

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OF THE «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS»</b></p>
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**ARTICLE 1**

**ESTABLISHMENT-TRADE NAME-REGISTERED OFFICE**

[1] A tertiary non-profit cultural association (union of federations) is established - a confederation under the trade name "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS" based in the city of Rethymno. [2] The confederation has administrative and financial autonomy and its operation is governed by the relevant provisions of the Law "On Associations" and this Statute. The intervention of another association, regardless of its degree, in this autonomy, is not accepted and is obligatorily rejected by its Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE 2**

**PURPOSE**

- a) The preservation of the ancestral cultural heritage, the democratic traditions of the Cretan People, as well as the organization of cultural events in order to preserve the customs and ethics of our Nation.
- b) The promotion of the idea of the Congregation of Cretans everywhere, and the defense of the interests of Crete and Hellenism in general.
- c) The preservation of the history, the cultural tradition of Crete and its transmission both to the younger generations and to the societies where Cretans live and work.
- d) The cooperation and coordination for the two-way exchange of ideas, technology, and sciences for the better confrontation of our common problems and the economic development of Crete, always with respect to our cultural heritage.
- e) The protection of Greece and Hellenism in general in any legal way when their interests are at stake.

**ARTICLE 3**

**MEANS - ACHIEVEMENT OF GOALS**

The achievement of the above goals is accomplished by the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS": [a] By organizing and performing every year, various events and activities in collaboration with its members. [b] With the moral and material support of its member federations as much as possible. c] By coordinating and supervising its member federations and cooperating with them in order to better organize, disseminate and develop the system and to assist their work for their better economic organization and operation. [d] With the cooperation between its members for the promotion of comparatives in each region and with the participation of it and its member associations in activities of cultural, social interest, which refer to history, tradition, environment and culture. [e] With its continuous effort to cultivate and consolidate relations of cooperation, cooperation, support, mutual trust between it and its members, as well as the members among themselves. For these purposes it cooperates with bodies including Ministries, General Secretariats of Regions, Prefectural Self-administrations , Municipalities, Universities inland and abroad, Church, International organizations (European Union, UNESCO, and other cultural and development agencies) . In particular, it will cooperate with Higher Education Institutions of Crete.

**ARTICLE 4**

**MEMBERS**

[1] Members of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS (WCC known also by its Greek initials as PSK) ", can become secondary Cretan cultural federations that are judicially or legally recognized in Greece or abroad.

{a}As an exception to the provisions, the inclusion of the members of the WCC of the primary Associations under the name "Pancretan Union of Athens" , "Pancretan Brotherhood of Macedonia "and" Cretan Brotherhood of Piraeus – I Omonia " is approved, who will have the right to one (1) vote, without the right to assume the Presidency of the WCC.

{b} Exceptionally, members of the WCC and primary Associations, recognized and active abroad, can also become members, provided that they are not present or represented by an existing secondary federation - provided that their general and

general activity and their mass justify their registration, according to the judgment of the competent body of article 6 par. 2 of the present, and so long as their participation is deemed beneficial for the most effective, efficient and wider impact and promotion of the goals and the achievement of the objectives of the WCC. The primary unions - members of the WCC will have the right to one vote, but without the right to assume the Presidency of the WCC. The WCC does not accept them as members of more than one federation (adults and youth from each country, with the exception of the previous paragraphs. [2] The membership of the WCC is non-transferable. [3] The WCC exists if the Secondary federations - its members will not be reduced to less than two (2) on different Continents.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **OBSTACLES - RESTRICTION [1]**

{1) Can not be a member of the Board of Directors of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» " and its Bodies:

- a) Anyone who has not completed the eighteenth (18) year of age.
- b) Anyone who has been convicted by an irrevocable court of law of offenses such as intentional homicide, espionage, robbery, theft, embezzlement, fraudulent bankruptcy, tax evasion, bribery, extortion, forgery, forgery, forgery, forgery, forgery, forgery a crime against sexual freedom and economic exploitation of sexual life, a violation of the law on drugs and intermediaries and anyone who has been referred by an irrevocable commission for acts prosecuted to the degree of a felony.
- c) Anyone who has been deprived of his political rights by an irrevocable court decision and for how long the deprivation lasts.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **MEMBERS' REGISTRATION**

[1] In order for a federation or a Primary Association to be registered in the force of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS" submits:

- a) An application for the registration of a federation and a relevant declaration of acceptance of the statute of the WCC with an attached nominal deposit of the primary unions of which it is composed. An application for registration of a primary association will be accompanied by a list of its members and the members of its Board of Directors, ratified by its President and General Secretary.

