



“HEMISPHERIC NETWORK OF LEGISLATORS AND FORMER LEGISLATORS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD”

INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF LEGISLATORS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

(Mexico, October 24-25, 2011)

JUSTIFICATION

Early Childhood, considered as the period between birth and eight years of age, is an issue that has been acquiring greater visibility in recent years. Scientific, medical, economic, and social evidence reveal that the experiences of the first eight years of life of a human being, including when in the womb, are crucial and constitute the foundation of the learning process, intelligence development and social behavior that will remain with the individual throughout his or her life.

Together with these scientific findings there are significant progresses in the sciences of information and communication, technology, economy, etc., all under the framework of globalization. However, there is a greater presence of women in the work force, a new modern-day family configuration, unprecedented levels in migration, natural climate and environmental change, and problems of economic recession, violence, unemployment, poverty, and inequality.

These realities are changing the socio-cultural and educational scenarios of our countries, thus challenging the way services are delivered to young children and the way their rights are incorporated into society. This panorama requires the need to provide them with inter-sectors programs of health, education, and nutrition, thereby conceptualizing the comprehensive care of the child from a rights-based perspective in all dimensions: physical, intellectual, social and emotional.

To boost the development and accomplishment of these policies, the Government of the State of Puebla, the State System for the Overall Family Development, the State of Puebla Secretary of Public Education, the Mexican Federal Government Secretary of Public Education, the Office of Education and Culture of the Organization of American States, the Bernard van Leer Foundation, and the Foundation for the Overall Development of Indigenous Towns and Rural communities, C.A. called on October 24 – 25, 2011; for legislators and former legislators to organize and work together to bring comprehensive care and education to Early Childhood.

The General Objective was to promote and initiate a hemispheric movement of legislators in favor of Early Childhood as a means of driving a process of advocacy, awareness and social communication centered on quality comprehensive care for Early Childhood. Among other results, the **Hemispheric Network of Legislators and Former Legislators for Early Childhood** was proposed.



OUTCOMES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF LEGISLATORS AND FORMER LEGISLATORS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

Despite the favorable views of Governments of worldwide political commitments such as the General Observations number 7,9, 11 and 12 of the Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC 2005), the Hemispheric Commitment to Early Childhood Education approved by the Ministries of Education (OAS 2007 – 2009); the Dakar Framework for Action (2000), among others; the performance of governments towards making an effective legislation and regulations in response to these agreements and guidelines, are still incipient.

For this reason, this international event has considered the political commitments for children's rights and other national legal frameworks from each country, and has decided among other things, to promote in each country legal, political, social, educational and economical actions that guarantee defining policies, actions, projects and initiatives that benefit Early Childhood so they have access to all social services, including education.

Legislators from 11 countries participated, among them, Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela; as well as professionals with expertise in the field of Early Childhood from Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, United States, Peru and Switzerland. Legislators from 20 Mexican States also participated and demonstrated their commitment to create the State Network.

STATUTES AND COMPROMISOS

The legal instrument **STATUTES OF THE “HEMISPHERIC NETWORK OF LEGISLATORS AND FORMER LEGISLATORS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD”**, was approved unanimously by acclamation, which attests to its foundation, and was certified by a Notary Public. This document contains 15 chapters, from which Chapters IX and X are related to its structure and functioning; and to the Board of Directors (**See Appendix 1**)

The approval by unanimous acclamation was the establishment of:

- A. An **Advisory Council**, which is composed of representatives of institutions that work or participate in Early Childhood actions, among them:
- Mr. Rafael Moreno Valle, Constitutional Governor of the State of Puebla,
 - Mr. Jorge Saggiante, Acting Executive Secretary for Integral Development of the Organization of American States (OAS);



- Mr. Rafael Calderón, former President of Costa Rica;
- Mr. Natividad González Parás, former Governor of the State of Nuevo León, Mexico;
- Mr. Salvador Sánchez Séren, Vice President y Vice Minister of Education of El Salvador;
- And representatives of other participating countries and institutions.

B. Two organisms

1. **General Assembly** as the highest acting authority.
2. **Board of Directors**, which will work for 2 years; its election was approved by acclamation and unanimously, as follows:

President: Senator Alberto Anaya Gutiérrez, Mexico.

Vice Presidents:

| Country | Name |
|--------------------|---|
| Argentina | Deputy. Claudia Mónica Rucci |
| Brazil | Deputy Osmar Terra |
| Costa Rica | Gloria Bejarano de Calderón |
| El Salvador | Pending (they are going to consult their Congress and will make a nomination) |
| Nicaragua | Deputy Mario Valle |
| Guatemala | Deputy Héctor Alfredo Nuila Ericastilla |
| Mexico | Lic. Luís Maldonado Venegas |
| Panama | Deputy Marylin Vallarino |
| Uruguay | Deputy Rodolfo Caram Deputy Roque Arregui |
| Dominican Republic | Pending (they are going to consult their Congress and will make a nomination) |
| Venezuela | Marelis Pérez Marcano |

Executive Secretary: Deputy Enrique Ku Herrera, Mexico.

