STATUTE OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

POLSKA YWCA (THE YWCA of Poland)

Preamble

The World Organization YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association), whose member is Polska YWCA, is an organization open to women from all over the world who come from various Christian backgrounds, believe in the Almighty God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit and are united in a vision of the world where values such as: justice, peace, health, respect for human dignity and care for the natural environment are implemented thanks to the leadership involvement of women. Both the World YWCA and Polska YWCA promote and support the ideas of voluntary work and civil activity of women carried out with mutual respect and in compliance with the values arising from the cultural diversity.

The strength of the World and the Polish YWCA results from the tradition of solidarity and faithfulness to the ideas of the past and present leaders, who through their work have contributed and are still contributing to the fulfilment of the movement's objectives and visions.

Chapter I General provisions

- **Art. I.** The Young Women's Christian Association is an association that carries out various forms of activity in favour of justice, peace, education, health protection, respect for human dignity, freedom, natural environment's protection and promotion of sustainable social and economic development through support and promotion of women's leadership. The association may use a shortened name: Polska YWCA.
- **Art. 2.** Polska YWCA operates on the basis of the act of 7 April 1989"Act on associations" (Journal of Laws of 2001 No. 79 item 855 as amended). Polska YWCA has legal personality.
- **Art. 3.** Polska YWCA operates in the territory of the Republic of Poland. The seat of Polska YWCA is the capital city of Warsaw (Art. 10 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of the Act on associations.)
- **Art. 4.** 1. Polska YWCA may establish local organizational units in the form of Local Circles and Self-dependent Local Circles. The Self-dependent Local Circles are granted legal personality after having been entered to the National Court Register. 2. Wherever the term "Circle" is used within this Statute, it shall be taken to mean both the Local Circle and the Self-dependent Local Circle.
- **Art. 5.** Polska YWCA uses the stamp and badges corresponding to the pattern approved by the YWCA World Association and having a form of a blue triangle inscribed within a circle.
- Art. 6. Polska YWCA bases its activity on voluntary work of its female members. It can hire employees if needed.

Chapter II Objectives and forms of activity

Art. 7. The objective of Polska YWCA is to support cooperation, self-organization and leadership of girls and women acting in favour of peace, freedom, justice, respect for human dignity, equality, education, health and sustainable social and economic development for all.

Polska YWCA operates in favour of strengthening local and neighbour communities, self-organizations in dwelling places and creating a dwelling environment that corresponds to the needs of women, children and families. In particular it supports the activity of women in rural self-governments.

In the rural circles Polska YWCA draws on the best traditions of the Farmer's Wives' Associations.

- Art. 8. Polska YWCA fulfils its objectives through:
- 1) initiation of establishment of and assistance for activity of support groups for women in difficult situations in their lives, who are threatened with marginalization and social exclusion, among others: single mothers, mothers of disabled children, unemployed, victims of violence and alcohol dependency, homeless, female prisoners and those leaving prisons,

- 2) establishing and running education, childcare and nursing establishments, in particular such as: schools, kindergartens, crèches, family children's homes, after-school clubs, clubs, residential and social welfare homes, hostels, protected and municipal dwellings, night shelters and care establishments.
- 3) promoting and supporting the activity of women in public life: cultural, economic, social and political life. Encouraging women to express their views, practically implement the female vision of the world and solve the contemporary problems.
- 4) cooperating in the country with social organizations and movements whose objectives and activities are similar to the objectives of Polska YWCA;
- 5) cooperating with other European YWCA on creation of the United Europe as a region of freedom, justice and respect for human beings;
- 6) cooperating with national YWCA forming the world YWCA movement on the creation of a free and just world in which dignity of every human is respected;
- 7) taking stands and expressing opinions in matters related to the objectives and in particular priority areas of the movement's activity: human rights, of which rights of women and children, health and battle against HIV/AIDS, education and sustainable economic development;
- 9) organizing courses, training, and conferences and carrying on publishing activity;
- 10) running Women's Fund and carrying on micro-credit activity;
- 11) developing other activity forms aimed at fulfilment of the statutory objectives.