- b) Certification from the competent public authority of each country that it has been recognized as a federation or other peer organization, the primary association and exists lawfully.
- c) Certified copy of the articles of association by the competent public or other Authority (of each country) by which this has been approved.
- d) A table indicating the full name, address of the members of the Board of Directors of the applicant federation, its seat and address.

[2] The registration of a new member is carried out by a decision taken by a majority of 3/4 of the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS".

If the application is rejected, the requesting member has the right to refer to the first General Assembly after the rejection, which shall conclude upon the matter per majority.

## **ARTICLE 7 DELETION OF A MEMBER**

- [1] The deletion of a federation - member of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS" requires a relevant proposal of the Board of Directors which will have be taken by a majority of (3/4) of it, to the General Assembly and a decision of the last justified one, which is taken by the same majority (3/4) of the votes of its present members. This proposal of the Board of Directors should have been pre-registered as topic of the agenda of the Ordinary or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- [2] A federation is deleted for the following restrictive reasons:
- a) If it was deprived of judicial, administrative or other recognition as a federation, the Association.
  - b) If declares through its bodies that resigns or leaves the power of the federations - members of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS»".
  - c) If the above commits a particular violation of the Law or the Articles of Association, but always upon previous call of the federation for an apology.
  - d) If the federation has ceased to operate for three years or if its members become less than two (2), and for the primary Associations, if they are dissolved.

e) If it does not meet the obligations of Article 9.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **MEMBER RIGHTS**

- [1] All members of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS" have equal rights unless otherwise provided by the statutes.
- [2] The members of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", who are registered in it, are entitled to participate in all its events and in its General Assemblies with the right to speak and vote.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

- [1] The members of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» " have the following obligations:
- a) To comply with the provisions of its Statute.
  - b) To pay an annual subscription to the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", the amount of which is determined by a decision of the Board of Directors and approved by the General Assembly.
- [2] In case of amendment of the AoA of a federation / association already recognized, it is required to submit to the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» " a certified copy by the judicial authority of the amended AoA and for the federations / associations of the foreigners a certified copy of the amended Articles of Association.
- 3] Any change in the Administration of the federation / Association, must be notified to the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» " no later than two months by submitting the relevant copies of the relevant copies of the Minutes of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors,
- 4] In case of amendment of the AoA "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", which concern the change of its purposes, a certified copy of the amended AoA is required to be immediately notified and submitted to the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» "

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **FINANCIAL RESOURCES - FINANCIAL YEAR**

- 1) Financial resources of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» are:.
  - a) The annual subscriptions of its members.
  - b) The various donations, bequests, legacies, financial aid and grants.
  - c) Any kind of income from the exploitation of his movable and immovable property.
  - d) Grants from the European Union, Ministries, Local Government Organizations, Prefectures, Churches, Universities, International Organizations, General Secretariats of Regions, etc.
- [2] The Board of Directors of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» " is not entitled to impose on its members, without their consent, regular or extraordinary financial charges, in addition to those provided by its Articles of Association.
- 3] The financial year lasts from the end of the work of the Ordinary General Meeting until the beginning of the work of the next Ordinary General Meeting.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **ADMINISTRATION BODIES**

The bodies of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» are as below indicated:

- a) The General Assemblies/Meetings, Ordinary or Extraordinary.
- b) The Board of Directors.
- c) The Audit Committee.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLIES/ MEETINGS**

- [1] The General Assembly is the supreme and sovereign body of the «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» and decides upon any case that does not fall under the competence of another body.
- [2] The General Assemblies of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", are divided into Ordinary and Extraordinary and are composed of the representatives of its members.
- [3]The General Meetings of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS " Regular and Extraordinary are convened by the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS" by a written invitation notified to its members sixty (60) days before the meeting is defined. The invitation can be made to the members by any convenient means such as Fax, Email, Telegram, etc. The invitation necessarily includes the place, date and time of the convening of the General Assembly as well as the items on the agenda. In case of non-quorum on the above defined day, the General Assembly is repeated the next day at the same place and time with the same items on the agenda without special invitation, and is in quorum regardless of the number of representatives present.
- [3] Each federation or another member of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", is represented in its General Assemblies, by representatives or their authorized deputies, who must be members of the federation and are appointed by decision of the federation's federation.
- [4] The delegates are legitimized by a document of the represented submitted to the Secretariat of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", no later than half an hour before the start of the General Assembly.
- [5] The inspection of the authorizations for the representatives of the members and their legalization and the right to vote is conducted by the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS", which meets even if it is not in quorum immediately after the submission of the above documents assisted by the Audit Committee, and the relevant decision is announced before the election of the chairman of the General Assembly.

