### STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

# (modified by the Extraordinary General Meeting of March 2nd, 2012)

#### **ARTICLE 1: Constitution and denomination**

An association governed by the law of July 1st, 1901 and the decree of August 16th, 1901 is created between the members who adhere to the present statutes, under the name:

### « LOS CHICOS DE CUSCO-TITICACA »

## **ARTICLE 2: Purposes**

The goals of this association which is a general interest organisation are:

- Support and assist the poor populations in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru, and especially in the Cusco and Titicaca regions.
- Provide street children, orphans or abandoned children a place suited for their physical, intellectual, and social development. Establish sponsorship between disadvantaged children and generous and caring donors.
  - Helping young single mothers in difficulty.
- Actively support the joint implementation of sustainable development projects.
  - Tell others about different cultures, customs and crafts from Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador, in creating all kinds of meetings and exchanges that can foster this knowledge.
- Facilitate exchanges between the peoples of Europe and Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador by organising exhibitions and/or cultural events and festivals, tours and all other events that could achieve the goals.

The association and its members prohibit any political or religious discussions or event within the framework of assistance.

#### **ARTICLE 3: Headquarters**

The registered office is located at: ELNE (F-66200). It may be transferred by decision of the Board of Directors, on the whole French territory. Antennas can be opened by a decision of the Board as soon as the need is established.

## **ARTICLE 4: Duration of the association**

The duration of the Association is unlimited.

#### **ARTICLE 5: Resources of the Association**

- The resources of the association include:
   The amount of contributions paid by members.
   The result of the actions made by the association such as sale of products, revenues from events, document production, services, various interventions...
- Subsidies and financial assistance from local authorities, national or international authorities or other structures.
- Donations from individuals or legal persons.
   Loans that could be contracted.
   Interest income from owned properties or values .
   And in general, all resources authorized by the law.

The reserve fund consists of the results of annual exercises. It is used in accordance with the decisions of the Board of Directors to only achieve the goals of the association.

The patrimony of the association is alone responsible for the commitments made by it. No member, even those involved in the administration, can be held responsible or be sued.

## **ARTICLE 6: Composition of the association**

- Honorary Members:

Be considered an honorary member any person who rendered important service to the association or makes a substantial donation. Any honorary member may participate in the General Assembly in an advisory capacity and is not eligible for the Board of Directors.

- Active members, sustaining members:

Be considered as sustaining member anyone who makes an annual contribution at least equal to that set by the General Assembly. Sustaining members participate in the General Assembly and have a deliberative vote and may be eligible for the Board of Directors.

- Supporting members:

Be considered supporting member anyone who does not pay contribution, but participates in the life of the association in doing specific operations, child sponsorships or donations. A supporting member may participate in the General Assembly in an advisory capacity and is not eligible to the Board of Directors.

The initial amount of the annual fee is 25 Euros.

The initial amount of sponsoring a child is set at 240 Euros, 20 Euros per month. These amounts may change each year by the General Assembly.

### **ARTICLE 7: Admission and Membership**

Any application for membership shall be made in writing by the applicant, using the form provided for this purpose. Each applicant takes commitment by joining the association; comply with these statutes which he acknowledges in advance. The committee examines at each of its meetings the membership applications. Any refusal of membership will be sent to the applicant with reasoned opinion.

Contributions are valid for the calendar year from 1 January to 31 December. Memberships established in November and December is valid for the following year.

## **ARTICLE 8: Loss of membership**

Membership is lost by not renewing the subscription, resignation, death or expulsion by the Board of Directors for serious reasons. It cannot give rise to any compensation or reimbursement.

## **ARTICLE 9: Annual General Meeting**

The Ordinary General Meeting includes all members who paid their subscription. The Ordinary General Assembly meets once a year between January and May. Fifteen days before the date of the meeting, or a month before if there are elections, members of the Association shall be convened by the secretariat.

The agenda is indicated on the convocations and a proxy form must be provided. Only proxy forms duly completed and signed, indicating the name of the member being replaced will be considered. Proxy can only be used for the election of members of the Board of Directors.

The President assisted by members of the Board of Directors chairs the General Assembly and exposes the moral situation of the Association. The secretary exposes its activity report and the treasurer the management report.

#### The General Assembly:

- Approves the activity and financial report of the past year
   Decides on the budget, the amount of contributions and directions of the coming year
  - Endorses the creation or modification of the Rules of Procedure Endorses the substantial decisions of the Board
- Replaces by secret ballot the outgoing members (postal voting is allowed, proxy vote is not accepted for this election)
   Approves the replacement of missing members at the Board of Directors.

Decisions shall be taken only if they are accepted by a majority of members present or represented. Each voter can only have two authorisations. In case of equality, the Chairman's vote is preponderant.

