CONSTITUTION

Article 1.0 NAME AND ADDRESS

1.1 The name of the organisation is Right to Die Europe (abbreviated as RtD-Europe). It is a division of the World Federation of Right to Die Societies. Its office shall be at such place as shall be decided from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Article 2.0 OBJECTS

2.1 To strengthen the movement in Europe for choice in dying.
2.2 For that purpose to encourage the formation of societies in those countries which lack them.
2.3 To share the knowledge and experience of member societies with other societies.
2.4 To represent at the appropriate European organisations the interests of those who wish to have choice in dying.
2.5 To oppose those who wish to deny self-determination at the end of life.
2.6 To campaign for the legal recognition of living wills.
2.7 To seek social acceptance and legal recognition in Europe of self-determination in dying.
2.8 Such other activities as shall be conducive to the furtherance of the above objects.

Article 3.0 FUNDS

3.1 The funds of the organisation shall be raised by membership fees and contributions by member societies, gifts, legacies, grants and interest earned on investments and any other means which the Board of Directors shall deem appropriate.

Article 4.0 MEMBERSHIP

4.1 European Societies which are members of the World Federation of Right to die Societies shall be eligible for membership of RtD-Europe.
Change: Each European society who meets the criteria of WFRtDS (WF) and so of the RtDE (EF) are eligible for membership of EF, see article 2.0.
4.2 Such membership may be granted by a simple majority of those members present and voting at a conference of delegates from member societies.
4.3 Interim membership may be granted in the interval between one conference of delegates and another by a simple majority of the Board of Directors voting by post, facsimile or electronic means. Interim membership shall expire at the next following conference of delegates.

Article 5.0 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Membership of RtD-Europe shall not cease if a member society for any reason ceases to be a member of the World Federation of Right to Die Societies.

5.2 A member society may be expelled from RtD-Europe at a conference of delegates if they decide by two-thirds of those present and voting that the member's continued membership would be contrary to the best interests of the organisation.

Article 6.0 RESIGNATION

6.1 A member may resign from RtD-Europe at any time by sending to the Secretary written notice to that effect. Any member so resigning shall remain liable to pay to the Federation any fees or other charges previously accrued and unpaid.

Article 7.0 MEMBERSHIP FEES

7.1 Each member shall pay to the Treasurer of RtD-Europe a fee determined from time to time by a simple majority of those present and voting at a conference of delegates.
7.2 Membership fees shall be paid not later than six months from the first day of January following the meeting of delegates at which such fee was determined. Any member in default will be notified in writing by the Treasurer that its membership will terminate unless the fee is received within thirty days of the date of posting of the notice. If the fee is not paid in accordance with the notice the membership of that member shall cease accordingly.

Article 8.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

8.1 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the Management of RtD-Europe and be answerable for the receipt and expenditure of its funds.
8.2 The Board shall consist of four Directors provided that there shall not be more than one Director from each member Society.
8.3 Any Director may resign at any time by giving written notice of his or her resignation to the Secretary.
8.4 If the number of Directors should fall below the number prescribed by article 8.2 above the Board shall retain its authority to act on behalf of the organisation.
8.5 At each biennial conference of delegates two Directors shall retire but be eligible for re-election. The two directors to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since last being elected to the Board. In situations when more than two Directors have held office for the same length of time, in determining which Director or Directors shall retire, a method of chance selection shall be conducted by the Secretary.
8.6 At each biennial conference of delegates sufficient new Directors shall be elected to restore the size of the Board to four.
8.7 At each biennial conference the delegates shall elect from the members of the Board one of the Directors to be President of the organisation to hold that office until the next biennial conference of delegates. A retiring President may be re-elected to that office only once but may be re-elected after ceasing to hold office as President for at least the previous four years.
8.8 The Board shall decide from time to time which of its members, with the exception of

the President, shall perform the duties of the Secretary and the Treasurer of the organisation.
8.9 Two directors present at a Board meeting shall constitute a quorum and each Director shall have one vote.
8.10 The Board may conduct any of its business by a ballot of the Directors conducted by the Secretary on the instructions of the President. Votes shall be cast by a show of hands.
8.11 All resolutions of the Board shall require a simple majority of those Directors present and voting. If there is a tied vote on a motion on which only two directors vote it shall be treated as lost. If there is a tied vote on any motion on which all four directors vote then the President shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a Director.
8.12 The Board shall meet at least once a year within six months of the end of the financial year of the organisation in order to consider the accounts of the organisation and any other business of which notice shall have been given in the notice convening the meeting. In addition the President may convene a meeting at any time that he or she considers necessary provided that at least four weeks' notice of such meeting shall have been given and that details of the business to be discussed shall have been specified in the notice convening the meeting.

Article 9.0 FINANCIAL YEAR

9.1 The financial year of the organisation shall coincide with the calendar year.
9.2 The Treasurer shall collect, receive and safely keep all the funds of the organisation, deposit them in a bank or banks designated by the Board of Directors and shall provide for the proper expenditure of such funds. The Treasurer shall prepare accounts which shall be circulated to the members. These accounts shall be independently audited if required by a conference of delegates.

Article 10.0 CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES

10.1 A conference of delegates shall be held once in every second year in Europe in one of the member countries to be determined by the Board. Each member Society may appoint one or more delegates to attend such conference but each member Society shall have only one vote.
10.2 The biennial conference referred to at 10.1 above shall be held in the autumn of the year concerned on a date to be determined by the Board but not later than 31 October.
10.3 Any member Society wishing to have an item included on the agenda for the next biennial conference shall notify the Secretary of the organisation before 30 June in the year concerned.
10.4 The Secretary shall circulate the Agenda for each biennial conference at least one month before the date fixed for the conference.
10.5 In addition to biennial conference of delegates required by Article 10.1 above the Board may convene a special conference of delegates to be held in Europe in one of the

member countries whenever the Board considers it appropriate to do so. At least one-month's notice shall be given to member Societies of the date, time and place of such special conference and of the agenda.
10.6 At a conference of delegates a majority of member countries represented either by delegates or by proxy shall constitute a quorum.
10.7 Members may vote on any motion on the agenda at a conference of delegates or in any election of officers either through one of their delegates or through a duly appointed proxy.

Article 11.0 AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

11.1 A motion to amend the constitution shall be submitted to a biennial conference of delegates and shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

Article 12.0 DISSOLUTION

12.1 A motion to dissolve the organisation shall be submitted to a biennial conference of delegates and require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.
12.2 The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the Board of Directors shall be responsible for the winding-up of the assets and liabilities of the organisation.
12.3 Any property remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the organisation shall be used in any way which in the opinion of the Board of Directors shall further the objects set out in Article 2.

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