[6] The members of the Board of Directors of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", are entitled to speak on all issues discussed at the General Assemblies and to have the right to vote on them.

[7] Topics which are not mentioned in the agenda are not discussed, unless the General Assembly by a relative majority (50 + 1) decides upon its judgment that the proposed items should be discussed.

[8] The right to vote have the representatives of the members of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", who have fulfilled all their financial obligations towards it.

[9] Any objection against the validity of a decision of the General Assembly or the validity of the vote is submitted during the same General Assembly, which decides immediately by a majority of one and a half (50 + 1) of the number of votes held by the present members. .

[10] Minutes of the General Meetings are kept (recorded or written).

These minutes are handed over to the Chairman of the Board of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", and are registered in the relevant Book of Minutes, of the accuracy of the copy certified signed by the President and the Secretary of the General Assembly of the «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ". Copies of minutes provided to anyone with a lawful interest.

For the estimation of a lawful quorum, the formation of its General Assembly «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» or for voting, each member federation (through its representatives) has a number of votes that depends on the number of its member unions.

Each member federation that has a number of member associations from two (2) to five (5) has two (2) votes, from six (6) to ten (10) has four (4) votes, from eleven (11) to fifteen (15) has six (6) votes, from sixteen (16) to twenty (20) has eight (8) votes and from twenty one (21) and above regardless of the number of members has (10) ten votes.

The primary unions - members of the World Council of Cretans are entitled to one (1) vote.

Each representative has the right to one vote. It is not possible to exercise voting by authorization or by letter.

The General Assembly is in a lawful quorum as long as according to the above 50 + 1 of the total of its legal composition are present.

### **ARTICLE 13**

#### **ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

[1] Ordinary General Assembly of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", convened once (1) each year at its headquarters in Rethymno. In each General Assembly the members elect a president and a secretary.

[2] The said Ordinary General Meeting is convened within the period from the third ten-day time of July to the first ten days of September each year and deals with its work with the following series of items on the agenda:

a) Report and approval of the Board of Directors . Financial report, balance sheet and report of the Audit Committee and discharge of the Board of Directors from its responsibilities.

b) Approval of the Budget of the new business year.

c) Decides on proposals of the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS", concerning:

d) the deletion of a federation's member or

e) the declaration of natural entities-rendering exceptional services to Crete within Greece or Abroad, to Culture and in general to Humanity, as honorary members.

The honorary members are announced by the General Assembly, with a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the valid votes.

[3] During the year of appointments (every three years) the Ordinary General Assembly for the election of the bodies of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS", is convened by the outgoing Board of Directors which deals with and decides on the following items on the agenda:

a) Election of the agenda, Secretary of the General Assembly.

b) Ratification and legalization of the proxies of the representatives.

c) Action report of the outgoing Board of Directors and - Financial Report.

d) Election of a three-member Electoral commission for the recruitment.

e) Nominations for the promotion:

I} of the New Board of Directors and its alternate members with a three-year term.

II} Audit Committee and its acting members, with a three-year term service.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

[1] Extraordinary General Meetings are convened for certain urgent current issues as follows:

a) Upon decision of the Board of Directors of the "WORLD Cretan Council", when it is considered necessary.

b) Upon written application or request of three federations of members of the «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» , or two federations - members and a primary association - member.

This application must specify the topics proposed for discussion.

In this case, the Board of Directors of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» " is obliged to decide on the convocation of the General Assembly within twenty (20) days from the day the relevant application came to the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", and the G.A. must be conducted within two (2) months from the day of the application submission.

[2] The Extraordinary General Meetings address the issues in the following order:

a) Ratification of the powers of attorney of the delegates.

b) Election of a president, secretary of the General Assembly.

c) Decision on proposals of the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS".

d) Decision on proposals of the members of the Cretan Council ".