### **ARTICLE 10: Board of Directors**

The association is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of three to ten members elected by the General Assembly and chosen within sustaining members of the association.

In case of vacancy, the Board temporarily provides new members. There shall be a permanent replacement by vote at the next General Assembly. The powers of the members so elected, shall expire at the time that the mandate of the replaced members would expire.

The renewal of the Board of Directors occurs every three years. Retiring members may be reappointed. At the first renewal, the members to be replaced are drawn.

The Board of Directors is invested with the broadest powers within the limits of the goals of the association:

- Implement the guidelines of the General Assembly,
- Approve the final means of the main actions,
- Elect the members of the committee for three years
- Establish and amend the Rules of Procedure,
- Appoint honorary members,
- Radiate members,
- Decide to create and define the content of salaried positions,
- Create, if needed, study-committees and projects-following committees. These committees are composed for at least two thirds of members from the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors meets at least three times a year and each time if it is asked to do so either by written request of its President, or by written request of at least two of its members. The presence of half of its members is necessary to ensure that decisions of the Board are valid.

Each member has one vote. Voting by proxy or correspondence is not allowed. In case of a tie vote, the Chairman vote is preponderant. Any member of the Board who, without excuse, fails to attend three consecutive meetings will be deemed to have resigned, except in cases of force majeure.

By verbal agreement of all members of the Board, the meeting may be held remote with the technical means of modern communication offered by Internet or similar.

During the first year of operation, the Board of Directors may consist of only two members, and completed, if necessary, until the first Annual General Meeting. The committee is composed of three to ten members elected by the Board of Directors. It comprises at least one President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The first bureau will consist of two members, a president and a secretary-treasurer.

The President shall direct the work of the Board of Directors, Officers and members of the General Meetings. He operates the association he represents in all acts of civil life. He holds the special register provided by the Act of July 1, 1901.

The secretary is responsible for everything related to the correspondence including sending invitations to various meetings.

The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Association. He performs all the movements of money with the approval of the President. He keeps regular accounts of all receipts and expenditures and reports to the General Assembly which deliberates on its management.

Board members may be reappointed. The mission of the bureau is to ensure regular monitoring of the objectives of the association. It shall act on applications for membership. In order that the decisions of the bureau are valid, the presence of two of its members is enough. Each member has one vote. Voting by proxy or by post is not permitted. In case of a tie, the decision is given at the next Board meeting.

By verbal agreement of all members of the bureau, the meeting may be held at bay with the technical means of modern communication offered by the Internet or similar.

### **ARTICLE 11: Compensation – Insurance**

The Board of Directors shall receive no remuneration for the duties entrusted to them.

Costs occurred, and accepted unanimously by the contributors before the General Meeting, by the Board of Directors for the fulfilment of their mandate, may be reimbursed on production of proof. Other expenses, including those of members of the Association who refused any reimbursement to make a donation to the association and who have been engaged in the sole purpose of helping the association may, in light of proof, give rise to a tax receipt. Travel costs may give rise to a tax receipt for the only members of the Board, while administrative costs, registration ... or other small costs may give rise to a tax receipt for all kind of members the association. The financial report to the Annual General Meeting must specify the reimbursement of expenses paid to members of the Association.

Employees of the association may be called by a member of the Board to attend in an advisory capacity, the General Meetings or Board of Directors.

If the association is the owner or tenant of premises on the site of humanitarian action and humanitarian purposes, members or active volunteers can accommodate, if possible, without consideration or compensation, and with the prior agreement of Board of Directors.

For any mission or assistance, members and volunteers will be covered by their own insurance. The association does not cover any damage occurring to them and will in no way be held as responsible.

## **ARTICLE 12: Extraordinary General Meeting**

If necessary, upon request of the Board or at the request of half plus one of the sustaining members, the President shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting. Conditions are identical to those convening the Annual General Meeting.

The agenda will be the amendment of the statutes or the dissolution of the association. The proceedings shall be taken by the majority of twothirds of present members.

Voting by proxy or by post will not be allowed.

#### **ARTICLE 13: Dissolution**

In case of dissolution, the Extraordinary General Meeting shall appoint one or more liquidators and assets, if any, shall be given to one or more associations with similar goals and will be named by the Assembly. In any case, the members will not receive any part of the property of the association, except for the recovery of their contribution or loan.

#### **ARTICLE 14: Rules of Procedure**

A procedure may be established by the Board of Directors.

This rules are intended to regulate various elements not covered by the statutes, including those related to the organization and the internal administration of the association.

The rules may in no way oppose the statutes.

These statutes were approved by the Extraordinary General Meeting of March 2nd, 2012.

Elne, March 2nd 2012

President

Treasurer

Jean-Gabriel CABOT

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