

Charter Of The Danish House in Palestine (Det Danske Hus i Palæstina), DHIP

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Name

The Danish House in Palestine is established and operated as a separate unit by The Association of Friends of the Danish House in Palestine (hereafter referred to as the Association). The unit is called the Danish House in Palestine (DHIP). DHIP must serve as a tool to realise the objects clause in the articles of Association.

DHIP can be established as a lease or purchase of real property in Palestine.

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Domicile

DHIP's domicile is in Palestine.

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Purpose

The overall purpose is to realise the vision of the Association: To strengthen and develop the relations between Palestine and Denmark and to further international meetings between Palestinians and Danes to challenge and break down stereotypes, and to create a place where Danish and Palestine culture can meet and cultural and political dialogue can unfold between the two nations.

The vision of DHIP is to increase mutual understanding, acknowledgement and respect between the Danes and the Palestinians.

The mission is to create possibilities of cultural, educational and professional exchange and collaboration between Danes and Palestinians on both the individual and institutional levels. Through projects and activities, DHIP creates relations between people, facilitates interaction and engages an ever-increasing group of people in the realisation of the vision.

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Organisation and activities

The overall responsibility for DHIP is handled by the Board of the Association as stipulated in the articles of the Association.

The Board comprises seven members in the following constellation:

- a) Five Danish members elected at the General Assembly of Association (and two alternates).
- b) Two Palestinian members (and an alternate) nominated by the Board and approved by the General Assembly in Denmark.

5. Director

The Board of the Association employs a director for DHIP, who is responsible for the day-to-day operations and finances of DHIP. Responsibilities, assignments, duties and delimitations for the director are specified in the Terms of Reference and contract.

The director prepares an annual report to be presented at the General Assembly of the Association. An annual review and financial statements must be adopted by the Board at its meeting before the end of the first quarter of the year. The adopted annual review is presented for information purposes at the General Assembly of the Association, which takes place in the second quarter.

6. The duties of the Board

In relation to DHIP, it is the duty of the Board to further the purpose and determine DHIP's overall strategy and policies and ensure that DHIP's activities take place according to the articles of the Association.

The Board must oversee that the activities of DHIP are made in compliance with the adopted strategies and policies and the guidelines, which may exist for support provided to DHIP.

The Board must also supervise that DHIP's finances are administered in compliance with the strategic targets and the adopted budget.

Finally, the Board must supervise that the manager of DHIP observes the guidelines and instructions given by the board of directors.

Otherwise, reference is made to the Association's articles of association regarding the activities of the board of directors.

7. Finances, financial statements and auditing

The means for establishing and operating DHIP are provided through foundation grants, state grants, sponsorships, fundraising, administration contributions etc.

The financial year of DHIP is the calendar year.

The financial statements are audited by a registered or state-authorized public accountant and must be presented to the Board at its meeting before the end of the first quarter of the subsequent year. The final financial statements must be completed as of 1 April.

8.

Amendments to the charter and dissolution

8.1. Amendments to the charter of DHIP, and the decision to dissolve DHIP are determined by the General Assembly of the Association upon recommendation from the Board.

A decision about amendments requires a majority of two thirds.

The decision about dissolution requires the adoption by a majority of two thirds at two General Assemblies of the Association, to be held at an interval of at least 14 days and no more than one month.

8.2. Should DHIP be dissolved, any assets will be transferred to the Association of the Danish House in Palestine.

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