

ASSOCIATION "LIJEPA NAŠA"

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Pursuant to Article 11 of the Law on Associations (Official Gazette No. 88/2001 and 11/2002 - correction), the Assembly of Nature Friends Movement "Our Beautiful Homeland", in its 8th session of 16 December 2006, enacted

**STATUTE
OF
ASSOCIATION "LIJEPA NAŠA"**

I. General provisions

Article 1

Association Lijepa naša is a voluntary association open to accession, subject to terms set forth in the present Statute, by citizens and legal persons with a view to promoting, protecting and improving the quality of environment, promoting the protection of cultural heritage, promoting demographic development, population policy and patriotism, for establishing and promoting relations with Croatian expatriots, Croatian minorities and Croats in other countries.

Article 2

The full name of Lijepa naša is Association Lijepa naša and its short name is Lijepa naša. The entry of Lijepa naša in the Register of Associations shall also contain its name in English: Association "Lijepa naša", and in short – "Lijepa naša".

The English version of the Lijepa naša name may be used only in combination with its name in Croatian.

Lijepa naša operates within the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

The Headquarters of Lijepa naša are located in Zagreb. A decision on change of address of headquarters is made by the Presidential Board.

Article 3

Lijepa naša is a legal person.

The organizational units of Lijepa naša in accordance with the present Statute operate under the name Grana (branch).

Branches do not have the status of legal persons.

Article 4

The official stamp of Lijepa naša is rectangle in shape, 36x18 mm, with the logo of Lijepa naša inscribed on the inside.

The logo of Lijepa naša depicts a square divided diagonally from upper left corner to lower right corner into two fields with letters (abbreviation) ULN. The left-hand field is light-blue with red and white square-shaped figures, while the right-hand field is light-green. Words UDRUGA LIJEPA NAŠA are inscribed next to the right-hand corner.

In cases where the use of stamp from paragraph 1 of the present Article would be inappropriate, a smaller stamp may be used.

The stamps of branches are of the same shape and content as the one of Lijepa naša and in addition to text UDRUGA LIJEPA NAŠA, they contain the name of the respective Branch.

Article 5

The work of Lijepa naša is public.

The publicity of work is ensured and maintained in the manner prescribed by the present Statute.

Article 6

With a view to achieving its objectives and for the purposes of performing its activities, Lijepa naša collaborates with other related associations, national authorities, local and regional government authorities and other legal persons.

Lijepa naša may join international associations and cooperate with relevant foreign associations, unless it is contrary to Croatian regulations.

Lijepa naša may act as a founder of a foreign association pursuant to the regulations of the State where the association is founded.

Lijepa naša is not a member of the green movement.

Article 7

The activities of Lijepa naša are based on principles of the Christian viewpoint.

Article 8

Lijepa naša is represented by the President of Lijepa naša.

II. Association's objectives and activities

Article 9

Lijepa naša aims to to promote and contribute to environmental protection and to contribute to efficient environment protection, in particular environmental education , and to promote the protection of cultural heritage, promote demographic development, population policy, for establishing and promoting relations with Croatian expatriots, Croatian minorities and Croats in other countries and to promote patriotism.

The activities of Lijepa naša are based on the principle of the common benefit, without gaining direct profit.

Article 10

The activities of Lijepa naša, aimed at achieving its objectives, are as follows:

- promoting ecological knowledge, especially educating children and youth on the need for and the manner of preserving the environment;
- raising environmental awareness of the adults, especially those working in the economy sector, and promoting economic growth based on the principle of sustainable development;
- organizing environmental protection and improvement initiatives, both independently and in collaboration with other associations;
- promoting Croatian natural beauties and other values of the Republic of Croatia
- promoting patriotism and patriotic consciousness
- promoting protection of immovable, movable and non-material cultural heritage and especially protection of cultural and historic sights and localities
- promoting relations with Croatian ex-patriots, Croatian native minorities in European countries, Croats in other countries and schools attended by their children, as well as promoting their ethnic, religious, cultural and linguistic awareness with the aim of preserving national identity
- promoting the return of Croatian ex-patriots to Croatia and their integration in Croatia's economic and social life, as well as return of young Croats to Croatia in order for them to gain education, employment and to remain in Croatia
- promoting development of demographically affected and economically under-developed regions of Croatia
- promoting population policy

Lijepa naša may not perform the activities from paragraph 1 above for the purpose of gaining profit for its members or a third party.