Technical Secretary for international relations: Dr. Gaby Fujimoto, OAS, Office of Education and Culture.

C. Commissions, which will be appointed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the statutes.



D. Coordinators by countries: that will be **responsible** for promoting the creation of the national Network of Legislators and Former Legislators for Early Childhood in their countries:

Colombia: Lic. Alina Gómez; International Consultant

Chile: Lic. María Estela Ortíz; International Consultant

Ecuador: Lic. Cecilia Vaca Jones; Consultant of the Ministry of Social Inclusion

Peru: Master Regina Moromizato Izu, International Consultant

The swearing in of the members of the approved Board of Directors was performed by Mr. Rafael Calderón, former President of Costa Rica. The closing of the event was led by Deputy Jorge Alanís, President of the Honorable Congress of Nuevo León, Mexico.

An e-mail was created in order to register more Legislators to the Hemispheric Network of Legislators and Former Legislators for Early Childhood and also to add the national legislators to the foundation charter of the National Association of Legislators: redhemisferica@yahoo.com.mx

The telephone number (52 55) 53 45 30 00 ext. 2170 was also established to take any information addressed to the Board of Directors. The act was certified by a Notary Public.

APPENDIX 1

STATUTES OF “HEMISPHERIC NETWORK OF LEGISLATORS AND FORMER LEGISLATORS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD”

Puebla, PUE, Mexico, October 25th 2011

STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

-----CHAPTER I-----

DENOMINATION, ADDRESS, NATIONALITY AND DURATION



ARTICLE 1.- The name of the association is “HEMISPHERIC NETWORK OF LEGISLATORS AND FORMER LEGISLATORS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD” this denomination must be followed by “CIVIL ASSOCIATION” or its acronyms “C.A..”-----

ARTICLE 2.- The address of HEMISPHERIC NETWORK is Mexico City, D.F. The HEMISPHERIC NETWORK will be able to open office branches or any other type of office, whenever considered convenient, in other cities of the national territory or abroad.

ARTICLE 3.- The HEMISPHERIC NETWORK is international by definition and Mexican by law, remaining subject to Mexican laws and courts, according to the Regulations of Organic Law of Section I of the Constitutional Article 27, upon which it is agreed with the Mexican government, and with the Secretariat of External Affairs, for the founding and future members that the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK might have, that: “Any foreigner that during the act of Constitution or at any other subsequent time, shows interest or social participation in the society, will be considered by this simple fact as a Mexican, this means that these persons agree in not appealing for the protection from their government, under penalty, in case of failing to their convention, to lose such interest or participation on behalf of the Mexican Nation”. -----

ARTICLE 4.- The duration of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK is for 99 (ninety nine) years.-----

-----**CHAPTER II**-----

-----**CORPORATE PURPOSE**-----

ARTICLE 5.- The purpose of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK will be: -----

---- 1) The HEMISPHERIC NETWORK OF LEGISLATORS AND FORMER LEGISLATORS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD considers that education is an indispensable tool in order for societies to progress towards the ideals of peace, liberty and social justice. -----

---- 2) The HEMISPHERIC NETWORK understands education as a dynamic phenomenon, related to the development of democracy and economic equality of nations. The main function of education is the continuous development of the person and society in order to achieve an overall and harmonious human development. -----

--- 3) Within its activities, the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK will research the panorama of education with the participation of all the education actors and will elaborate a permanent diagnosis of all the educational levels and in all the areas at a regional and national level, in order to identify the main issues that affect education at an international level. Based on this permanent assessment, the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK commits to: -----



---- a) To develop recommendations and proposals of programs and public policies that contribute to improve the quality of education.-----

---- b) To promote bills at an international, national and regional level of every member country that lead to the development of a quality education with inclusion and respect to human rights. -----

---- c) To strive for sufficient funding to guarantee a quality and inclusive education.-----

---- d) To disseminate through publications, forums and seminars, the rights and duties of all the actors of the education process (authorities, teachers, parents, students, mass media, etc.) enshrined in the national and state constitutions. -----

---- e) To organize and participate in international events related to Education, especially those about EARLY CHILDHOOD, and to invite international specialists on the subject to the member countries.

---- f) To maintain permanent contact with international organizations, governmental or non - governmental, such as OAS, UNICEF, UNESCO, IDB and other similar institutions.

