and the Executive Committee. When a vacancy occurs in the presidency, the position shall be filled for the remainder of the term by one vice-president who will be elected by the Executive Committee.

Article 21. The vice-president shall assist the president. If the position of a vice-president becomes vacant, it shall not be filled until the next General Assembly.

Article 22. The secretary-general shall supervise the activities of the Secretariat. When a vacancy occurs in the position of secretary-general, an interim secretary-general shall be nominated by the host country and approved by the Executive Committee to hold the office until the new secretary-general has been duly elected for the next term.

Article 23. The election of the Executive Committee shall be held once every four years in conjunction with the General Assembly. The president, vice presidents, treasurer, secretary-general and executive members may be re-elected consecutively. The term of office for the ex-president shall be finished, as the present president is relieved of his office.

Article 24. At an Executive Committee meeting, half the total number of members shall constitute a quorum. Decisions on important matters shall require a 3/4 majority of the Executive Committee. Ordinary matters shall be decided by simple majority. If necessary, a vote shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of Article 18.
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Article 25. The functions of the Executive Committee shall be:
(1) to convene and preside over the General Assembly;
(2) to submit draft amendments to the Constitution of WFAS for discussion at the General Assembly;
(3) to decide on matters concerning the World Conference, medium sized symposiums and seminars on acupuncture-moxibustion;
(4) to review the progress report of the secretary-general and the financial report of the treasurer;
(5) to submit proposals for admission or termination of membership to the General Assembly for approval;
(6) to examine and implement the cooperation plan of WFAS with WHO;
(7) to entrust the host country with various activities arranged by WFAS;
(8) to assess the financial position of WFAS and to decide on the amount of the annual membership fee for society members;
(9) to appoint auditors;
(10) to submit proposals for honorary presidents and other honorary titles of WFAS to the General Assembly for approval;
(11) to operate the necessary organization and to appoint the responsible working personnel;
(12) to supervise the implementation of resolutions of the General Assembly;
(13) to decide on any other important matters.

CHAPTER VII THE HONORARY PRESIDENTS AND OTHER HONORARY TITLES

Article 26. Those who have made important contributions to the establishment and development of WFAS may be engaged as honorary presidents; those who have made considerable contributions may be invited as honorary vice presidents or advisers.

Article 27. The honorary presidents shall be approved for life, honorary vice presidents and advisers may be invited consecutively. Each term for honorary vice presidents and advisers shall be four years. After the General Assembly, the Executive Committee can invite famous scholars and experts to form the Advisory Committee if necessary.

Article 28. The honorary presidents, vice honorary presidents and advisers shall have a voice but no vote in the Executive Committee.

CHAPTER VIII THE SECRETARIAT

Article 29. The Secretariat shall be the administrative organ of WFAS and shall undertake routine responsibilities. The secretary-general shall supervise activities of the Secretariat.
Article 30. The functions of the secretary-general shall be:
(1) to submit reports to the Executive Committee;
(2) to propose programs of work and the detailed rules and regulations of WFAS and submit them to the Executive Committee for consideration;
(3) to prepare proposals on important matters for consideration and decision;
(4) to appoint assistants to the secretary-general or deputy secretary-generals;
(5) to appoint the Secretariat staff;
(6) to perform any other duties assigned by the president and vice-presidents.

Article 31. The functions of the treasurer shall be:
(1) to submit a financial report to the Executive Committee;
(2) to prepare the draft budget for approval by the Executive Committee;
(3) to mobilize funds for WFAS and collect the annual membership fees;
(4) to prepare detailed regulations concerning revenue and expenditure, and to supervise their implementation.

CHAPTER IX  THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON ACUPUNCTURE-MOXIBUSTION

Article 32. The World Conference on Acupuncture-Moxibustion, which is an international scientific meeting, shall be held by WFAS once every four years.

Article 33. Society members may apply to the Executive Committee to act as host to the World Conference on Acupuncture-Moxibustion. The application shall be considered by the Executive Committee and then submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

Article 34. Once a member society is chosen to host the World Conference on Acupuncture-Moxibustion, it shall elect the chairman of the conference, who may attend the Executive Committee meeting as a nonvoting member.