The profit made through performing the activities of Lijepa naša may only be used for performing and improving its activities and achieving its objectives.

Article 11

The State Founding Day, June 25, is proclaimed The Day of Association Lijepa naša, while March 14 is proclaimed the Remembrance Day of The Croatian National Anthem.

Lijepa naša grants annual awards and prizes for environmental achievements and contributions to the promotion of patriotic consciousness.

Article 12

For the purpose of achieving its objectives, Lijepa naša may publish books, bulletins, brochures, posters, leaflets, electronic documents (diskettes, CDs, DVDs, etc.) and all other content not considered to be press according to the Law on Media, all related to activities of Lijepa naša and designed for members or to inform the public about goals and activities of Lijepa naša.

- The profit made through performing the activity from the paragraph 1 above may be used exclusively for promoting its own activities and goals.

III. Membership

1. Lijepa naša Members

Article 13

Any Croatian work-fit citizen and any legal person accepting the Lijepa naša Program and Statute, may become a member of Lijepa naša.

The legal person that is a member of Lijepa naša acts within Lijepa naša through its representative, nominated by the authorized agent of the legal person in question.

Persons who are completely or partially unfit for work may become members of Lijepa naša.

Members from paragraph 3 above may attend sessions of Lijepa naša bodies and participate in the activities conducted by Lijepa naša, but without the right to make decisions within its bodies.

Article 14

Membership at Lijepa naša begins by signing the membership application form.

A member of Lijepa naša is issued the membership card.

The form and the content of the membership card is established by the Presidential Board of Lijepa naša.

Article 15

Every member of Lijepa naša is also a member of one of its Branches.

Within the Lijepa naša Branches the members exercise their rights and fulfill their responsibilities.

Article 16

Lijepa naša may also have honorary members. A Croatian or foreign natural or legal person with special merit in the field of promoting the goals of Lijepa naša may become an honorary member.

The decision on the nomination of honorary members is taken by the Presidential Board.

The proposal for the nomination of an honorary member may be submitted by Branches. Honorary members have neither the right to vote nor they may be elected into the Lijepa naša bodies.

Honorary members may become members of Lijepa naša task forces.

Honorary members may participate in the work of Parliamentary sessions and various meetings and campaigns organized by Lijepa naša, but without participation in the decision-making process.

Article 17

Lijepa naša keeps records of all its members.

The forms and the manner of record-keeping are determined by the Lijepa naša Presidential Board.

2. Rights, Responsibilities and Disciplinary Liabilities of Members

Article 18

Members of Lijepa naša pay the membership fee.

Membership fee funds belong to the Branch.

Article 19

Members of Lijepa naša hold the following rights and responsibilities:

- to promote the Lijepa naša program and advocate its implementation;
- to participate in the campaigns;
- to contribute to environmental protection and protect the reputation of Lijepa naša through their actions and conduct;
- to comply with the provisions of Lijepa naša Statute and other Lijepa naša acts;
- to implement the decisions taken by the Lijepa naša bodies;
- to take an active part in the work of Lijepa naša, to elect and be elected into Lijepa naša bodies, unless provided otherwise by the present Statute in accordance with the law;
- to make proposals and comments and express opinions regarding the work of Lijepa naša, to be informed of the activities and decisions of Lijepa naša and supervise its work;
- to pay the membership fee regularly.

Article 20

The membership in Lijepa naša ends with death, resigning the membership, deletion from membership or excommunication.

A member leaves Lijepa naša on a voluntary basis by submitting a written notification to their respective Branch.