4) In relation to the commitments in favor of Early Childhood: -----

--- a) The HEMISPHERIC NETWORK also has as one of its objectives the benefit of society, hereby seeking to favor first and foremost children from EARLY CHILDHOOD, especially those from the most disadvantaged upbringings.

--- b).- To promote, create, preserve and disseminate the importance of education in EARLY CHILDHOOD for science, technology, culture and the arts at their broadest sense for the benefit of society.-----

--- c).- To accomplish the full execution of children from Early Childhood and to promote the development of their potential and the acquisition of knowledge, abilities, skills, and competences that will transform them in socially responsible, proactive and dynamic individuals;-----

--- d).- To sponsor, foster, organize and gain an understanding of the progresses and challenges regarding legislation on behalf of EARLY CHILDHOOD at an international level;-----

--- e).- To promote and share innovative and successful experiences of legislative action through parliamentary networks for Early Childhood in various countries; -----

--- f).- To promote the design of legal frameworks, public policies on behalf of the Early Childhood education in various countries; -----



--- g).- To set as a priority the subject of comprehensive care for EARLY CHILDHOOD in the agenda of Legislators and their correspondent political parties,, especially for children that are born and raised in conditions of exclusion and vulnerability;-----

--- h).- To receive all kinds of contributions, donations and to celebrate agreements with national and foreign institutions, public or private, from legal entities or individuals that contribute to the fulfillment of the corporate purpose of this HEMISPHERIC NETWORK; -----

--- i).-To disseminate the established international agreements and the hemispheric commitments regarding comprehensive care for EARLY CHILDHOOD; -----

--- j).- To acquire, finance or possess all kinds of movable and fixed assets, permitted by law that are necessary to accomplish the aims pursued by the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK , as well as to dispose, sell, rent, make use of, receive on loan, exchange, record and negotiate these assets without profit;-----

--- k).- To celebrate all acts, agreements, contracts and operations, allowed by law, and to make available the documents that might be convenient and necessary for the fulfillment of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK aim, under no circumstances will it be for profit.-----

--- l). - To promote and celebrate all kinds of activities that secure financial resources allowed by law and not for profit; -----

--- m).- To undertake the coordination and management of the actions of legislators committed with Early Childhood and to develop actions on its behalf;--

--- n).- To participate in all the member countries on the elaboration of public policies from innovative models, in favor of education in its FIRST STAGE and in all the other levels,.

--- o).- To generate legislative actions at a national and international level, that result in solutions to educational issues in all its levels.

--- p).- To create, edit and distribute, non-profit, books, magazines, videos and any other type of material that would help the dissemination of the work of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK in favor of Education at its first stage, and all the other levels. To the extent of its possibilities, a WEB page will be created containing documents and information considered to be of interest.

ARTICLE 6.- The HEMISPHERIC NETWORK will be able to provide and receive payment for the services supplied, but any surplus remaining from the difference between the cost of the services and the received amount will be entirely used to fulfill its corporate purpose, but in no case may the surplus be distributed directly or indirectly to its partners.----



-----**CHAPTER III**-----

-----**MEMBERS**-----

ARTICLE 7.- The HEMISPHERIC NETWORK is formed by active members, honorary members and benefactors.-----

ARTICLE 8.- The HEMISPHERIC NETWORK’s active members are the following persons: -----

1. Founding members that are part of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK; without entitlement to special benefits or privileges. -----

2. Members admitted subsequently, upon agreement of the Board, should be ratified by the associated Legislators and Former Legislators General Assembly. -----

3. The Board of Directors and the associated Legislators and Former Legislators General Assembly shall ensure that the accepted members have the same condition and quality as the original members. -----

4. To become a member individuals must have full civil status, be of legal age, and promptly meet the established quotas. The lack of timely payment for any financial liability will result in the separation of the member in the case referred.----- Members that voluntarily leave or are separated shall lose all their rights to the association’s assets, in accordance with the article two thousand five hundred thirty-five of the current Civil Code of the Federal District (Mexico City). However, the member that was separated by the Board of Directors may appeal to the General Assembly, and this body is empowered to revoke the decision of the Board. -----

ARTICLE 9.- Honorary members are those accepted under this designation by the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, due to their highly valuable work in favor of Education and childhood.-----

ARTICLE 10.- Benefactors are individuals or legal entities accepted under this designation by the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK considering the financial contributions or in-kind donations they provide or have provided selflessly to the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK.-----

Likewise, the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK may regularly invite legislators, political party leaders and national, regional or international organizations, as well as officers and prominent personalities that, in its opinion, would be able to contribute to the pursued aims and objectives. Special invitations can also be made to personalities or institutions that due to specific topics addressed by the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK can contribute with their expertise and knowledge on those subjects.