Chapter III Female members, their rights and obligations

- Art. 9. The membership in Polska YWCA is divided into:
 - 1. full membership,
 - 2. contributing membership
 - 3. and honorary membership.
- **Art. 10.** A full female member of Polska YWCA may be a natural person, a woman who has full capacity for legal actions, enjoys public rights and who by submission of a declaration undertakes to act in favour of Polska YWCA and observe its Statute's provisions, whereas also a man can be a contributing or honorary member.
- **Art. 11.** A contributing female or male member may be a natural person who has full capacity for legal actions, who will pledge herself/himself to provide financial or material assistance for the purposes of Polska YWCA. Contributing membership may also be granted to a legal person and organizational unit without legal personality. A legal person or organizational unit acts in Polska YWCA through the agency of its representative.
- **Art. 12.** An honorary female or male member may be a natural person who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of the ideas promoted and supported by Polska YWCA or who in other ways has rendered especially considerable services to the movement.
- **Art. 13.** 1. Admission of women as full female members of Polska YWCA is effected on the basis of the General Management's resolution or resolution of the Management of the Self-dependent Local Circle on the candidate's putting on the list of female members. This resolution is preceded by submission of a written member declaration by the candidate.

Each of the prospective female members may submit a written member declaration directly to the General Management of Polska YWCA or to the Management of the Self-dependent Local Circle.

- 2. In justified cases the General Management or the Management of the Self-dependent Local Circle respectively may, by way of a resolution, refuse to admit a woman as a full female member.
- 3. The General Management keeps records of full female members who organizationally do not belong to any of the

Circles. Art. 24 paragraphs 2 and 3 respectively apply to full female members who organizationally do not belong to the Circle.

- 4. The National Annual Conference at the request of the General Management confers the rank of an honorary female member.
- 5. Admission as contributing members of Polska YWCA is effected on the basis of the General Management's resolution.

Art. 14. 1. Membership expires as a result of:

- a) resignation
- b) death
- c) crossing off
- d) exclusion.
- 2. Exclusion of a female member (or an honorary or contributing male member) from Polska YWCA is effected as a result of her/his deprivation of public rights.
- 3. Crossing off a female member (or an honorary or contributing male member) from Polska YWCA is effected as a result of:
- 1) submission of a written declaration on withdrawal from Polska YWCA,
- 2) failure to pay the premiums for a period of one year,
- 3) loss of the statutory member requirements.
- 4) gross infringement of the statute, rules, and resolutions of the authorities or behaviour that is a slight to the reputation of Polska YWCA.
- 4. The General Management or the Management of the Self-dependent Local Circle passes a resolution on exclusion or crossing off a full or contributing female member (alike of a contributing male member) from Polska YWCA, with the exception of the situation referred to in paragraph 3 subparagraph 1.
- 5. Exclusion or crossing off a female member (or a contributing member) from Polska YWCA is effected as of the day of the resolution's referred to in paragraph 4. entering into force. The resolution comes into force after 14 days from the date of delivering the resolution along with the justification to the female or male member of the Association, unless the female or male member has lodged an appeal within this period.
- **Art. 15.** Each interested woman can lodge an appeal against the resolution on refusal to admit her as a member or the resolution on her exclusion from or crossing off Polska YWCA to the National Annual Conference with a request to consider the matter.
- **Art. 16.** The National Annual Conference at the request of the General Management deprives an honorary female or male member of her/his rank in the case of her/his infringement of the idea of Polska YWCA or gross infringement of the Statute's provisions.

Art. 17. 1. Full female members enjoy:

- 1) active and passive voting right,
- 2) the right to use the equipment, benefits and assistance of Polska YWCA,
- 3) the right to express their opinions and remarks related to the activity of Polska YWCA.
- 2. Contributing female and male members enjoy the rights specified in paragraph 1 subparagraphs 2 and 3.
- 3. Honorary female and male members enjoy the rights specified in paragraph 1 subparagraphs 2 and 3 and the participation right in the advisory capacity at the meetings of Polska YWCA's authorities.
- **Art. 18.** 1. The female and male members shall act in compliance with the Statute, rules and resolutions of Polska YWCA's authorities.
- 2. In addition to it full female members shall actively participate in the work and pay the member premiums.