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **DECISIONS - VOTES -**

### **MAJORITY OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

[1] The decisions of the General Assemblies are taken by open ballot either by roll call or by show of hands and by an absolute majority of the votes held by the present members of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ".

[2] Voting for the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee is secret and with a single ballot. Voting on personal matters is secret.

[3] Decisions concerning the following aspects:

a) The amendment of the Statute of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS" which is concluded by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the representatives present at the General Assembly, of the members entitled to vote, are taken by open voting and

b) The removal of a member, which is also decided by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of those present at the General Assembly who are entitled to vote

[4] For a decision-making concerning the dissolution of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", the presence at the General Assembly of representatives of at least three quarters (3/4) of its members, who are entitled to vote and a majority of four fifths (4 / 5) the votes of those present at the General Assembly of federations or primary unions.

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

[1] The Board of Directors consists of the Presidium, ie the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the General Secretary and the Treasurer, the three Vice-Chairmen, the Quaestor, the Public Relations and Press Officer and two members. "The Presidency/Bureau is undertaken exclusively by member Federations.

The primary unions - members of the WCC as referred to in Article 3 of these Statutes - do not have the right to assume the Presidency of the WCC, but do have the right to vote.

[2] The term of serving an office of the members of the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS" is three years.

Members of the same federation may not be elected to the Presidium of the Board of Directors of the Confederation for a second consecutive three years.

[3] The elections for the nomination of the members of the Board of Directors of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", and of the other bodies, are held by secret ballot and by a single ballot, during the period July 20 to September 20 of the election year according to provisions of Article 27 of these Statutes.

Eleven (11) full members and four (4) alternates are elected for the Board of Directors and three (3) full members and two (2) alternates for the Audit Committee.

The number of members of the Board of Directors may be increased or decreased by a decision of the General Meeting taken by a majority of 3/4 of the representatives of the members of the confederation present at it.

The Number of members of the Board can be increased according to the above to fifteen (15) in order for the Presidents of the Federations - Coordinators to participate in it.

[4] The alternate or acting members become regular and fill in the order of their election, the vacancies created in the Board of Directors for any reason, in accordance with the provisions of Article 27.

[5] If the number of members of the Board of Directors of "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS", for any reason reduced to less than two thirds (2/3) and there are no lawful deputies, an Extraordinary General Assembly is convened, under the responsibility of the President and Secretary, to elect a new Administration.

[6] The Board of Directors, which emerged from the nominations, convenes at its first meeting, upon invitation of its Chairman, within thirty (30) days of his election and elects by secret ballot Vice-Chairman, Quaestor and Head of Public Relations and Press.

[7] The Board of Directors of the «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» is convened by the President, regularly once a year, exceptionally whenever the need arises or if requested in writing by six of its members, justifying the reason for their request. Meetings of the Board of Directors can be held by teleconference.

[8] The Board of Directors of the "WORLD Cretan Council" is in quorum when at least seven (7) members are present. Its decisions are taken by open ballot and by a relative majority of the members present at the meeting. For personal matters or when proposed by a member and accepted by five (5) members of the Board, decisions are taken by secret ballot. The minutes of the meetings are kept with the care of the General Secretary and are ratified and signed by the members of the Board of Directors.

- [9] The meetings of the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", are public and can be attended by representatives of the federations with the right to speak, (one representative for each federation or each primary association).
- [10] The members of the Board of Directors, in case of resignation or death, are replaced as follows:
- (a) as far as the Members of the Presidium are concerned ( Chairman, Vice-chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer) are replaced by another regular member of the federation which participates in the Presidium , upon suggestion of the BoD of the said Federation.
- (b) for a member of the Board who does not participate in the Presidium, he is replaced by the first alternate member of the Federation he represents.
- [5] The Board of Directors, which derived from these election procedure , converges its first meeting, upon invitation of its Chairman, within thirty (30) days from its election and elects by secret ballot (Vice Chairman, Quaestor and Public Relations and Press Officer .
- [6] The Board of Directors of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» , convenes the President, regularly once a year and exceptionally whenever the need arises or if requested in writing by six of its members justifying the reason for their request. The meetings of the Board of Directors can be carried out by video conference.
- [7] The Board of Directors of the «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» is in quorum when at least seven (7) are present members. Its decisions are taken by open ballot and by a relevant vote majority of those present at the meeting. For personal issues or when proposed by a member and accepted by five (5) members Board of Directors, decisions are taken in secret voting. The minutes of the meetings are kept by the General Secretary and are ratified and signed by its members Board of Directors.
- [8] The meetings of its Board of Directors «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» are public and can representatives of the federations with the right to speak are present (one representative for each federation).