CHAPTER X  FUNDS

Article 35. The sources of funds of WFAS shall comprise:
(1) membership fees, including admission fees and annual membership fees, to be paid in internationally convertible currency, calculated in US dollars. Under extraordinary circumstances, with permission of the Executive Committee some members may be permitted to pay in other than internationally convertible currency.
(2) income from undertakings sponsored by WFAS;
(3) donations by individuals, societies and organizations.

Article 36. The admission fee and annual membership fee shall be counted in Basic Units (B.U.), and the amount decided according to the number of individual members in the
member society. The amount of currency represented by each Basic Unit shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

(1) a member society with up to 200 individual members: 1 B.U.;
(2) a member society with 201-400 individual members: 3 B.U.;
(3) a member society with 401-600 individual members: 6 B.U.;
(4) a member society with 601-800 individual members: 10 B.U.;
(5) a member society with 801-1000 individual members: 15 B.U.;
(6) a member society with more than 1001 individual members: 20 B.U.;

The annual membership fee shall be paid to the Secretariat before June 30 of each year.

Article 37. The function of member of the Executive Committee shall be honorary.

Article 38. Salaries of the staff of the Secretariat shall be paid out of the revenue of WFAS, after submission by the secretary-general to the Executive Committee for approval.

CHAPTER XI SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Article 39. The working languages of WFAS shall be Chinese and English.

Article 40. The right of interpretation of the Constitution shall be vested in the Executive Committee. Matters not provided for in the Constitution shall be decided by the Executive Committee and approved by the next General Assembly.

Article 41. The Constitution shall come into force upon its adoption.

The Constitution was adopted by the First General Assembly of WFAS, held in Beijing, China, on November 22, 1987.

Produced in Chinese and English languages, both versions being equally authentic.

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第一章  名称及总部

第一条 世界针灸学会联合会（以下简称本会）为与世界卫生组织建立正式关系的非政府性针灸团体的国际联合组织。

第二条 本会总部设在中华人民共和国北京。
本会会徽为圆形图案，两束艾叶环绕世界地图与五根银针。

第二章  宗  旨

第三条 本会的宗旨是促进世界针灸学之间的了解和合作，加强国际间的学术交流，进一步发展针灸医学，不断提高针灸医学在世界医疗卫生保健工作中的地位和作用，为人类的健康做出贡献。

第四条 为了实现上述宗旨，本会将承担以下任务：
一、组织世界针灸学术大会、中型学术研讨会和专题学术讨论会；
二、促进国际针灸学之间的友好往来，鼓励各种针灸学术交流；
三、执行与世界卫生组织建立正式关系所承担的工作，完成与世界卫生组织的合作计划，实施世界卫生组织传统医学战略；
四、宣传和推广针灸医学，争取各国针灸合法地位；
五、发展针灸教育，提高从业人员水平；
六、促进针灸医疗服务与针灸研究水平的提高；
七、出版针灸学术刊物，提供针灸信息服务；
八、制定和推广有关针灸的国际组织标准与国际标准；
九、为实现本会宗旨所必须承担的其他任务。
第三章 会 员

第五条 本会由团体会员组成。会员必须是所在国或地区成立三年以上拥有 50 名成员以上的合法针灸学会或合法针灸机构，其中四分之三成员应具有下列资格之一：

一、合格的针灸师、中医师。
1. 持有所在国或地区有关当局的注册证书或执照的针灸师、中医师。
2. 在具有针灸传统的国家中受过合法的训练，经考试成为合格的针灸师、中医师或持有同等证书者。
3. 原在针灸合法的国家或地区从事针灸工作，并取得针灸师、中医师资格，其后移居到针灸尚未得到承认的国家或地区者。

二、合格的西医医生。
1. 持有与世界卫生组织建立合作关系的国际针灸培训中心的结业证书。
2. 在得到所在国或地区行政当局承认的针灸训练班毕业，并持有证书者。
3. 在得到行政当局承认的针灸机构中完成至少 120 小时的基本训练和至少 100 小时的临床训练者。
4. 即不具备针灸临床的资格，但从事针灸研究的人员。