Chapter IV Authorities of Polska YWCA

Art. 19. The authorities of Polska YWCA are:

- 1) the National Annual Conference,
- 2) the General Management,
- 3) the Chief Audit Committee.
- **Art. 20.** 1. The term of office of all the authorities of Polska YWCA is four years and they are selected in secret ballot from among the unlimited number of candidates and by ordinary majority of votes during the National Annual Conference.
- 2. The authorities so far in office shall submit all the documentation within 30 days from the selection date.
- **Art. 21.** 1. In the case of a resignation or dismissal of a female member of Polska YWCA's authorities before the end of the term the composition of these authorities is supplemented with female candidates from among the non-selected candidates in the order of obtained votes, however up to the half of the composition obtained as a result of the selection, whereas in the case when more than a half resigns from the General Management and the Audit Committee an Extraordinary National Annual Conference should be summoned in order to carry out by-election.
- 2. In the case when the President of Polska YWCA resigns before the end of her term the General Management entrusts the obligations of the President to one of its female members. At the nearest National Annual Conference a new President of Polska YWCA is selected.
- 3. In the case when the President of Polska YWCA is dismissed before the end of her term the National Annual Conference selects a new President.
- **Art. 22.** Unless it is otherwise provided for in the Statute, resolutions of all authorities of Polska YWCA are passed by ordinary majority of votes in the presence of at least half the number of the female members. In the event of an equal number of votes cast the chairwoman shall have the casting vote.

The National Annual Conference and the Extraordinary Conference

- **Art. 23.** 1. The National Annual Conference is the highest authority of Polska YWCA and it may be ordinary or extraordinary.
- 2. The Ordinary Annual Conference is convened by the General Management once a year.
- 3. The Extraordinary Conference may be held at any time in particularly justified situations and is convened by the General Management on its own initiative, at the request of the Chief Audit Committee or at a written request of at least 1/5 of the total number of delegates or 1/5 of the total number of Circles' Managements within three months from the submission of the application.
- Art. 24. 1. The following participate in the National Annual Conference:
- 1) with a casting vote selected female delegates and members of Polska YWCA's authorities
- 2) in the advisory capacity honorary and contributing female and male members and invited guests.
- 2. Delegates are selected for the period of the entire term in the number of one delegate per each 15 new female members of the Circle.
- 3. The General Management notifies the Circles' Managements on the venue, date and agenda of the National Annual Conference at least one month in advance.
- 4. The National Annual Conference is capable of passing resolutions in the presence of at least half the number of the delegates within the first time limit. Within the second time limit irrespective of the number of the persons present.
- 5. The National Annual Conference debates according to its own agenda.
- Art. 25. The competences of the National Annual Conference include:
 - 1) determination of the main directions of activity of Polska YWCA for the term's period;
 - 2) examination of reports submitted by the General Management and the Chief Audit Committee;

- granting a vote of acceptance to the outgoing General Management at the request of the Chief Audit Committee;
- 4) selection and dismissal of female members of Polska YWCA's authorities the General Management and the Audit Committee:
- 5) appointment and dismissal of the General Secretary;
- 6) passing the Statute of Polska YWCA and its amendments;
- 7) passing resolutions on member premiums;
- 8) conferring and depriving of the rank of honorary female and male members of Polska YWCA;
- 9) examination of appeals against General Management's resolutions;
- 10) passing a resolution on dissolution of Polska YWCA and use of its property;
- 11) examination of applications submitted by delegates and authorities of Polska YWCA;
- 12) granting the General Management the power of attorney for purchase or sale of property;
- 13) passing resolutions and taking decisions in other matters that require decisions of the National Annual Conference.
- Art. 26. 1. The Extraordinary National Conference debates matters on account of which it has been convened.
- 2. The Extraordinary National Conference may debate matters not covered by the agenda and pass resolutions when 2/3 of the gathered delegates consent to it.
- **Art. 27.** 1. The National Annual Conference passes resolutions on passing an amendment to the Statute, dismissal of the President of Polska YWCA or members of authorities of Polska YWCA before the end of their respective terms and on deprivation of the rank of a honorary member of Polska YWCA by a majority of 2/3 of votes and in the presence of 2/3 of delegates.
- 2. Polska YWCA may be dissolved under a resolution of the National Annual Conference passed by a majority of ¾ of votes in the presence of at least 2/3 of delegates.