-----**CHAPTER IV**-----



-----**CORPORATE ASSETS AND SOCIAL MATTERS**-----

ARTICLE 11.- The HEMISPHERIC NETWORK’s assets are variable and shall be formed by: -----

- a).- The established ordinary and extraordinary fees for associated legislators and former legislators; ----
- b).- Fees and contributions of benefactor members; -----
- c).- Donations and contributions made for any reason to the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK by individuals, legal entities, public and private, and national and international institutions; -----
- d).- Payments that the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK receives for services rendered, all in accordance with the regulations formulated above -----
- e).- Products, rights and benefits deriving from the assets and operations of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK.-----

ARTICLE 12.- Neither the associates nor any member of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK shall be entitled to the reimbursement of their financial or in-kind contributions, regardless of its nature.-----

ARTICLE 13.- To transfer assets of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, the Board of Directors must obtain 60% - sixty percent- approval from the assistants in the General Assembly. And in the Assembly where the agreement shall be reached, it will be necessary at least 70% -seventy percent- of attendance of active members in order to make such a determination.-

ARTICLE 14.- The HEMISPHERIC NETWORK assets are formed by all kinds of contributions.-----

ARTÍCULO 15.- The HEMISPHERIC NETWORK assets are also formed by all tangible and intangible goods it possesses and all rights that the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK considers and legitimizes as its own.--

ARTICLE 16.- All income and in general, any direct or indirect increase of the income that the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK receives will become part of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK’s assets.-----

ARTICLE 17.- Surplus resulting from domestic or external funds obtained as well as the product of these investments will become part of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK’s assets.-----

ARTICLE 18.- The totality of the surplus obtained, after deducing it from the expenses for operations, support and investments, will serve to increase the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK’s assets.-----



ARTICLE 19.- In the event that a member loses his/her membership resulting from separation, natural death or any other reason, this member shall lose the amount of his/her contribution in favor of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK in accordance with the terms of Civil Code of the Federal District. -----

-----**CHAPTER V**-----

----- **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**-----

ARTICLE 20.- The Board can temporarily agree on the admission or separation of a member, abiding to the regulations established in this statute. -----

ARTICLE 21.- To become an active member the following is necessary:

- a) To be a legislator or former legislator; and-----
- b) To be proposed by two active members for consideration of the Board, and be temporarily admitted by this organism and definitely accepted by the Ordinary General Assembly. -----

ARTICLE 22.- To become an honorary member the following is necessary:

- a) To provide or have provided highly meritorious services to the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK; -----
- b) To be proposed by two active members or benefactors; and-----
- c) To introduce initiatives and innovative projects to the Board of Directors. -----

ARTICLE 23.- To become a benefactor it is necessary to possess the profile of an honorable and honest person, posses an impeccable behavior, and express interest in supporting the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK’s aims. -----

ARTICLE 24.- Members per se, do not have civil, commercial, labor, criminal nor any other type of responsibility for obligations assumed by the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK as a legal entity. -----

ARTICLE 25.- There will not be a determined number of honorary members or benefactors..-----

ARTICLE 26.- Membership is not transferable; only the General Assembly of active members can accept or separate members definitely, as established under these statues. -----

ARTICLE 27.- The HEMISPHERIC NETWORK will keep a Registry book with all the information regarding the admission, separation, or dismissal of the associates, as well as their contributions, if any. -----



-----**CHAPTER VI**-----

-----**OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**-----

ARTICLE 28.- The active members are obligated to: -----

- a) Attend on time the convened Ordinary or Extraordinary Assembly. Failure to do shall be considered an understanding that they accept the decisions taken by majority; -----
- b) Carry out in an efficient, responsible and honest manner, the obligations and functions granted by the General Assembly and/or the Board; -----
- c) Monitor and supervise the smooth progress and success of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, and use all rights that the law grants to comply with the aim / goal of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, and that this aim be honorably and efficiently administered; -----
- d) Comply with the contributions that the General Assembly has agreed upon-----
- e) And any other contributions / payments assigned by the General Assembly. -----

ARTICLE 29.- All members are obligated / required to comply with the statutes, regulations and resolutions adopted by the Board at first instance, and ultimately, ratified, revoked or rectified by the General Assembly.-----

ARTICLE 30.- Active members have the following rights: -----

- a) Have a voice and vote in the Ordinary and Extraordinary Assemblies and exercise during those meetings he rights conferred to the members of these organisms by the statute and laws;-----
- b) Be able to be elected as member of the Board and for any other position in which the functions of this Board are distributed; -----
- c) Receive periodical reports issued by the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK related to the work it develops; -----
- d) Free participation in the Assemblies; -----
- e) Other rights granted by the Assembly. -----

The honorary members and benefactors have the following rights:

- 1) Have a voice, but no vote in the Ordinary and Extraordinary Assemblies, and -----