The member is deleted from Lijepa naša membership after not having paid the membership fee for two years.

The decision on deletion from membership is taken by the Executive Board of the Branch.

An appeal against the decision from the preceding paragraph shall be made to the Lijepa naša Presidential Board.

The appeal is to be lodged within 30 days following the date of receipt of such a decision.

The decision of the Presidential Board of the Branch on the appeal shall be considered final.

Article 21

A member of Lijepa naša not acting in accordance or acting contrary to provisions of the Lijepa naša Program and Statute and the decisions of Lijepa naša bodies may be issued one of the following disciplinary measures:

1. warning
2. reprimand pending the excommunication
3. excommunication

Article 22

The disciplinary procedure is initiated upon request from the President of the Branch, the Lijepa naša Presidential Board, for the most severe violations, for which a member may be excommunicated from Lijepa naša.

The disciplinary measure from Article 21 of the present Statute is issued, after the completion of the procedure, by the Presidential Board of the Branch.

The Presidential Board of the Branch shall issue the disciplinary measure from the paragraph 2 above within 30 days following the date of submission of the proposal for disciplinary procedure initiation.

Article 23

The member of Lijepa naša subjected to the disciplinary procedure shall be given the opportunity to make a statement before the disciplinary body, regarding all the facts and circumstances they are burdened with.

Article 24

An appeal against the issued disciplinary measure may be made to the Lijepa naša Presidential Board, or to the Assembly if the disciplinary procedure has been initiated upon proposal from the Lijepa naša Presidential Board.

The appeal is to be lodged within 30 days following the date of receipt of the decision on the disciplinary measure issued.

The decision of the Lijepa naša Presidential Board and the Assembly on the disciplinary procedure appeal shall be considered final.

IV. INTERNAL STRUCTURE

1. Branches

Article 25

The basic structural units of Lijepa naša, intended for immediate realization of Lijepa naša objectives and activities of Lijepa naša, are the Branches.

Article 26

Branch is founded for the area of a County and the City of Zagreb.
Lijepa naša has one branch in each county and in the City of Zagreb.

Article 27

The Branch is managed by its Presidential Board.

The Presidential Board has 3 to 5 members.

The Presidential Board members are elected by Branch members and their mandate lasts 4 years.

The president of the Presidential Board is also the Branch President, nominated and acquitted by the Lijepa naša Presidential Board.

The Branch President represents the Branch.

Article 28

Branch president is in charge of implementing Lijepa naša program in his/her Branch and helps with the implementation of projects/programs from the level of governing bodies of Lijepa naša for the territory of a respective Branch.

V. LIJEPA NAŠA BODIES

Article 29

Members of Lijepa naša manage the association directly or through their representatives elected to the bodies of the association.

1. Assembly

Article 30

The Assembly is the highest authority of Lijepa naša.

The Assembly is constituted of the representatives of the Branches, elected in a manner determined by paragraph 3 of this Article.

The Presidential Board of the Branch elects two representatives to the Assembly.

The mandate of Assembly members lasts four years.

Article 31

The Assembly is in charge of the following:

- enacts the Statute, the amendments to the Statute, and other common acts of Lijepa naša;
- elects and acquits the President of Lijepa naša;
- elects and acquits members of the Presidential and Supervisory Boards;
- examines and decides upon the reports from the Supervisory Board;
- decides on the suspension of Lijepa naša activities and the way in which liquidation process will be conducted;
- passes its Rules of Procedure.
- decides on other issues regulated by the present Statute;

The Lijepa naša Assembly is authorized to decide on every issue within the competence of Lijepa naša.

Article 32

The Lijepa naša Assembly reaches its decisions in sessions.

The Assembly sessions are convened by the President of Lijepa naša.

The regular Assembly sessions are held once in four years.

The extraordinary Assembly session may be convened upon:

- decision of the President or Presidential Board;
- written request from at least one third of all the Lijepa naša Branches.

The submitter of the request for convening an extraordinary session shall propose the agenda for the Assembly session.