General Management

- **Art. 28.** I. The General Management consists of 3-7 persons selected from among the female members of Polska YWCA.
- 2. The General Management selects the President and the Vice-president from its composition.
- 3. The General Management works on the basis of its own rules.
- **Art. 29.** 1. The General Management manages the activity of Polska YWCA and is responsible for its work to the National Annual Conference.
- 2. The scope of the General Management's activity includes:
- 1) implementation of the directions of activity of Polska YWCA determined by the National Convention of Delegates;
- 2) establishment and dissolution of the Circles and supervision of their activity;
- 3) external representation of Polska YWCA;
- 4) establishment and dissolution of committees and teams for the purpose of carrying out statutory tasks, their supervision and passing rules of their activity;
- 5) passing resolutions in member matters;
- 6) passing resolutions on the consent to transformation of the Local Circles into Self-dependent Local Circles;
- 7) management of the property of Polska YWCA and administration of its funds, preparation of preliminary estimates and financial reports;
- 8) passing detailed principles of the internal financial management of the Circles and the entire national organization;
- 9) passing resolutions on purchase and sale of property put at the General Management's disposal by the National Annual Conference;
- 10) submission of applications for conferring or depriving of the rank of honorary membership of Polska YWCA;

- 11) submission of reports to the National Annual Conference on the activity of the General Management;
- 12) ensuring administrative and organizational conditions of activity of the Chief Audit Committee;
- 13) suspension or repeal of resolutions of the Circles' authorities in the case of their incompliance with legal regulations, provisions of the Statute or resolutions of Polska YWCA;
- 14) suspension of the Circles' Managements from their duties in the case when their activity is not compliant with the legal regulations, provisions of the Statute or resolutions of Polska YWCA. In the event of the Circle's Management's suspension from its duties the General Management appoints a provisional management that performs its function until a new Management is selected by the Ordinary Meeting of the Circle's Members;
- 15) interpretation of the Statute's provisions.
- 3. An appeal against resolutions of the General Management in matters referred to in paragraph 2 subparagraphs 2. and 6. with relation to art. 42. subparagraph 3 and in subparagraphs 13. and 14. may be lodged to the National Annual Conference within 30 days from the obtaining of the General Management's resolution through the Management's agency. The appeal is examined at the nearest conference.
- 4. If within 6 months from the day of passing the resolution referred to in art. 29 paragraph 2 subparagraph 6 the transformed Local Circle fails to submit to the General Management a copy of the decision on the entry to the register of the National Court Register, the General Management may, after making itself familiar with the Circle's explanations concerning the lack of the entry, repeal the resolution on the transformation or dissolve the Circle.
- **Art. 30.** Meetings of the General Management are held depending on the need, however not less frequently than once every half a year.

