



Pursuant to Article 4 of the Foundations Act (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia no. 60/95) and in accordance with the generally beneficial objective in the area of culture, the founder adopts this

ACT FOUNDING THE “INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION – FORUM OF SLAVIC CULTURES”

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

This act founds the International Foundation – Forum of Slavic Cultures (hereinafter: FSK), with the intention of maintaining the cultural values, traditions and contents that bind the Republic of Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Poland, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Slovenia and Serbia and Montenegro, and links together countries whose inhabitants speak Slavic languages. The Forum of Slavic Cultures shall promote cultural exchanges, meetings and joint projects.

The FSK shall be founded as a legal person of private law. The founding shall be performed by the Republic of Slovenia, Gregorčičeva 20, Ljubljana, Slovenia. It shall acquire the status of a legal entity when the body responsible for foundations (hereinafter: ministry responsible for culture) issues its consent to this act. The consent of the body referred to in paragraph one of this article shall be published in the Official Journal at the Foundation’s expense.

Article 2

This act defines the purpose, the initial assets, the name of the registered office, the basic organisation of the Foundation and other provisions that are important for the functioning of the Foundation.

Article 3

The name of the Foundation shall be: INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION – FORUM OF SLAVIC CULTURES.

The seat of the Foundation shall be: Metelkova 4, Ljubljana, Slovenija.

Changing the seat of the Foundation shall not represent an alteration of this Founding Act.

II. PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION

Article 4

The purpose of setting up the Foundation is the promotion of the development of cultural co-operation among all countries whose inhabitants speak a Slavic language. The Foundation shall contribute to a better exchange of information and knowledge and their direct dissemination among the general public, particularly in the area of language, literature, culture, art, education and communications.

The Forum of Slavic Cultures shall facilitate the implementation of joint programmes among countries whose inhabitants speak a Slavic language, and shall promote bilateral cooperation between them and cooperation with third countries.

III. ASSETS OF THE FOUNDATION

Article 5

The Foundation shall have an initial capital of 3,500,000 SIT (15,000 EURO), which is an appropriate amount for fulfilling its purpose.

Article 6

The Foundation's initial capital may be increased in the manner determined in the Foundation Statute.

Article 7

Reducing the initial capital shall be possible only under exceptional circumstances on the basis of a decision by the Foundation Board following a consent by the ministry responsible for culture.

IV. LIABILITY

Article 8

The foundation shall be liable with all of its assets.

V. BODIES OF THE FOUNDATION

Article 9

The Foundation shall be managed by its Board.

Members of the Board shall be appointed by: the Republic of Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Poland, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Slovenia and Serbia and Montenegro.

Each country shall appoint one member of the Board. In addition to this, each country may also appoint the member's deputy.

The members of the first Board are:

Nikola Popov

Aida Abadžić Hodžić

Venko Andonovski

Božo Biškupić

Jacek Purchla

Svjatoslav Igorjevič Belza

Andreja Rihter - Chairperson of the Board

Dragan Kojadinović

The Board shall have a chairperson, who shall be elected by the members from among themselves. The Chairperson of the Board - Andreja Rihter - shall represent the Foundation to an extent provided by regulations, this Act and the Foundation Statute.

Article 10

The Board mandate shall be 4 (four) years.

After the expiry of the mandate, a Board member may be re-elected.

Article 11

The procedure for appointing new Board members shall be determined by the Foundation Statute.

Article 12

The Board shall base its decisions on a majority vote of all Board members, unless this Act or the Statute determines that consensus of all Board members is necessary for adopting a decision.

Article 13

A Board member may not make decisions on matters in which either he or she or a spouse or relative up to three times removed is involved.

Article 14

Board members shall be entitled to a reimbursement of travelling expenses, to daily allowances and awards determined by the Board, taking into account criteria set out in the Foundation Statute.

Article 15

The Foundation shall have a Programme Council composed of:

- representatives of the Republic of Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Poland, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Slovenia and Serbia and Montenegro,
- representatives of other countries whose inhabitants speak Slavic languages and who demonstrate an interest in cooperating in the International Foundation, from the ranks of persons with expert knowledge and with internationally recognised experience in the area of culture,
- representatives of donors.

The number of members of the Programme Council shall not be limited.

Details of the appointment procedure, duration of mandate, tasks and method of work of the Programme Council shall be defined in the Foundation Statute.

The Foundation may also have other bodies.

VI. STATUTE OF THE FOUNDATION

Article 16

The Board of the FSK foundation shall adopt the statute within the interval of 3 (three) months.

Article 17

The Statute shall regulate in more detail the following:

- the organisation of the Foundation,
- the Foundation's bodies and how they function,
- the procedure for appointing new Board members,
- duties of Board members,
- the extent of authorisations given to Board members and the chairperson,
- decision procedures,
- how income is distributed,
- how the foundation's initial capital may be increased,
- how the foundation's initial capital may be reduced,
- criteria for determining awards and reimbursement of travelling and other expenses incurred by Board members,
- other issues important for the unhindered operation of the Foundation.

Article 18

The Board is bound to submit the Statute to the ministry responsible for culture within 3 (three) months of the issue of the consent to this Act.

Article 19

The Statute may be changed by the Board in accordance with the Founding Act. The Board shall be bound to submit changes to the Statute to the ministry responsible for culture within a deadline of 3 (three) months.

VII. FINANCING OF THE FOUNDATION

Article 20

The Foundation's income shall consist of:

- funds acquired from managing the initial capital,
- gifts and other donations,
- income from carrying out various activities,
- other.

The Foundation may accept donations from Slovenian or foreign physical or legal persons (donors).

The Foundation shall use its income exclusively for fulfilling the purpose defined by this Act and for the operation of the Foundation.

Article 21

The Board may dispose of the immovable property belonging to the Foundation only on the basis of a decision adopted unanimously by all Board members, following an approval by the ministry responsible for culture.

Article 22

The Foundation must keep books and produce reports as required by the law.

The Board must submit to the ministry responsible for culture an annual report on its work and financial affairs for the previous year by the end of March.

The Foundation shall operate in line with the financial regulations applying in the Republic of Slovenia.

VIII. TERMINATION OF THE FOUNDATION

Article 23

The Foundation shall be a permanent institution.

Article 24

The Foundation may be dissolved in the following cases:

- if the Foundation's capital no longer suffices for the fulfilment of its purpose,
- if the Foundation's purpose can no longer be fulfilled,
- if the ministry responsible for culture determines that the conditions for the Foundation's continued existence are no longer fulfilled.

Article 25

Any decision terminating the Foundation shall be adopted by the Board in compliance with the law.