Should the President of Lijepa naša not convene the extraordinary Assembly session within 30 days following the decision by the authorized proposes from the paragraph 4 above, the session shall be convened by a Presidential Board member authorized thereto by the competent body, or by the Branch Presidents that have submitted the request.

Article 33

The decisions of the Assembly shall be considered valid if the session is attended by more than half of the total number of Assembly members registered.

The Assembly decides by the majority of votes of the members present and voting, except for cases when the present Statute prescribes another type of majority.

2. Presidential Board

Article 34

The work of Lijepa naša is managed by the Presidential Board.

The Presidential Board is constituted of the President and 12 members elected by the majority of votes of the Assembly.

The Presidential Board is responsible to the Assembly for its work.

Article 35

The Presidential Board members hold the mandate for four years.

The mandate of a Presidential Board member may terminate before the expiry of the period they were elected for in the case of:

- acquittal by the Assembly;
- suspension of membership in Lijepa naša;
- upon personal request.

The Presidential Board member may be acquitted of their duty should they fail to perform their duties in accordance with the law, the present Statute and the Lijepa naša Program.

To the position of the Presidential Board member, vacated by virtue of the paragraph 2 above, a new member is elected or nominated for the period ending with the expiry of his/her predecessor's mandate.

Article 36

The Presidential Board operates guided by the Work Program.

The authorities of the Presidential Board include:

- determining the Draft Statute and its amendments;
- determining draft common acts passed by the Assembly;
- passing common and individual acts authorized for by virtue of the present Statute;
- deciding on the elections in the Branches;
- founding the Task Forces from the Article 49 of the present Statute;
- elaborating the Work Program and the Financial Plan, approving the financial statements;
- preparing the Assembly sessions, leading and organizing the work of Lijepa naša between the Assembly sessions;
- deciding on the prizes and awards to be given;
- establishing the award criteria;
- executing the Assembly decisions;
- taking care of the proprietary, legal and financial issues of Lijepa naša;
- deciding on all other issues regulated by the present Statute that have not been placed into competence of another body.

The Presidential Board consults and decides on objections and warnings of members of Lijepa naša, related to irregularities in the Statute implementation.

The Presidential Board is obligated to reach the decision from paragraph 3 above within 30 days following the date of receipt of a written warning, and if they find the objections to be founded, they are obligated to eliminate irregularities.

Article 37

The Presidential Board sessions are held as often as necessary, and as a minimum three times a year.

The Presidential Board sessions are convened by the President of Lijepa naša.

Article 38

The decisions of the Presidential Board shall be considered valid if the session is attended by more than half of its members.

A member of the Presidential Board unable to attend a session may give a written statement indicating acceptance or rejection of a proposal being discussed at the session as defined by the agenda.

Such statements as described in paragraph 2 above may be submitted once a year.

The Work Program and Financial Plan are adopted by the Presidential Board by the majority of its members' votes, while other issues are decided upon by the majority of the members present and voting.

Article 39

The Presidential Board nominates the Secretary of Lijepa naša, if necessary.

The Secretary performs the following duties:

- assists the President in convening the Assembly or Presidential Board sessions, prepares session materials;
- assists the Working Presidency and the President in the organization of Assembly or Presidential Board sessions;
- in cooperation with the President, supervises the implementation of the decisions of the Assembly and the Presidential Board;
- proposes the manner of performing expert administrative and financial duties.

The Presidential Board may specify a honorarium to be paid to the Secretary for performing duties regulated by the present Statute.

Article 40

The Presidential Board session is convened by sending written invitations, accompanied by the provisional agenda and the relevant materials to be discussed in the session.

Minutes are taken of each of the Presidential Board session proceedings.

3. Supervisory Board

Article 41

The Supervisory Board is the supervisory body of the Lijepa naša consisting of three members.

The Supervisory Board elects its President and their deputy from within its members.

A member of the Supervisory Board may not at the same time be a member of the Presidential Board.