The Chief Audit Committee

- **Art. 31.** 1. The Chief Audit Committee is the chief audit body of Polska YWCA and is responsible for its activity to the National Annual Conference.
- 2. The Chief Audit Committee consists of 3-7 female members, who at the first meeting select a president and a secretary from their own circle.
- 3. The female members of the Chief Audit Committee cannot perform functions in other bodies of Polska YWCA.
- 4. The following cannot be members of the Chief Audit Committee:
 - persons who are related up to the 4th degree of relation, related by marriage or subordinated in respect of employment to the female members of the General Management of Polska YWCA,
 - persons who have been the subject of a conviction by final judgment for an intentional offence.
- 5. The female members of the Chief Audit Committee may at their request obtain reimbursement of costs borne with relation to the performed function.
- Art. 32. The scope of activity of the Chief Audit Committee includes:
- 1) inspecting at least once a year the total statutory activity and financial management as well as compliance with the regulations applicable to Polska YWCA;
- 2) submitting findings from the completed audits to the General Management and demanding a report on implementation of the post-audit findings from the audited units;
- 3) presenting reports on its activity to the National Annual Conference;
- 4) submission of requests for granting a vote of acceptance to the outgoing General Management;
- 5) carrying out audits of the Local Circles and the Self-dependent Local Circles;
- 6) approval of the audits carried out by the Audit Committees of the Local Circles that have submitted applications for their transformation into Self-dependent Local Circles or direct performance of audits of these circles;
- 7) carrying out other audit and inspection activities ordered by the National Annual Conference or requested by the General Management;
- 8) determination of guidelines for the rules of the Circles' Audit Committees.
- **Art. 33.** 1. The Chief Audit Committee has the right to require that the female members of the authorities of Polska YWCA and authorities of the Circles submit written or oral explanations regarding the audited matters. At the request

of the authorized female member of the Chief Audit Commission the authorities of Polska YWCA and authorities of the Circle shall present all documents regarding the scope of the audit.

- 2. After completion of the audit the Chief Audit Committee draws minutes containing post-audit findings and submits them to the audited entity. In the case when the minutes contain post-audit findings the audited entity not later than within 30 days from the day of obtaining the minutes presents information on its stand on the agreed findings to the Chief Audit Committee.
- 3. In the case of gross negligence in the Circle's activity the Chief Audit Committee refers to the General Management with a request for taking proper supervision activities.
- 4. The detailed procedure and forms of activity of the Chief Audit Committee are specified in its rules.
- **Art. 34.** The female members of the Chief Audit Committee may take part in meetings of the General Management in the advisory capacity.

Office of Polska YWCA

- **Art.35.** 1. In order to make it possible for Polska YWCA to effectively carry out its tasks the General Management may, by way of a resolution, establish the Office of Polska YWCA.
- 2. The General Secretary manages the Office of Polska YWCA.
- **Art. 35a.** The detailed scope of tasks, organizational structure and the principles of activity of the Office of Polska YWCA, as well as the scope of obligations and powers of attorney of the General Secretary are specified in the rules passed by the General Management.

Chapter V Local organizational units

- **Art. 36.** 1. At the request of 10 persons that declare their intention to join the movement Polska YWCA or who already are its female members the General Management may, by way of a resolution, establish a Local Circle Polska YWCA in the given area, whereas the Self-dependent Local Circle should consist of 15 and more female members.
- 2. The resolution on the refusal to establish the Local Circle is delivered to the representative of the applicants in writing along with the justification. The applicants have the right to appeal against this decision to the National Annual Conference within 30 days from the day of its obtaining. The appeal is lodged through the agency of the General Management.
- 3. The circles may create regional representative offices of Polska YWCA and the procedure of their establishment is specified by the General Management.
- **Art. 37.** 1. The resolution of the General Management on the establishment of a Local Circle should be passed within two months from submission of the application and specify the seat of the Circle's authority, area of its activity and indicate female members that are representatives of the Circle until its first authorities are selected.
- **Art. 38**. 1. The Local Circle is transformed under the resolution of the General Management into a Self-dependent Local Circle after the conditions referred to in paragraph 2 are met.
- 2. The condition for transformation of the Local Circle into a Self-dependent Local Circle is a finding from the audit of the Circle's Audit Committee approved by the Chief Audit Committee that the Circle's activity hitherto carried on and the activity carried on by the Local Circle with authorization of the General Management comply with the binding regulations.
- **Art. 39.** 1. The Management of the Local Circle submits an application for transformation into a Self-dependent Local Circle on the basis of a resolution of the General Meeting of the Circle's Members.
- 2. The General Management after stating that the Local Circle fulfils the conditions referred to in art. 44 paragraph 2. passes a resolution on the transformation into a Self-dependent Local Circle within two months from the date of obtaining the application by the Management of the Local Circle.