**ARTICLE 17**

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The following are indicatively mentioned in the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors of the «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» :

- [1] To administer the confederation of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS", and to direct the work in accordance with the relevant decisions and directions.
- [2] To represent the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS" before any Authority in all its relations and affairs.
- [3] To deal with all kinds of administrative, financial and technical matters and to handle them immediately.
- [4] To supervise the observance and compliance with the provisions of this AoA, by all the federations, or its primary member unions.
- [5] To propose to the General Assembly any necessary addition and amendment of the Articles of Association, in charge of any relevant preparation and preparation.
- [6] To decide upon the awarding of honorary distinctions, titles and awards.
- [7] To propose to the General Assembly the deletion of federations or primary bodies - members of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS",
- [8] To form Committees, to appoint and terminate members of the committees.
- [9] To draw up Regulations for the operation of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ".
- [10] To manage the financial interests of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS", compiling the annual Income and Expenditure Budget as well as the report and balance sheet and to submit for approval to the General Assembly, regulating the execution of the relevant funds in combination with the programs , possibilities and needs of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» .
- [11] To take and implement in general every measure for the administrative, managerial, technical and statutory completeness of the organization of the association «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» .

[12] To support and assist the federations or the primary associations - members of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS".

[13] To convene the General Meetings, determining the order of the topics addressed on the agenda.

## **ARTICLE 18**

### **DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS":

a) Represents the «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» , in all its relations with third parties and before any judicial, administrative and any other authority, organization, Bank and any legal entity under public or private law.

b) Convenes the Board of Directors in its Regular and Extraordinary meetings, presides on them and prepares the agenda with the General Secretary.

Announces the commencement and end of the meetings of the Board of Directors.  
Gives and removes speech.

c) Signs along with the Treasurer all receipts and payments.

d) Signs with the General Secretary the Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, as well as all the documents related to the "WORLD Cretan Council", each incoming and outgoing document, together with the General Secretary and generally any document required for the good operation of the «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» .

e) Arranges for the fulfillment of the purposes of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", and the strict observance of the Statute.

## **ARTICLE 19**

### **DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

[1] In case of hindrance or absence , the President shall be replaced by the Vice-President in all of the above duties.

[2] In any case, the President may assign specific tasks and its execution thereof by written authorization to the Vice-President of the Federation holding the Presidency.

**ARTICLE 19A**

**DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

[1] In accordance with the provisions of Article 27 of the AoA, apart from the Vice-President elected by the Federation holding the Presidency of WCC, three or more vice-presidents (depending on the number of participating federations) are elected during the election process of the other members of the Board.

[2] These Vice-Presidents are the liaison ("coordinator role") between the federation they represent and the Board of the WCC in which they participate.

**ARTICLE**

**DUTIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY**

a) The General Secretary handles the correspondence, signs together with the Chairman all the documents, the books of the offices as well as the Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors.

b) Has the right to attend the meetings of the Committees, which will be set up, proposing, without a vote, the positions and views of the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS", regarding the implementation of the Regulations.

c) Takes care of the drafting of the Minutes of the Board of Directors, of the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meetings.

d) Prepares along with the President the agenda of the meetings of the Board of Directors,

**ARTICLE 21**

**DUTIES TREASURER**

a) The Treasurer manages the financial assets of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS", according to the decisions of its Board of Directors.

b) Proceeds in the transactions and payments and signs together with the President, receipts and payment orders with which they jointly sign the confederation checks.

c) Deposits the money of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS", in Banks when the amount exceeds the five hundred (500) euros and is responsible for the existing money in the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS".

- d) Prepares together with the President and the General Secretary the Balance Sheet Report and Budget of the «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» for the period from the 1st of July to the 30th of June which upon the approval of the Board of Directors submits to the Ordinary General Meeting for approval.
- e) Has personal responsibility for any payment made without order of payment.
- f) Keeps the Fund Books of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", which are co-signed by the President.
- g) He is obliged to deliver the Cash Books to the Audit Committee, upon its request to the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS".
- h) Submits to the Board of Directors every three (3) months, a statement of the income and expenses of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS".
- i) In case of his absence or incapacity, the Treasurer is replaced by another Member appointed by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 22**

### **QUAESTOR'S DUTIES**

The Quaestor is responsible for the operation of the federation's offices and for the organization of all kinds of events.