Article 42

The Supervisory Board:

- ensures that the laws, the Statute and other common acts governing the performance of the activities of Lijepa naša and its structural units, are complied with;
- supervises the work of other bodies, especially concerning their financial affairs and management property.

All the bodies of Lijepa naša shall provide the insight into their documentation to the Supervisory Board, and provide it with all the necessary information concerning their dealings.

The Supervisory Board shall submit annual written reports to the Presidential Board, and written reports to the Assembly of Lijepa naša, on the inspections performed – every four years.

Apart from regular reports from paragraph 3 above, the Supervisory Board is obligated to provide a written report on the Statute implementation when requested by the Presidential Board of Lijepa naša.

Article 43

The mandate of the Supervisory Board lasts four years.

The mandate of a Supervisory Board member may end before the expiry of the period they were elected for, provided that they are acquitted by the Assembly, or in other circumstances and in the manner prescribed by the Article 35 of the present Statute.

Article 44

The work of Supervisory Board is subject to the provisions of Article 37 paragraph 2, Article 38 paragraph 1 and Article 40 of the present Statute.

4. President

Article 45

Lijepa naša has its President.

The President is elected by the Assembly from the line of distinguished persons in the public or scientific life of Lijepa naša.

The president of Lijepa naša is at the same time the President of the Presidential Board.

Article 46

In the case of the President being prevented or absent, he is deputized for by a Presidential Board member designated by the Board, who is given all Presidential authorities.

Article 47

The President's mandate lasts four years.

The President of Lijepa naša:

- represents Lijepa naša;
- convenes Assembly sessions;
- convenes and chairs Presidential Board sessions;
- signs decisions and other acts passed by the Assembly and the Presidential Board;
- organizes and coordinates work and activities of Lijepa naša pursuant to the law, the present Statute and the Lijepa naša Work Program;
- performs other necessary affairs regulated by the acts issued by the Assembly and the Presidential Board.

Article 48

Should he/she assess that a common or other act passed by the Assembly or the Presidential Board is contrary to the law, the President has the authority to suspend the execution of the act in question, and inform the Supervisory Board accordingly. The Supervisory Board is in position to propose to the national authority in charge of the work of Lijepa naša to undertake the legally prescribed measures.

Should the Supervisory Board fail to undertake the measure from the paragraph 1 above, the act in question becomes effective, and after that the President may propose to the competent authority to undertake the legally prescribed measures.

5. Task Forces

Article 49

With a view to maintaining operability and achieving better quality of the Lijepa naša Work Program implementation, the following Committees are founded:

- Committee for Administrative Affairs, Legal Status and Finance;
- Committee for Publishing and Promotional Affairs;
- Committee for Environmental Education and Culture;
- Committee for the Blue Flag and Related Programs;
- Committee for Demographic and Population Policy;
- Committee for Relations with Political Parties, Associations and Other Organized Groupings;
- Committee for Relations with Croatian Ex-patriots;
- Committee for Branch Activities;
- Croatian Committee of the Foundation for Environmental Education

Following the decision of the Presidential Board, the first Committee session is convened by the designated Board member.

Article 50

The Committee from the Article 49 of the present Statute discusses certain issues, give opinions and proposals on relevant issues from their domain, to the Presidential Board of Lijepa naša.

The Presidential Board decides on the composition, the domain and the competence of individual Committees.

Article 51

The Assembly and the Presidential Board may establish other permanent or interim task forces or advisory bodies (working groups, councils, committees etc.).

The Assembly and the Presidential Board, in their decisions concerning the establishment of the bodies from the paragraph 1 above, shall determine their composition, domain and other issues of importance for the work of the bodies in question.

VI. PUBLICITY OF WORK

Article 52

The publicity of work is ensured and achieved by timely and accurate information within Lijepa naša and through the media.

Article 53

The members are informed of the Lijepa naša activities through the distribution of written materials and in sessions of the Lijepa naša bodies.

In order to maintain the publicity of their work, the Lijepa naša bodies distribute all their decisions to the Branches, which are subsequently obliged to distribute them further among all of the Branch members.