2) Receive periodical reports that the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK sends to the members about the activities it develops. -----

-----**CHAPTER VII**-----

-----**EXCLUSION AND/OR DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS**-----

ARTICLE 31.- Separation of members shall be provisionally agreed by the Board. The resolution must be approved by 50% plus one of the members of the Board. The permanent exclusion and/or separation remain entirely the competence of the General Assembly. -----

ARTICLE 32.- The excluded and/or temporarily alienated member will remain responsible for the commitments of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK that were undertaken during the period the member was active -----

ARTICLE 33.- The expulsion or final separation of a member must be requested by two members of the Board. The resolution of the Board must be ratified or revoked by the General Assembly by 50% plus one of the attendees. -----

ARTICLE 34- The grounds for expulsion are the following:

- a).- Violation of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK statutes;-----
- b). - Proved divisive action inside the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK; -----
- c). - Participation in acts of corruption that affect or harm the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK; and -----
- d). - Being subject to criminal sentence for intentional and willful crimes. -----

ARTICLE 35.- Substituting and assuming representation not granted by the governing bodies and authorities of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK , will be grounds for final expulsion.-----

-----**CHAPTER VIII**-----

-----**STRUCTURE AND OPERATION OF THE HEMISPHERIC NETWORK** -----

ARTICLE 36.- The HEMISPHERIC NETWORK is composed of two organisms: -----

- 1.- The General Assembly of active members and their Technical Secretaries.-----
- 2.- The Board of Directors, which comprises the following Commissions: -----



- a) Executive Commission; -----
- b) General Commission of Finance; -----
- c) A Commission that promotes legislative initiatives in favor of education and EARLY CHILDHOOD, and -----
- d) Other special and *Ad Hoc* commissions that may be created during the time of designated task and ----
- e) Each Commission shall/will provide an annual work plan. The purpose/objective of this plan, and of the reports and proposals elaborated by the Commission, is to propose initiatives in the field of its own topic. The plan, reports and proposals will be presented to the corresponding authorities of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK through the Executive Secretariat; the latter will refer it to the members for consultation.
- f) Additionally, the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK will be composed by all the other agencies that the General Assembly will agree on in the future in order to optimize the operations and development of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK.-----

ARTICLE 37.- The General Assembly is the highest authority of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK. This governing body will identify and be responsible for solving the most significant and general problems of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK. The General Assembly will be held every four months. The Special General Assembly will be held when considered necessary. -----

ARTICLE 38.- The Ordinary and Extraordinary Assemblies will have the following powers, functions and responsibilities: -----

- a) To appoint members of the Executive Commission, Finance Commission, the Commission that promotes legislative initiatives in favor of education and EARLY CHILDHOOD and any other commission the General Assembly approves, to improve the performance of its activities.-----
- b) To approve the General Statutes of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, the internal and government regulations, as well as the systems and regulations necessary to fully comply with the aims and objectives of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK.-----
- c) To agree, when appropriate, on the revocation, removal, separation or change of officers and directors mentioned in the previous sections. -----
- d) To discuss, approve, reject or modify the financial and property statements and take appropriate measures. -----
- e) To recognize and solve the issues submitted to the consideration of the Board of Directors. -----



f) To know and approve the Board of Directors’ report on the activities carried out by the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK during the previous year, and in regards to this report, take appropriate measures.-----

g) To ultimately resolve on the decisions that the Board of Directors might have taken regarding the admission or exclusion of members. -----

h) To grant powers and functions that are considered relevant to organizations or members. -----

ARTICLE 39.- The General Assembly, shall/will evolve following an Agenda previously established in the call, and approved or modified by the Assembly. Each active member has the right to vote only once at the General Assembly when agreements are reached. The vote must be personal and non-transferable. -----

ARTICLE 40.- The call for the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly must be convened by the Executive Commission in its entirety or by 50% plus one of the present members, wherefore in this case, the terms of article 51 –fifty one- of the Statutes, with 5 days in advance from the indicated date, time and place of the meeting. The notification shall be made through written statements sent to the members’ residence, by certified mail and electronic mail (e-mail), the latter designated to each member by the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK through the official webpage of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, and must also be available in the official address of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, and if deemed necessary, published in a national newspaper. The notification must include the items of the Agenda. The General Assembly may be held when 50% plus one - 1 – of the attendees agrees on it. If the required quorum is not met in the first call, a second one will take place an hour later. In the same date and place, and by adopting the agreements by 50% plus one -1- of the attendees, the session will take place with the members that are present. -----

ARTICLE 41.- The General Assembly should be chaired by the Executive Commission of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK or by the persons designated by the Assembly, and the Minutes shall be prepared by the Technical Secretary or Secretary of the Board appointed by the General Assembly. -----