It is the liaison of the Board of Directors and the committees that may function in the confederation. Finally, it takes care of the activities, events, holidays of the confederation as well as its participation in events organized by other organizations, unions, etc.

## **ARTICLE 23**

### **DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS & PRESS**

#### **MANAGER**

The Public Relations Officer is in charge of the care of the Public Relations of the confederation. Arranges for the keeping a record of the activities of the confederation (in printed, electronic or other form) as well as for informing the media about each activity of the confederation. He is also responsible for the international and European relations of the confederation, as well as for the printed material that will be published by the confederation in collaboration with the President and the General Secretary.

**ARTICLE 24**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

[1] The Audit Committee consists of three (3) full members and two (2) alternates, who are elected by the system provided by the relevant provisions of this Statute, by the representatives of the member federations of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS" at the Ordinary General Meeting held every three (3) years, when the members of the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS" are also elected. The first of its members is elected Chairman of the Audit Committee by a number of votes. The term of office of the Audit Committee is three years.

[2] During the financial year, the Audit Committee monitors the receipts, payments and financial management of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS ", audits the submitted Balance Sheets, prepares and submits to the Board of Directors and the General Assembly its relevant reports.

3] The Treasurer of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS " is obliged to make available to the Audit Committee, any information requested, within twenty (20) days, from the day the Commission submitted the relevant request for audit to its Board of Directors of " WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETE ".

4] The Audit Committee also meets eight (8) days before the day of convening its Annual Ordinary General Meeting of «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» , upon written invitation from its President and audits the financial management of the «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS»", whereas prepares a report that submits it to the General Assembly.

5) The Committee is in quorum if at least two (2) members are present and decides by an absolute majority, and in case of disagreement this disagreement is expressed in documents.

[6] Members of the Audit Committee may not be members of the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS ", or their relatives up to the second by blood or by marriage.

The remaining impediments for the election of the members of the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS " also apply to the members of the Audit Committee.

**ARTICLE 25**

**CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTION IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
THE AUDITING COMMITTEE**

[1] Candidacy for the election to the Board of Directors or the Audit Committee of the ""WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS ", subject to the provisions of Article 27, can be submitted by anyone - if they wish, with the following conditions:

a) To be at least two years a member of a federation - member of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ". This quality must be confirmed by submitting to the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", a relevant document of the federation, of which the candidate is a member.

b) The submission of the candidacies for both the Presidium of the Board of Directors and the other members of the Board of Directors must be submitted to the Board of Directors of the ""WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS ", two (2) days, before the day the General Assembly is appointed with signed application form.

[3] One day before the nomination , a meeting of the Board of Directors is held and the candidates are announced on the same day, and the list of candidates of the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee is posted, in a prominent position of the offices of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS ". A copy of this list, together with the ballot papers, which include the full name and father's name of the candidates, are given to the Election Commission, which conducts the nominations.

**ARTICLE 26**

**ELECTION OF A COMMITTEE**

[1] For the conduct of appointments for the promotion of the Board of Directors. and the Audit Committee of the ""WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS ", the General Assembly elects, from among the representatives of the federations - members of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS ", a three-member supervisory committee by open ballot. The members of this committee elect the President from among themselves.

[2] The duty of the Election Committee is to conduct the appointments, in accordance with the Law and these Articles of Association.

The Electoral Commission carries out the nominations in public. Therefore calls by name on each representative of its federation to receive the ballots and the envelope, to withdraw to the screen to express his preferences and then to throw the closed envelope with the ballot paper to the two separate voters.

For each vote (ie Presidium and other members of the Board of Directors) there must be a file of a different color.

[3] Upon the completion of the voting, the Electoral Commission opens the ballot box and proceeds to the counting, numbering, sorting and initialing of the ballot papers by its President. The sorting and counting of votes received by each candidate is done by the Commission.

[4] The Electoral commission proceeds in accordance with the provisions of these Articles of Association, the announcement of the successful candidates for the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS ", in order of their election in accordance with the provisions of article 27 hereof.

It draws up a Special Protocol for this, which lists the number of votes received by each candidate.