Article 54

Lijepa naša, as appropriate, publishes printed works from in field of the organization's activities, in accordance with special laws.

Article 55

Members of the media may attend sessions of the Lijepa naša bodies and inform the public on their proceedings, unless the materials containing data from the Article 56 of the present Statute are discussed.

Article 56

Exempt from the public access may be the data that, in accordance with the Law on Confidentiality of Data, have been identified as a business secret or concern personal information on Lijepa naša members.

VII. STATUTE AND OTHER ACTS

Article 57

Lijepa naša has the Statute, common acts (terms of reference, decisions, rules of procedure etc.) and other acts (programs, plans), that are regulated by the present Statute.

The common acts must be in accordance with the statutory provisions.

The Statute must be in compliance with the law and other regulations.

Should there be non-compliance of common acts with the Statute; the relevant Statute provisions shall apply.

The review of compliance of the common acts with the Statute is performed by the Lijepa naša Assembly.

When it establishes non-compliance of a common act with the Statute, the Assembly reaches a decision to annul or repeal the act or some of its provisions.

Article 58

The Statute is enacted by the Assembly by absolute majority of votes of the Assembly members registered.

Amendments to the Statute are adopted in the manner, and following the procedure, prescribed for its enactment.

Article 59

The Statute and the common acts are displayed at the bulletin board of Lijepa naša, and delivered to the Branches.

The Statute and the common acts come into force on the day of their enactment.

VIII. LIJEPA NAŠA PROPERTY AND LIABILITY

Article 60

The property of Lijepa naša consists of financial funds, as follows:

- fees deriving from members of Lijepa naša and participation in Lijepa naša programs/projects;
- voluntary contribution and donations;
- income from publishing and promotional activities and other activities in accordance with program and goals of Lijepa naša;
- National Budget grants, if Lijepa naša is performing an activity of interest for the Republic of Croatia
- grants from the budgets of local government units and funds, if Lijepa naša is performing an activity of interest for a County, the City of Zagreb or a municipality/city;
- property returns;
- other sources of income pursuant to the law.

Article 61

Lijepa naša guarantees the fulfillment of its obligations by the whole of its property.
The financial assets of Lijepa naša are deposited with the authorized organization.

Article 62

Lijepa naša keeps business books and prepares financial statements in accordance with the regulations governing the accounting affairs of non-profitable organization.

The Branches are in charge of keeping records of incomes and expenses for the current year and submit them timely to Lijepa naša for the purposes of elaborating the financial statement.

Article 63

For each business year, Lijepa naša elaborates its Work Program and Financial Plan.

95 percent of the funds acquired by the activities of an Branch belong to the Branch, whereas the remaining 5 percent are deposited at the Lijepa naša bank account.

The executive right of managing the funds distribution in accordance with the Financial Plan appertains to the President of Lijepa naša.

Article 64

Lijepa naša may acquire both movables and realties.

The decision on the alienation of realties is brought by the Assembly and the decision on the acquisition, lease or rental of realties – by the Presidential Board.

Exceptionally from the provision of the paragraph 2 above, if the value of the realty does not exceed the amount of 200,000.00 EUR (two hundred thousand), the decision on the alienation of the realty may be brought by the President of Lijepa naša, on which he/she informs the Presidential Board in the next session.

The decision on the acquisition, alienation or lease of movables is brought by the President on which he/she informs the Presidential Board in the next session.

Article 65

Within the funds available for them in the Lijepa naša Financial Plan, the Branches may acquire movables and alienate them pursuant to the decision of the Branch Presidential Board.

IX. PERFORMING EXPERT ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

Article 66

The performance of expert administrative and material-financing duties and auxiliary services may be ensured by means of a deed contract.

If the duties and services from the preceding paragraph are of greater volume, the necessary number of employees may be hired.

The performance of duties from the paragraph 1 above may be entrusted to some other legal person.

The decision on matters specified in paragraphs 1-3 above and the deed contracts from paragraph 1 to 3 above are made by the President of Lijepa naša.

