

FORUM 18 NEWS SERVICE (FOUNDATION)

PREAMBLE

Forum 18 News Service has been established as an international working nonprofit foundation (in Danish: ikke-erhvervsdrivende Fond) under the name of **FORUM 18 NEWS SERVICE (FOUNDATION), CVR 34 92 99 98** registered in Denmark.

Forum 18 News Service (Foundation) continues the effort, which was launched through a collaboration between Dansk Europamission, Denmark and Norsk Misjon i Øst, Norway.

None of the founding organizations have any kind of privileges or rights before others.

§ 1. Name.

- 1.1. Forum 18's name is: Forum 18 News Service (Fond) with the secondary name: F18News.
- 1.2. Forum 18 is a nonprofit, humanitarian, charitable (ikke-erhvervsdrivende) foundation, called Forum 18 in the bylaws.

§ 2. Registered office.

- 2.1. Forum 18 works internationally with a registered office in the municipality, in which the head office is located in Denmark.

§ 3. Basics and objective

3.1 Forum 18 is a Christian initiative working for the freedom of thought, conscience and belief of all people, whatever their religious affiliation. It works for religious freedom for all on the basis of Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. On the theological basis of the Incarnation, Forum 18 affirms that every person - whatever their belief or non-belief - has a fundamental human dignity which no state or person can take from them, and which must be defended for true freedom to exist.

3.2 Forum 18 provides original reporting and analysis on violations of the freedom of thought, conscience and belief of all people, whatever their religious affiliation, in an objective, truthful and timely manner. It aims in its work both to present all factors involved in violations of religious freedom, and also to avoid any bias or inaccuracy that may arise from the religious, political, commercial or other attitudes that may be expressed by those who support or work with Forum 18.

3.3. The objective is realized by the establishment and the continuation of news coverage through all available media.

3.4. Forum 18 is financed by obtaining financial support from individuals, foundations, businesses, public authorities, and other interested parties.

3.5. Income, donations and revenue must be used to fulfil Forum 18's objectives.

§ 4. Structure and Equity.

- 4.1. Forum 18 is structured as a foundation (fond) with up to 7 supporters. Supporters consist of religious or other organizations influenced by attitude.
- 4.2. Supporters is attained through a declaration of support for Forum 18's objectives, and according to the Working Committee's approval of new members. Supporting membership fees are determined by the board.
- 4.3. Supporters must be accepted by the Working Committee.
- 4.4. Supporters is discontinued provided a supporter fails to fulfill his or her commitments, or provided the supporter does not observe Forum 18's objectives.
- 4.5. Supporters have no rights to the ownership of the foundation funds or assets.
- 4.6. The total Equity capital is DKK 1.333.725.
- 4.7. Forum 18 receives donations ear marked for the basic capital (grundkapital) or for the capital for distribution(s) (uddelingskapital).

§ 5. The Board.

- 5.1. The Board is Forum 18's highest authority. The Board consists of up to 7 members. Four of these will always be representatives of the Dansk Missionsråd, Equmeniakyrkan, Den Norske Helsingforskomité and the Stefanusalliansen. One of these will be elected as Chairman at the ordinary Board Meeting.
- 5.2. Forum 18's salaried employees cannot be members of the Board. The Board can invite salary employed persons to participate as non-voting observers in the Board meetings. One member of the Board shall be a person who is neither a salaried employee nor a Board member of the "Dansk Missionsråd", "Equmeniakyrkan", "Den Norske Helsingforskomité", and the "Stefanusalliansen". This person will be nominated and elected by the representatives of the "Dansk Missionsråd", "Equmeniakyrkan", "Den Norske Helsingforskomité", and the "Stefanusalliansen", and this person shall be a Board member until the next General Board Meeting held after the Board has existed for one- or two years, whichever time period shall be the longest.
- 5.3. If there are nominations for the remaining two members of the Board they will be nominated by the "Dansk Missionsråd", "Equmeniakyrkan", "Den Norske Helsingforskomité", and the "Stefanusalliansen" and will be elected by the existing five Board members. These members shall be Board members until the next General Board Meeting held after the Board has existed for one- or two years, whichever time period shall be the shortest. Participation in Board meetings requires personal attendance. Members cannot vote by proxy.
- 5.4. General Board meetings are held once a year before the end of the month of June.
- 5.5. The Board meeting is summoned by the Working Committees with at least 8 weeks notice.
- 5.6. The agenda for the General Board meeting shall be forwarded to the Board members no later than 4 weeks before the date of the meeting. Proposals for the agenda must be received by the chairman no later than 6 weeks before the Board meeting.
- 5.7. The General Board meeting's agenda includes:
 1. Election of chairperson
 2. Approval of the board's report on the past year's activities
 3. Approval of the reviewed annual accounts
 4. Received proposals