The above Protocol is signed by all the members of the Electoral Commission and is given to the President of the General Assembly who attaches it to the Minutes and is obliged to deliver it to the General Secretary of the Board of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ".

[5] The Electoral Commission adjudicates any objection for the omission or irregular registration in the list of representatives of the unions and notifies its decision immediately to the General Assembly and before the voting begins.

[6] The validity or not of the ballot papers is at the discretion of the Referendum Committee, which in the Minutes it draws justifies its decision, when a relevant objection is expressed.

## **ARTICLE 27**

### **ELECTIONS**

[1] The election of the members of the Board of Directors of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS " is done with two ballots by secret ballot in two stages.

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During the first stage, which concerns the election of the positions of the Presidium of the Board of Directors, ie the Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer, the ballot paper which is uniform is prepared as follows: Each federation nominates with four (4) candidates, next to the names which indicate the position for which they wish to be elected to the Bureau, ie the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary-General.

The delegates in this vote, choose the federation they want, placing a cross of preference next to the name of this federation.

There is no preference cross in the names of the candidates, the ballot paper is not canceled.

Immediately after the completion of this voting, the Electoral Commission , after sorting the ballots, announces the results immediately. The candidates of the federation elected by this procedure or any other member of it, have no right to participate in the second stage of the election of the members of the Board of Directors and if there is, it is invalid and is rejected by the Electoral Commission .

[2] Immediately after the voting is held for the remaining seven (7) full members of the Board of Directors, alternate members and members of the Audit Committee, which is done with a single ballot without the participation of members of the federation elected in the first stage for the nomination of the Presidium/Bureau, in which the names and patronymics of its candidates are listed separately for each federation, in absolute alphabetical order.

[3] The representative of the union that exercises the right to vote, expresses his preference with one (1) to three (3) crosses of preference, for the candidates of each federation.

[4] Only one ballot paper can be placed in the file of each of the above votes, otherwise the vote is invalid. The crosses are placed in blue or black ink, in front of and behind the name of the federation (for the first ballot) or the name of the candidate (for the second ballot).

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The ballot paper of the second of the above votes that has none or has more than the above mentioned crosses is not counted in any of the candidates and is invalid.

[5] Voting, for both stages, begins after the completion of operations of the General Assembly and lasts three (3) hours, and can be extended at the discretion of the committee as long as there are voters to vote. The sorting takes place after the end of the voting by the Electoral Commission.

[6] The first in numbers of votes of each federation are elected as regular members of the Board of Directors, except those elected according to the first ballot for the Bureau of the Board of Directors. The first in number of votes from the candidates of each Federation, participates in the Board of the WCC as Vice President - responsible for the Federation he represents, according to the provisions of articles 16 and 19A of the present Articles of Association. In case of resignation or death, he is replaced by the next representative in crosses of the federation who has been elected to the Board of the WCC.

The remaining candidates, until the required number is filled for the election of full and alternate members of the Board of Directors are elected in the order of their success.

[7] In case of a tie (equal in votes during the second ballot) the election of the full and alternate members of the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee will be done by lot immediately after the announcement of the results.

The names of the candidates for the Audit Committee (and its two alternates) are placed at the end of the ballot for eight members of the Board of Directors and the representative of each federation must put one (1) to three (3) preference crosses, and the three (3) first in order of success and two (2) alternates.

[8] The Presidents of the Federations will automatically participate in the Board of Directors of WCC as "Coordinators".

**ARTICLE 28**

**RESTRICTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBERS**

The members of the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS " can not provide it with dependent work or conclude contracts with it, which involve receiving remuneration for offering any kind of other services or aiming to make a profit for undertaking a project , commission or any other benefits towards the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS ".

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Civil Code, as regards the expenses of the members of the Board of Directors, the members of the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS" are not entitled to any compensation for daily wages, employment or affairs even travel expenses, for their travels within the headquarters of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ".

**ARTICLE 29**

**BUDGET**

[1] The revenues and expenses of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", are determined each financial year with the Budget.

[2] The financial year begins from the end of the operations of the "Ordinary General Meeting until the next.

The report and balance sheet of the «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» are submitted for approval to the annual Ordinary General Meeting.

3] the budget, perfectly balanced, is submitted by the Board of Directors of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» ", for approval at the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of each year and is submitted for approval to the representatives of the member associations of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS ".