- **Art. 40.** I. As from the moment of obtaining legal personality by the Self-dependent Local Circle the Management of this Circle takes over the competence of the General Management in the following scope:
- 1) establishment of committees and teams for the purpose of carrying out statutory tasks of the Circle, their supervision and passing rules of its activities;
- 2) management of the Circle's property, administration of its funds, preparation of preliminary estimates and financial reports;
- 3) passing resolutions on purchase and sale of property;
- 4) establishment and dissolution of branches run by the Circle, passing their statutes and their supervision.
- 2. The property of Polska YWCA being used by the Local Circle and the branch run by this Circle may with authority of the General Management and as of obtaining legal personality by the Self-dependent Local Circle become property of this Circle, if it is made over under the resolution of the General Management. To make transfer of the ownership right to the property possible it is necessary to sign an agreement in the form of a notarial deed.
- Art. 41. Provisions of art. 55. and 59. of the Statute apply to the activity of the Self-dependent Local Circle respectively.
- Art. 42. Dissolution of the Circle is effected on the basis of the General Management's resolution in the case of:
- 1) the Circle's discontinuation of its actual activity or decrease in the number of the female members resulting in this number's being smaller than the one required for the Circle's establishment for a period longer than one year;
- 2) submission of an application by the Circle's Management for dissolution of the Circle;
- 3) stating that the Circle's activity is carried on not according to the Statute or resolutions of the Association's authorities or other regulations.

Authorities of the Circle

Art. 43. 1. The authorities of the Circle are:

- 1) General Meeting of the Circle's Members,
- 2) Circle's Management,
- 3) Circle's Audit Committee.
- 2. The provisions of art. 20-22 of the Statute apply to the Circle's authorities respectively.

General Meeting of the Circle's Members

- **Art. 44.** I. The General Meeting of the Circle's Members is the highest authority of the Circle and may be ordinary or extraordinary.
- 2. The Ordinary General Meeting of the Circle's Members is convened by the Circle's Management every year at least one week before the National Annual Conference.
- 3. The Extraordinary General Meeting of the Circle's Members may be convened at any time in particularly justified situations. The Meeting is convened by the Circle's Management on its own initiative, at the request of the Circle's Audit Committee or at the request of 1/3 of the number of the Circle's members.
- 4. The General Management of Polska YWCA also has the right to convene the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Circle's Members.
- Art. 45. 1. The following take part in the General Meeting of the Circle's Members:
- 1) with the casting vote full female members of the Circle;
- 2) in the advisory capacity guests invited.
- 2. The Circle's Management notifies the Circle's female members on the venue, date and agenda of the General Meeting of the Circle's Members with at least ten days in advance.
- 3. The General Meeting of the Circle's Members is capable of passing resolutions within the first time limit in the presence of at least half the number of the Circle's female members and within the second time limit irrespective of

the number of the persons present.

- 4. If there is no quorum within the first time limit the Circle's Management sets the second time limit, however not earlier than an hour after the first time limit.
- 5. The General Meeting of the Circle's Members debates on the basis of its own agenda.
- **Art. 46.** The competences of the General Meeting of the Circle's Members include:
 - 1) determination of the main directions of the Circle's activity for the term's period;
 - 2) examination of reports submitted by the Circle's Management and the Circle's Audit Committee;
 - granting a vote of acceptance to the outgoing Circle's Management at the request of the Circle's Audit Committee;
 - 4) selection and dismissal of female members of the Circle's authorities;
 - 5) appointment and dismissal of delegates to the National Annual Conference;
 - 6) passing resolutions authorizing the Circle's Management to take actions concerning:
 - a) dissolution of the Circle,
 - b) transformation of the Local Circle into a Self-dependent Local Circle;
 - passing resolutions and decisions in other matters requiring a decision of the General Meeting of the Circle's Members.
- Art. 47. 1. The Extraordinary General Meeting of the Circle's Members debates matters on account of which it has been convened.
- 2. The Extraordinary General Meeting of the Circle's Members may debate and pass resolutions when 2/3 of the gathered female members consent to it.
- **Art. 48.** 1. The General Meeting of the Circle's Members passes resolutions on dismissal of the Circle's President and female members of the Circle's authorities before the end of their respective terms by a majority of 2/3 of votes and in the presence of at least half the number of the Circle's female members.
- 2. The General Meeting of the Circle's Members passes a resolution on the Circle's dissolution by a majority of 3/4 of votes and in the presence of at least 2/3 of members.