5. Approval of action plan for coming years and framework budget
6. Election of chairman and other members of the board. Election of a certified public accountant
7. Miscellaneous

5.8. Board resolutions are decided by simple majority vote, with the exception of the special voting rules in connection with bylaw changes, mergers with other foundations, and dissolution. In case of parity of votes, the chairman of the Board has a double vote. The Board prepares an order of business for the Board meeting.

5.9. Meeting minutes. Board resolutions are recorded in the meeting minutes, noting the main points of the debate. The minutes are signed by the chairperson and the note taker.

5.10. Extraordinary Board meetings. An extraordinary Board meeting is held following a decision by the Working Committees, or when at least 6 Board members submit a written request for such a meeting, including proposals to be debated. The meeting is subsequently summoned within 4 weeks, with at least 4 weeks notice. The agenda for an extraordinary Board meeting is announced no later than 2 weeks before the meeting is to be held. Moreover, extraordinary Board meetings follow the established rules on how to conduct ordinary Board meetings, with the exception of the required agenda items.

§ 6. The Working Committee.

6.1. The Working Committee manages Forum 18's activities.

6.2. The Working Committee consists of a chairman and 2 additional members. In cases of parity of votes at a Board meeting, the chairman's vote is decisive.

6.3. Eligible for the Working Committees are people, who are nominated by the member foundations, and who are not salaried employees of Forum 18.

§ 7. Authority and liability.

7.1. 2 members of the Working Committees sign jointly for Forum 18. One of these must be the chairman of the board, or the vice chairman.

7.2. The Working Committees may authorize someone to sign for Forum 18.

§ 8. Accounts and audit.

8.1. Forum 18's accounting year follows the calendar year. The annual accounts with balance sheet are prepared by the day-to-day management and approved by the Working Committees. The first accounting year will be July the 1. until December the 31. 2013.

8.2. The annual accounts are audited by a certified public accountant, who is appointed by the Board for 1 year at a time.

§ 9. Amendments.

9.1. Forum 18 News Service's bylaws may be amended at an ordinary Board meeting, if at least half of the Board members are present and the amendment is adopted by a 2/3 majority of the votes cast.

§ 10. Mergers.

10.1. Forum 18 may merge with one or more other foundations with similar objectives, if the Board, with a 2/3 majority of the votes cast, adopts a merger proposal prepared by the Working Committees, and if at least half of the Board members are present.

§ 11. Dissolution.


11.1. Forum 18 may be dissolved, if a dissolution proposal is adopted at an ordinary Board meeting with a 3/4 majority of the votes cast. The resolution shall subsequently be confirmed at an extraordinary Board meeting with a 2/3 majority of the votes cast. This extraordinary Board meeting shall be held at least 2 and at most 6 months after the ordinary meeting.

11.1.1. If Forum 18 is dissolved, the remaining assets will be transferred to other activities with similar objectives, in accordance with a resolution by the Board and the confirmation from the Department of Civil Affairs (Civilstyrelsen).

Confirmed by the board, on the date of 5th February 2019

Signatures:

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