### **ARTICLE 30**

#### **AMENDMENT OF STATUTES**

[1] The amendment of this AoA can be concluded at an Extraordinary Ordinary General Assembly of the Associations - members of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS ", which is in quorum in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of this Statute and by a majority of three quarters (3 / 4) the total number of votes held by the Federations present at the General Assembly.

[2] Amendment of the AoA is not allowed before the expiration of one year from the day of the publication of the decision of its approval by the competent Court.

[3] In case of ambiguity of these Articles of Association, as well as in any case that is not provided by its provisions, the provisions of the Civil Code and the related laws apply.

### **ARTICLE 31**

#### **DISSOLUTION OF WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS**

The dissolution of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS ", can be decided in a special General Assembly convened for this purpose, of the Associations - members of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS ", which is in quorum in accordance with the provisions of the present AoA and by majority of the four fifths (4/5) of the votes of the present unions.

[2] In case of dissolution, the property of the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS " falls to the Cretan Home.

### **ARTICLE 32**

#### **STAMP OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS**

The «WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» has a stamp that brings a schematic representation of Crete all around the words of the "«WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS» " and in the center the year of foundation 2003.

### **ARTICLE 33**

#### **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

[1] In the "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS" secondary organizations (Federations) and primary Associations will participate if they do not exist or are not represented by an existing Federation. From each country only (1) secondary association (federation) of the maximum domestic scope will participate excluding secondary organizations at the level of Municipalities, Provinces or any other administrative division, with the exception of one secondary and non-primary the provisions of article 4 par. 1b of these statutes.

[4] The "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS" will organize every three years a Conference of Cretans everywhere in Crete. The organizing committee of the Conference may include a representative from:

- a) Church of Crete
- b) Region of Crete
- c) The Prefectures of Crete
- d) The Higher Education Institutions of Crete
- e) The Associations of Municipalities and Communities of Crete.

[5] The "WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS " will establish and operate the Center for Cretan Studies & Research which will be housed at the University of Crete in Rethymno. The World Council of Cretans will establish an "El Greco" award, which will be awarded to Cretan personalities who govern the letters and the arts. The decision to award the prize will be taken by the General Assembly of its Bureau.

### **ARTICLE 34**

#### **APPROVAL OF STATUTES OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS**

The present AoA which contain thirty-four (34) articles, were approved by the first General Assembly of the representatives of the federations - members of the WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS "at the meeting of December 15, 2003, and is valid with the approval of the competent Court, the which was made under the ap. 240/1396 / ME / 221/2005 decision of the Single Member Court of First Instance of Rethymno, and were registered in the competent books of the Court of First Instance of Rethymno on 09.10.2006 and received registration number 782, as restated and

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amended by the Annual Ordinary General Assembly of the World Council of Crete for this purpose on the 7th of August 2016 in, Arkadi Monastery, Rethymno, Crete.

Rethymno, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Representatives of Federations- Members

“WORLD COUNCIL OF CRETANS”

FEDERATIONS-MEMBERS

[1]Pancretan Association of America

[2] “Cretan Federation Union of Germany”

[3] Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand”

REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Panagiotis Psarakis

Mr. Giannis Epitropakis

for Mr. Michalis Choudalakis

Mr. Papademetriou

Members : PRIMARY UNIONS WITHIN GREECE

[1] PANCRETAN UNION OF ATHENS AND SUBURBS

[2] PANCRETAN BROTHERHOOD OF MACEDONIA, AND

[3] CRETAN BROTHERHOOD OF PIRAEUS “I OMONOIA”.

MEMBERS: PRIMARY ASSOCIATIONS ABROAD

~~{1} CRETAN ASSOCIATION OF CYPRUS (attached to the Federation of Europe)~~

{2} CRETAN ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

~~Mandlis Velivasakis being the President of the World Council of Cretans.~~

**Signatures**

Certified as per Order No. 102/28.7.2017 of the Magistrates' Judge of Rethymno.

Rethymno, 28.7.2017

Magistrates' Judge

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The present as well as its filing in the records of the First Instance Court of Rethymno as per order No. 102/2017 of the Magistrates' Court of Rethymno is approved and the amendment of the AoA was registered in the special Associations' Book under Register No. {782}.

**Rethymno, 2/3/2018**

**Clerk**

**Angeliki Liodaki**

**Signed & sealed**

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**Rethymno, 2.3.2018**

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