三、从事针灸研究的其他学科研人员。

四、通过世界针灸学会联合会国际针灸师水平考试的针灸师。

第六条 不同于第五条条件的其它学会，经执行委员会四分之三的多数通过，可被接纳加入本会。

第七条 入会者应向秘书长提出书面申请，由执行委员会审议，经会员大会多数通过后即成为本会会员。在会员大会闭会期间，执行委员会以通讯表决方式或在每次一次的学术研讨会上召开会议，由执行委员会审议表决通过后即成为会员。

第八条 会员享有以下各项权利：
一、有表决权；
二、有选举权和被选举权，若连续两年不缴纳会费者，将自动丧失此项权利；
三、按规定名额推选代表参加会员大会；
四、优先参加本会组织的世界针灸学术大会和专题学术讨论会及其他活动，并享有优惠待遇；
五、优先得到本会的出版刊物和学术资料。

第九条  会员的义务：
一、遵守本会章程；
二、按规定缴纳会费；
三、执行本会决议，完成本会指定的工作。

第十条  有下列情况之一者，将终止其会员认格：
一、申请退出者；
二、累计四年不缴纳会费者；
三、会员的活动违背本会宗旨，不宜继续保留会籍者。

第四章  机 构

第十一条  本会机构为会员大会、执行委员会、秘书处。

第五章  会员大会

第十二条  会员大会为本会的最高权力机构，结合或者不结合世界针灸学术大会，每四年举行一次。

第十三条  会员向会员大会推选的代表名额，依该团体或参加机构的成员人数而定。

即：成员为 200 人以下者推选一名；成员 201－400 人者推选两名；成员为 401－600 人者推选三名；成员为 601－800 人者推选四名；成员为 801－1000 人者推选五人；成员为 1001 人以上者推选六名。

第十四条  会员大会的职能为：
一、审议执行委员会的工作报告和财务报告；
二、审议批准接纳会员和终止会员资格；
三、选举执行委员会，聘请名誉主席及其他名誉职务；
四、审议批准上届委员会对本届执行委员会的工作计划的建议；
五、确定下届会员大会有关事项。

第十五条 凡有法定代表人数半数以上代表包括被委托人到会，即可召开会员大会。一个代表只能有二份委托投票书。

第十六条 参加会员大会的所有代表包括代理人有表决权。

各种提案采用表决通过，由到会参加表决的代表半数以上通过的决议即为有效；但对本会章程的修改，须有到会参加表决的三分之二以上的代表通过方为有效。

第十七条 在实行表决时，采用下列表决方式：

一、举手表决；
二、无记名投票；

如果持有相反意见的双方代表人数相等时，由主席裁决。在会员大会闭幕期间，
遇有特殊情况，必须及时通过会员大会才能做出决定时，可按照召开会员大会的程序，
施行通讯表决。

第六章 执行委员会

第十八条 在会员大会闭会期间，执行委员会为本会的常设权力机构。每年结合
学术研讨会或学术大会召开一次会议。对时效性强的重大问题，可随时召开主席会议
商讨决定，并将会议结论通知各执行委员会。主席会议由名誉主席、前任主席、主席、
副主席、秘书长和司库组成，因故不能参加主席会议者，可以信的方式参与协商。

第十九条 执行委员会由五十至六十人组成，主席一人，副主席十四至二十人，
前任主席一人，司库一人，秘书长一人，执行委员三十二至三十六人。

第二十条 主席主持主席会议和执行委员会工作。主席出缺时，由执行委员会从
副主席中推选一人补缺。主席任职期满，在下届执行委员会任前任主席。
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第二十一条 副主席协助主席工作。副主席出缺时不补。