Circle's Management

- **Art. 49.** 1. The Circle's Management consists of the Circle's President and female members of the Circle's Management selected from among the Circle's female members. At its first meeting the Circle's Management selects the President and the Vice-President from its circle.
- 2. The Circle's Management acts on the basis of its own rules.
- 3. Meetings of the Circle's Management are held depending on the need, however not less frequently than once a quarter.
- **Art. 50.** 1. The Circle's Management manages the Circle's activity and is responsible for its work to the General Meeting of the Circle's Members and, in addition to it, in terms of compliance of its activities with the regulations binding for Polska YWCA to the General Management.
- 2. The Circle's Management's scope of activity covers in particular:
- 1) fulfilment of statutory obligations of Polska YWCA in the area of the Circle's activity;
- 2) management of the current activity of the Circle;
- 3) implementation of resolutions and decisions of the General Meeting of the Circle's Members and authorities of Polska YWCA;
- 4) external representation of the Circle;
- 5) submission of applications for the Circle's dissolution to the General Management;

- 6) submission of an application for transformation of the Local Circle into a Self-dependent Local Circle to the General Management;
- 7) establishment of commissions and supporting teams, passing their rules and supervision of their activity;
- 8) submission of reports on the Circle's activity to the General Meeting of the Circle's Members.

Audit Committee

- Art. 51. 1. The Audit Committee is an audit body of the Circle.
- 2. The Circle's Audit Committee consists of 3-5 female members, who at their first meeting select the president and secretary from their circle.
- 3. The female members of the Audit Committee cannot perform functions in the Circle's Management or remain in an employment relation or fee-for-task relation in an education establishment subject to the Circle.
- 4. The provisions of art. 31 paragraphs 4 and 5 apply respectively.
- **Art. 52.** The scope of activity of the Circle's Audit Committee covers:
- 1) inspecting at least once a year the total activity of the Circle and the establishments subject to the Circle;
- 2) submitting findings from the completed audits to the Circle's Management and demanding explanations;
- 3) presenting reports on its activity to the General Meeting of the Circle's Members;
- 4) submission of requests for granting a vote of acceptance to the outgoing Circle's Management;
- 5) carrying out other audit and inspection activities ordered by the General Meeting of the Circle's Members or requested by the Circle's Management.
- **Art. 53.** 1. The female members of the Circle's Audit Committee may take part in meetings of the Circle's Management in the advisory capacity.
- 2. Art. 33 paragraphs 1-3 apply to the activity of the Circle's Audit Committee respectively. The detailed procedure and forms of activity of the Circle's Audit Committee are specified in the rules passed by it on the basis of the guidelines from the Chief Audit Committee.

Chapter VI Property and funds

- Art. 54. The property of Polska YWCA covers property and other property rights.
- Art. 55. The property of Polska YWCA is generated from:
- 1) receipts from the statutory activity obtained from the member premiums,
- 2) receipt from the property owned or used by Polska YWCA;
- 3) donations, bequests and legacy;
- 4) receipts from the economic activity carried on by Polska YWCA.
- Art. 56. The amount of the member premiums is set by the National Annual Conference.
- **Art. 57.** 1. The General Management may create special-purpose funds by designation of its own funds for this purpose or by obtaining with the consent of the National Annual Conference additional funds from the Circles on the principles specified in the resolution of the National Annual Conference.
- 2. The Managements of the Self-dependent Local Circles may create special-purpose funds from their own funds.
- **Art. 58.** For submission of declarations and incurring property obligations in the name of Polska YWCA cooperation of two persons: President or Vice-president with one person from the Management or with the General Secretary is required.

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