The President reports on the contracts that have been made relating to paragraphs 1 to 3 above, in the next session of the Presidential Board.

Article 67

The Secretary is the official duly authorized for managing the performance of expert administrative and material-financial duties and auxiliary services in the manner prescribed by the Article 66 of the present Statute.

X. SUSPENSION OF LIJEPA NAŠA ACTIVITIES

Article 68

The decision concerning the suspension of Lijepa naša activities is brought in the Assembly, by two thirds of the total number of registered Assembly members.

Article 69

Should Lijepa naša suspend its activities, its property, except for grants from the National Budget or from the budgets of local and regional governments, and after settling accounts with creditors and settling trial and other procedural costs, shall belong to the body of state administration in charge of Homeland war victims and their families.

The remaining funds deriving from grants must, in case of suspension of the organization's activities, be returned to the fund from which they have been acquired, in accordance with the law.

XI. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 70

The Branches of Lijepa naša shall coordinate their work and activities in accordance with the provisions of the present Statute within 60 days of coming into force of the present Statute.

Article 71

All offshoots of Lijepa naša founded on the basis of the previous Statute of Nature friend's movement "Lijepa naša" are abolished on the day this Statute enters into force.

Members of the offshoots from paragraph 1 of this Article become members of Branches based on their place of residence.

Each Branch is obliged to make a list of its members pursuant to provisions of this Statute within 90 days after this Statute enters into force.

Article 72

The day this Statute comes into force, the Statute of Nature Friends' Movement "Lijepa naša", enacted at the Assembly sessions of January 10, 1998; December 9, 2000 and February 23, 2002, becomes invalid.

Article 73

The present Statute shall come into force on the day of its enactment.

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PRESIDENT OF
ASSOCIATION "LIJEPA NAŠA"

CLARIFICATION

The Statute of Nature Friends' Movement "Lijepa naša", which was valid up until now and which was enacted at the Assembly sessions of January 10, 1998, with some minor amendments made on December 9, 2000 and some additional amendments and additions made on February 23, 2002, has been synchronized with the provisions of the new Law on Associations (Official Gazette, No 88/2001).

The activities of Nature Friends' Movement "Lijepa naša" over the past several years have demonstrated a need for a different structure and regulation of some significant matters pertaining to the activities and work of Lijepa naša.

With this aim, the new Statute has the following differentiation points from the previous one:

- it expands the scope of activities and goals of Lijepa naša to include matters related to culture and demographic and population policy
- the name and the logo of Lijepa naša have changed relevant to the activity
- the basic organizational unit of Lijepa naša is now a branch while offshoots are abolished

The activities of Nature Friends' Movement "Lijepa naša" were entirely focused on promoting environmental protection and improving the quality of environment.

It has been concluded that further endeavors of Lijepa naša require an expansion of scope of work to include:

- promoting protection of cultural heritage
- promoting demographic and population related solutions
- establishing and promoting contacts with Croatian ex-patriots, Croatian minorities and Croats in other countries.

In accordance with the above-mentioned statements, new goals of Lijepa naša were defined.

Given the new expanded scope of activities of Lijepa naša, the old name Nature Friends' Movement "Lijepa naša" was no longer adequate, so the new name Association Lijepa naša was proposed.

Since the majority of offshoots were no longer effectively active, it was proposed that they be abolished with the day new Statute comes into force.

The basic organizational unit of Lijepa naša is now a branch.

Each county and the City of Zagreb would have one branch.

Members of the abolished offshoots become members of Branches based on their place of residence. Each Branch is obliged to make a new list of its members.

Subsequently, some other relevant minor changes were made, but they do not affect the Statute significantly.

Since the Law on Association has not been changed since 2001, there is no need to amend other parts of the Statute.

Given that the scope of activities and goals of Lijepa naša have changed, as well as its name, and that the offshoots are abolished, which are all quite important matters related to work and activities of Lijepa naša, a new Statute was passed, rather than to make amendments to the old one.