ARTICLE 42.- The resolutions adopted by the General Assembly will be taken by the majority of active members present. From every General Assembly, Minutes will be prepared, which will register all the items/points raised and resolutions adopted. An attendance list signed by all the attendees, certified by the Technical Secretary and the appointed Secretary of the Board, and also signed by the Chair of the Assembly will be attached. -----

ARTICLE 43.- Ordinary Assemblies must be held as established in article 45 of these Statutes and the Extraordinary Assemblies when considered necessary; in each case, upon request or call from 50% plus one of the active members, or by a majority agreement of the Board or the Executive Commission, these organizational entities have the power to convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary Assembly of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK. -----



Any of the mentioned authorities that made the request are required to make the respective call. These assemblies will take place at the headquarters or any place indicated in the respective call. The agreements and resolutions of the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies must be notarized if considered necessary. -----

ARTICLE 44.- All votes of the Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assemblies will be held orally, unless 50% plus one of the active members present request that the voting process be written and secret. -----

ARTICLE 45.- The decisions and agreements made during the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies will be validated with 50% plus one of active members present in the first or second call, except in the cases established in Article 16 of this Statute, and the agreements reached will be mandatory for all the Members, absent or dissident. -----

---- The General Assembly shall appoint a Technical Secretary with the following functions:

---- a).- To present the Minutes of the General Assembly; or if the case, of the Board of Directors and Commissions that integrate it.-----

---- b).- To promote, following the instructions of the President of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Commission, the meetings of the different bodies that are part of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK .-----

---- c).- To certify, when required, the Minutes and agreements of the different bodies that are part of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK. -----

---- d).- To certify written evidence, certifications, files, degrees, diplomas, transcripts, appointments, minutes and all documents that require certification. -----

---- e).- To maintain the archives and mail of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK.-----

-----**CHAPTER IX**-----

-----**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**-----

ARTICLE 46.- Governance and management of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK are entrusted to its Board of Directors, composed of:

a) A President of the Board of Directors that will be responsible for ensuring that the Board of Directors carry out its functions. The President of the Board must also:

- Punctually preside the Ordinary and Extraordinary Assemblies to which he/she is convened;



- Carry out in a responsible and honest manner the tasks assigned by the General Assembly and/or the Board of Directors;
- Monitor and supervise the smooth progress and success of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK and use all rights that the law grants in order to comply with the purpose of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK; this aim must be administered honorably and efficiently;
- Appoint a Technical Secretary for International Relations and, -----
- All other tasks assigned by the general Assembly or the Board of Directors

b) One Vice President for each member country of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK that assumes the same responsibilities of the President. One Vice President may substitute the President during an Assembly or in international activities, if absent or in case of force majeure. The Vice Presidents may participate in all the meetings they wish to attend.

c) One Executive Secretary that will be responsible for assisting and supporting the President of the Board in the pursuit of his obligations. The Executive Secretary must also:

- Punctually attend the Ordinary and Extraordinary Assemblies to which he/she is convened;
- Carry out in a responsible and honest manner the tasks assigned by the President, the General Assembly and/or the Board of Directors;
- Collaborate with the President in monitoring and supervising the stable progress and success of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK and using all rights that the law grants in order to comply with the purpose /aim of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK; this aim must be administered honorably and efficiently;
- Coordinate his/her tasks with the Technical Secretary and the Technical Secretary for International Relations and,
- All other tasks assigned by the General Assembly or the Board of Directors

d) A Technical Secretary and International relations that will have the following functions:

- To present the Minutes of the Chair and the Board of Directors in international matters; and if the case, substitute the Technical Secretary of the Board and its Commissions.-----
- To promote, following the instructions of the President, the Executive Secretary and/or the Advisory Board, the international activities of the Board of Directors-----



- To coordinate with the Executive Secretary to certify the Minutes and the agreements of the different entities that are part of the Board of Directors, where required. -----
 - To coordinate with the Executive Secretary the certification of written evidence, files, degrees, diplomas, transcripts, appointing, minutes and all documents that require it.-----
 - To keep a copy of the archives / registries and mail of the Board of Directors of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK -----
- e) **One Advisory Board**, plural, and formed by at least one representative of each of the political parties of Legislators and former legislators, members of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK.