第二十二条 秘书长主持秘书处工作。秘书长出缺时，由东道国提名临时秘书长，经执行委员会批准后主持工作，直至下届新秘书长选出为止。

第二十三条 执行委员会随着会员大会的召开，每四年改选一次。主席、副主席、司库、秘书长、执行委员均可连选连任。前任主席的任期随着现任主席的卸任而结束。

第二十四条 执行委员会成员半数以上到会，即可召开执行委员会会议。审议决定重大问题，必须有四分之三的多数通过方为有效。一般问题，多数通过即可。必要时按十七条规定的方法进行表决。

第二十五条 执行委员会有下列职权：
一、主持召开会员大会；
二、提出章程修改草案，提交会员大会讨论；
三、决定召开世界针灸学术大会、中型学术研讨会和专题讨论会的有关事宜；
四、审查秘书长的工作报告，司库的财务报告；
五、提出接纳会员和终止会员资格议案，提交会员大会通过；
六、审议通过与世界卫生组织合作计划；
七、委托东道主主持由本会组织的各种活动；
八、估计财政状况，决定会费缴纳金额；
九、任命审计员；
十、提出聘请名誉主席及其他名誉职务议案，提交会员大会通过；
十一、根据需要设立专门工作机构并确定人选；
十二、监督会员大会决议的实施；
十三、决定其他重大问题。

第七章 名誉主席及其他名誉职务

第二十六条 对本会的创建和发展做出重大贡献者，可被聘为名誉主席；参与本会的创建，或对本会的发展有较大贡献者，可被聘为名誉副主席或顾问。
第二十七条  名誉主席为终身制，名誉副主席与顾问为任期制，每届四年，可以连聘连任。在会员大会闭幕期间，执行委员会可根据开展工作的需要，聘任著名学者和专家作为顾问，并组成顾问委员会协助执行委员会开展工作。

第二十八条  名誉主席、名誉副主席、顾问在执行委员会上享有发言权，但无表决权。

第八章  秘书处

第二十九条  秘书处为本会办事机构，负责处理日常工作。秘书处工作由秘书长主持。

第三十条  秘书长的职权为：
一、向执行委员会报告工作；
二、提出本会工作计划，制订工作规章细则，提请执行委员会审议；
三、拟定重大问题提案；
四、任命秘书长助理或副秘书长若干人；
五、聘任秘书处的工作人员；
六、完成主席、副主席交给的其他工作。

第三十一条  司库的职权为：
一、向执行委员会作财务报告；
二、制订预算，提请执行委员会审议批准；
三、为本会筹集经费和催缴会费；
四、制定财务收支细则，监督财务收支。

第九章  世界针灸学术大会

第三十二条  世界针灸学术大会为本会举办的国际性针灸学术会议，每四年举行一次。
第三十三条 会员可向执行委员会申请举办世界针灸学术大会，经执行委员会审议，提交会员大会通过。

第三十四条 世界针灸学术大会的东道主会员一经确定后，即由该团体推选大会主席，负责筹备工作，大会主席可以列席执行委员会会议。

第十章 经 费

第三十五条 本会经费来源：
一、会员缴纳的年度会费（原则上交纳世界流通货币，以美元折算，特殊情况，经执行委员会同意，个别会员可以用交纳世界流通货币以外的其它方式交纳）；
二、本会主办的事业收入；
三、个人、社会和团体的捐款。

第三十六条 会员的年度会费，按照该团体的成员人数，以基本单位计算。每个基本单位的货币数额由执行委员会决定。
一、成员为200人以下者交一个基本单位，成员为201－400人者交三个基本单位，成员为401－600人者交六个基本单位，成员为601－800人者交十个基本单位，成员为801－1000人者交十五个基本单位，成员为1001人以上者交二十个基本单位；
二、会员年度会费每年六月三十日前向秘书处缴纳。

第三十七条 执行委员会成员均为义务供职。

第三十八条 秘书处工作人员的薪金由秘书长提交执行委员会通过，从本会经费中支出。

第十一章 附 则

第三十九条 本会工作语言为中文、英文。

第四十条 本章程解释权属于执行委员会。本章未定事项，由执行委员会决定，
下届会员大会通过。

第四十一条 本章程自通过之日起生效。

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