

## SECTION 1. "GENERAL PROVISIONS"

- 1.1. The International Software Developers Association "SmartSng.Dev", hereinafter referred to as the "Association", is a voluntary Association of individuals and legal entities – public Associations – for the purpose of representing and protecting common interests and achieving shared objectives.
- 1.2. The Association shall conduct its activities in accordance with general principles and norms of international law, as well as these Bylaws.
- 1.3. The Association operates on the principles of equality among its members, voluntariness, self-governance, legality, and transparency, explicitly prohibiting discrimination based on political, racial, or religious grounds.
- 1.4. The Association is free to determine its internal structure, objectives, forms, and methods of activity.
- 1.5. The full name of the Association in Russian is: «Международная ассоциация разработчиков программного обеспечения «SmartSng.Dev», with the abbreviated name: "SmartSng.Dev". In English, the full name is: Software Developers Association "SmartSng.Dev", with the abbreviated name: "SmartSng.Dev".
- 1.6. The Association is not a legal entity in any jurisdiction and does not possess separate legal personality or own separate assets.

## SECTION 2. "SUBJECT MATTER OF ACTIVITIES, OBJECTIVES, AND TASKS OF THE ASSOCIATION"

- 2.1. The subject matter of the Association's activities includes: promoting professional development of its members and other individuals and organizations within the industry; creating favorable conditions for industry growth; fostering a positive public image of IT industry professionals; overcoming negative stereotypes, misconceptions, and prejudices associated with their activities; facilitating development and cooperation among developers worldwide; and advancing service sectors within the information technology industry.
- 2.2. The objectives of the Association are: to promote professional development among members; to create favorable conditions for industry growth; to foster a positive public image of IT professionals; to combat negative stereotypes and misconceptions related to their activities; to develop international cooperation among developers; and to enhance the service sector within the IT industry.
- 2.3. To achieve its statutory goals, acting primarily in the interests of its members and in accordance with applicable legislation of their places of residence, the Association shall undertake, among other things:
- providing informational and advisory assistance to members;
  - conducting research – including scientific, sociological, political science, and historical studies;
  - facilitating cooperation and experience-sharing among members.

## SECTION 3. "MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION"

- 3.1. Membership in the Association and withdrawal therefrom are voluntary rights. Membership is non-transferable. The exercise of membership rights cannot be delegated to another person.
- 3.1.1. Members may include:
- Citizens of any state who have reached age 18, share the goals and objectives of the Association, acknowledge these Bylaws, and participate directly in its activities;
  - Legal entities – public Associations that share the goals and objectives of the Association, recognize these Bylaws, and participate directly in its activities.
- 3.1.2. The following persons cannot be members:
- Stateless persons;
  - Persons involved in illegal activities in any jurisdiction.
- 3.2. Admission of individuals as members is carried out based on an application submitted via a personal data form on the Association's website.
- 3.2.1. Applications are submitted to the Admission Committee of the Association.
- 3.2.2. Admission of legal entities requires a written application from an authorized representative.
- 3.2.3. Decisions regarding admission of individuals or legal entities shall take effect upon approval by the Membership Committee.
- 3.2.4. The Association may confer honorary membership status on individuals who have made significant contributions to achieving the statutory goals or to the industry at large, have gained substantial recognition as experts, or possess outstanding capabilities in relevant fields. Decisions on awarding honorary membership are made by the Admission Committee.
- 3.2.5. The procedure for admission may be further regulated by an appropriate Regulation approved by the General Assembly.
- 3.3. Membership in the Association shall be contingent upon registration with the Association.
- 3.3.1. The initial registration of members shall be conducted by the Admission Committee of the Association.
- 3.3.2. The centralized record-keeping shall be maintained by the Directorate of the Association through the entry of member information into the Unified List of Members of the Association.
- 3.4. Members of the Association shall have the right to:
- 3.4.1. Elect and be elected to the governing and auditing bodies of the Association, as well as to oversee the activities of the governing bodies in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association;
- 3.4.2. Receive, in writing, confirmation of their membership in the Association, in accordance with procedures established by the Bylaws; participate in events organized by the Association and its structural subdivisions;
- 3.4.3. Submit initiatives within the scope of the goals and objectives of the Association;

3.4.4. Obtain information regarding the activities of the Association;

3.4.5. Withdraw from membership in the Association;

3.4.6. Possess other rights as provided by applicable legislation of the state in which they reside.

3.5. Members of the Association are obliged to:

3.5.1. Comply with the requirements and adhere to the provisions of the Bylaws of the Association;

3.5.2. Execute decisions made by the central governing bodies of the Association and the executive bodies of its structural subdivisions;

3.5.3. Refrain from actions that are intentionally aimed at causing harm to the interests of the Association or that pose a threat of such harm, as well as actions that defame, discredit, or damage the honor, dignity, and business reputation of the Association, its members, or legal entities managed by its members;

3.5.4. Independently monitor information regarding the activities of the Association, its governing bodies, and other events organized by the Association;

3.5.5. Maintain confidentiality concerning information related to the activities of the Association;

3.5.6. Regularly participate in events organized by the Association, including reporting and election meetings.

3.6. Membership in the Association may be terminated: (a) voluntarily by the member; (b) by exclusion from the Association; or (c) upon the death of the member.

3.6.1. A member of the Association shall have the right to withdraw from membership at any time on a voluntary basis by submitting a written application (in the case of a legal entity – based on a resolution of its authorized governing body) to the relevant body of the Association. No decision by the governing bodies of the Association is required to effectuate a voluntary withdrawal. In the event of the death of a member, membership shall automatically cease, and such information shall be communicated to the central governing bodies of the Association. No formal decision is necessary in this case.

3.7. Members of the Association who violate the provisions of these Bylaws or fail to fulfill their obligations as stipulated herein may be subject to the following disciplinary measures:

3.7.1. Warning;

3.7.2. Reprimand;

3.7.3. Temporary suspension from participation in the activities of the Association for a period not exceeding one year;

3.7.4. Temporary suspension of membership in the Association for a period not exceeding one year;

3.7.5. Expulsion from the membership of the Association.