The Advisory Board:

- Will collaborate with the President of the Board and the Executive Secretary in full filing their duties. -----
- Will monitor and supervise the stable progress and success of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK and shall use all rights granted by law in order to comply with the aim / purpose of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK; this aim must be administered honorably and efficiently and
- All others tasks assigned by the Board of Directors or by its President -----

ARTICLE 47- The Commissions of the Board of Directors will be appointed by the General Assembly, by 50% plus one of the active members present. These appointments will be of a honorary character, and advisors will not receive remuneration by performing these functions, unless the General Assembly considers otherwise, or they perform their functions full-time. -----

ARTICLE 48.- The Board of Directors will be fully operational. The Commissions that are part of the Board will be permanent and temporal, and may work independently. The General Assembly, the current Statutes and the Internal Regulations, will define the specific functions of the Board of Director and its Commissions. The positions have two-year terms; reelection is possible. -----

ARTICLE 49.- The quorum in the Board of Directors for Ordinary or Extraordinary sessions must reach half plus one of advisors. If the quorum is not reached, there will be another call to session in a period no less than a day or greater than 3 – three –; it may function with the members that assist. The agreements and resolutions of the Board of Directors will be valid by simple majority of the attendees in the first or second call. -----

ARTICLE 50.- The Board of Directors will celebrate ordinary sessions at least three times a year and extraordinary sessions whenever they are required. In first instance, It may be convened by the majority of



the Board of Directors, or by 33% plus one of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK members. Sessions will be presided by the Executive Commission or, depending on the case, by the person or persons appointed by the General Assembly in the same session. In the absence of the Technical Secretary, his/her function will be performed by the advisor appointed by the Board and the majority of the members in the Executive Commission as the Minute Taker. Agreements shall be made by 50% plus one of the votes of the Board members that attend. In all the sessions a Minute shall be presented, which will be certified by the Technical Secretary or, depending on the case, by the person appointed by the Board or by the majority of the Executive Commission members as Minute Taker. -----

ARTICLE 51.- The Board of Directors have the following powers and responsibilities: -----

- a) To approve in first instance, and to propose the regulations of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK to the General Assembly for ratification, revocation or rectification. -----
- b) To approve in first instance, and to propose to the General Assembly the ratification or revocation of the removal or sanctions for circumstances that the Board shall evaluate.-----
- c) To acknowledged and provisionally accept the resignation of members in any of its three instances.--
- d) To approve in first instance, and to propose the Internal Regulations of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK to the General Assembly for ratification, revocation or rectification.-----
- e) To approve in first instance, and to propose the Annual Report of Activities of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK to the General Assembly for ratification, revocation or rectification.-----
- f) To receive, analyze and agree on all the related matters any member submits to its consideration.-----
- g) To establish cooperation fees and contributions of members.-----
- h) To appoint a certificated External Auditor through the Executive Commission, so he/she shall audit the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK Financial Statements. -----
- i) To approve in first instance, and to propose the Financial Statements of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, audited by the External Auditor, to the General Assembly for ratification, revocation or rectification.-----
- j) To determine the guidelines for signing accords, agreements and contracts with the public, social and private sectors, domestic and foreign and international organizations. -----
- k) To establish the internal rules of operation. -----

----- **CHAPTER X**-----



-----EXECUTIVE COMMISSION-----

ARTICLE 52.- The Executive Commission of the Board is composed of 13 members appointed by the General Assembly. From these, two of them will have legal representation of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK; they will be legal representatives and receivers of the network’s name, individually, jointly, or indistinctly. The fiscal year of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK will begin from January 1-until 31-December 31 of each year. -----

ARTICLE 53.- It is a duty of the Board Executive Commission to comply, ensure compliance and carry out the agreements and resolutions of the General Assembly, the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK Commission that promotes legislative initiatives in favor of education, and the Board of Directors. Their decisions and agreements shall be valid with the approval and signature of 50% plus one of the members. Furthermore, the Executive Commission of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK will have the following powers and functions: --

- a).- To convene at first instance, to the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and all the other Commissions that are part of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK .-----
- b). - To monitor the proper management of the financial, material and human resources. -----
- c). - To conduct and coordinate the work of the entire HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, including its agencies, and -----
- d). - To hold the official representation of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, before any person, institution, public or private, domestic or foreign office. -----
- e).- To certify written evidence, certifications, files, degrees, diplomas, transcripts, appointing, minutes and all documents that require certification. -----

ARTICLE 54.- Although the nature of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK is International, it agrees to be governed by the laws and regulations of the United Mexican States; the Executive Commission of the Board shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities, being able to convey and/or delegate, or revoke to third parties each of the following powers: -----

- a). - GENERAL POWER FOR MANAGEMENT ACTS. - With powers to manage the business and properties /assets of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, with a greater power for management, under the terms of Article (2448) two thousand four hundred forty-eight in its second paragraph of the State Civil Code and its correlative, and concordant to the Article (2554) two thousand five hundred fifty four of the Federal District Civil Code and the diverse Civil Codes of the different states that compose the Republic. -----



---- b).- **GENERAL POWER FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP ACTS.**- With powers to execute ownership acts under the terms of the Civil Code of the Federal District, Article (2554) two thousand five hundred fifty four, and the different Civil Codes of the Republic’s states. With the only limitation that selling or levying real estate taxes and property rights of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK assets, authorization from the Ordinary General Assembly must be obtained. -----

---- c) **GENERAL POWER FOR LAWSUITS AND COLLECTIONS.**- Under the terms of Article (2554) two thousand five hundred fifty-four of the Federal District Civil Code and its concordant to State Civil Code to legally represent before any individuals and legal entities, private or public, domestic or foreign through the Executive Commission to the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK and before all types of management, legislative and judicial authorities of the Municipalities, States and Federation, as well as before labour courts or of any other kind, and before arbitrators and mediators with a greater power, including those that require a special clause according to the law, even to desist in appeal hearings, and to present charges, accusations, lawsuits and reports to judicial authorities on behalf of the “HEMISPHERIC NETWORK OF LEGISLATORS AND FORMER LEGISLATORS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD” as well as to constitute to this HEMISPHERIC NETWORK assisting the Public Ministry in the related processes and to grant pardon when, in their judgment, is entitled. -----

---- e).- **GENERAL EXCHANGE POWER.**- Previously agreed by the General Assembly, the Executive Commission may grant, sign, guarantee, endorse and negotiate securities on behalf of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK under the terms of articles 9 – nine and 85 – eighty-five – of General Law of Titles and Credit Operations.-----

---- The Executive Commission may open, execute, administer and cancel bank accounts in the name of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, with powers to appoint and authorize persons to make these transactions and execute the exchange clause. -----

--- f).- **SPECIAL POWER FOR ACQUIRING GOODS.**- This power may be executed under the terms of Article (2554) two thousand five hundred fifty-four of the Federal Civil Code exclusively for the acquisition of movable and immovable property in favor of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK.-----

---- g).- The Executive Commission may grant and revoke general and special powers with these faculties, in its field of competence. -----

---- h). - Previously agreed by the General Assembly, the Executive Commission may celebrate agreements with the Federal Government in the terms of fractions I and IV of the Constitutional article 27-twenty seven, of the Organic Law, and the regulations derived from the same law, and with the State Government and the Municipalities under the terms of legal precepts previously mentioned. -----

---- i).- The functioning and financial operation of the General Finance Commission will depend on the Executive Commission. -----



---- j).- Others that indicate different rules or regulations of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK and the General Assembly. -----

-----**CHAPTER XI**-----

----- **GENERAL FINANCE AND COMMISSION** -----

ARTICLE 55.- The General Finance Commission, in coordination with the Executive Commission are responsible of administering, collecting, managing, promoting and carrying out the financial and accounting operations of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, which will be integrated by 3 – three- members appointed by the General Assembly.. The General Assembly will approve its operations and functioning regulation.

----- **CHAPTER XII** -----

-----**PROMOTION COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES IN FAVOR OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD**-----

ARTICLE 57.- The commission that promotes legislatives initiatives in favor of education for EARLY CHILDHOOD shall be formed by an Executive President, a Secretary and three ordinary members, that will be appointed by the General Assembly of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK.-----

ARTICLE 58.- Powers, duties and responsibilities of the commission that promotes legislatives initiatives in favor of education for EARLY CHILDHOOD, will be the following: -----

- I. To study the existing legislation in the countries of the hemisphere regarding education in EARLY CHILDHOOD.-----
- II. To promote new legislation in favor of education of Early Childhood at a state and national level. -----

-----**CHAPTER XIII**-----

----- **DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION**-----

ARTICLE 59.- The moment the dissolution of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK is declared, the Executive Commission shall become a Liquidation Committee. -----

ARTICLE 60.- The Liquidation Committee should proceed to pay/meet the liabilities of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK, by being able to sell the property, that in their opinion is necessary, and while doing so, prevent violating any regulation. -----

ARTICLE 61.- No member shall have the right to refund of fees/quotas, donations or contributions given to the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK. The total surplus of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK remaining after



meeting the liabilities, will be applied to any other or any others Mexican associations that aim to promote education, teaching, scientific research, dissemination of culture and arts or social work.-----

ARTICLE 62.- The Extraordinary General Assembly will be the only body with the power to decide where to allocate the remaining net assets following the liquidation of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK.-----

-----**CHAPTER XIV**-----

----- **GENERAL PROVISIONS** -----

ARTICLE 63.- By unanimous agreement of the General Assembly, the First Title was approved; it contains the General Statutes that shall rule the institutional life of the HEMISPHERIC NETWORK OF LEGISLATORS AND FORMER LEGISLATORS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD. -----

ARTICLE 64.- All matters no included in the Statues, shall be resolved by the Executive Commission in first instance, and by 50% plus one of the active members of the General Assembly in second instance. -----

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