I. General dispositions

Art. 1. Name and office

1. The student association named “Student Association for Ukraine” is constituted, with c/o Alina Ostrovska, via Pizzamiglio 31, Vacallo 6833

2. Student Association for Ukraine – later in this document called Association – is based on art. 60 and following of the Codice civile svizzero, on the art. 57 of Statuto dell’Università della Svizzera italiana (later in this document called USI), on the dispositions and directives of USI concerning student associations and the present Statute.

Art. 2. Nature

1. The association is non-profit, free, independent, non-religious, not politically affiliated and will operate unlimitedly in time.

Art. 3. Goal

1. The association pursues the following goals:

To create a network made up of students from Ukraine currently enrolled in USI or SUPSI, identify their needs and concerns, create a supportive network in the area, promote collaboration within the international and local student community, and act for the Ukrainian community in Switzerland and at home.

2. The association also operates in the following fields of interest:

Student support in academia, humanitarian aid, mental and physical health, outdoor activities, cultural and language exchange, creating networks and establishing partnerships, providing attentive information, and raising social awareness.

Art. 4. Benefits for USI community

1. The Association mainly involves the following people:

Students of USI and SUPSI, the academic community of USI and SUPSI, students and academic staff from other Swiss institutions, and representatives of the Ukrainian community with status S.

2. The Association will bring USI community the following benefits:

Establish supportive conditions for the vulnerable population within the academic environment to positively affect their well-being, promote a multicultural atmosphere and united goal-directed
behaviour, add extra value to the student status by offering the possibilities of involvement in worthy and decent initiatives, increase mental and physical conditions of the students and academic staff by implementing health-related outdoor activities, broaden the institutional network with partner organizations, spread the information about USI’s active engagement in solidarity projects aimed to support victims of the war on the territory of Ukraine.

Art. 5. Activities

1. To reach the previously stated goals, the association will establish the following activities:

   - Humanitarian aid projects to support displaced persons from Ukraine currently based in Switzerland, and victims of the war who remained on the territory of Ukraine through local NGOs;
   - Hiking club ‘по-українськи’ to promote cultural and language exchange between Ukrainian, local and international communities, improve somatic and mental conditions, smooth social integration, and deepen understanding of ethnical diversity;
   - Academic mentoring and tutorial for the Ukrainian students of USI and SUPSI to help them perform with studies and handle the academic workload;
   - The ‘Caring through sharing’ project aimed to collect necessary IT tools, literature, and other materials required by the academia in general, or specific Department that otherwise cannot be purchased due to financial constraints.
   - ‘Ethno-US events’ aimed to gather different ethnic populations within USI and SUPS, and through creative representations reflect customs and traditions of rich cultural backgrounds, thus increasing knowledge, and promoting reciprocity and empathy.

2. In the later stage, the scope of the activities will be broadened based on the members’ initiatives, perceived value, and internal resources.

2. The official languages of the Association are Ukrainian and English.

Art. 6. Financial resources

1. The association will finance itself through the following means:

   - Donations, fundraising

2. The financial support is non-profit, according to the nature of the Association. In case of a financial surplus, it will have to be reinvested in the activities of the association.

II. Members

Art. 7. Members

1. Matriculated USI and SUPSI students, USI and SUPSI alumni, members of the academic corp and members of USI and SUPSI staff, who support the goals of the Association and want to promote them, may join the Association.
2. Students from other universities, and other schools, as well as other individuals external to USI and SUPSI, who support and want to promote the goals of the Association may also join it.

3. To be recognized by USI, the majority of members must be composed of matriculated USI students. Matriculated USI students must in any case represent a significant part of the Association’s body.

4. The Association must communicate any requirements needed to become a member.

5. All members support the nature and goals of the Association and shall respect the present statute.

Art. 8. Registration

1. The Association keeps a constantly updated registry of its members, containing at least name, surname, email address, status (student, academic staff…) and university/school if different to USI.

2. The Association must make the present Statute public to its members, as well as other regulations, rights and duties of every member.

3. Every member is free to resign from the Association and quit its activities at any given time, by communicating these intentions to the Association.

Art. 9. Exclusion

1. The exclusion of a member from the association may happen under the following circumstances:

   - violation of the rules in the present Statute;
   - violation of any other regulations of the Association, such as:
     - Using the Association for the manifestation of /promoting personal political orientation
     - Disrespect to the other members of the Association regardless of its content
     - Not matching personal morals and values with those being established and announced by the Association
     - Absent interest in general, or steady non-involvement in the projects of the Association
     - Subordination or misleading members of the Association in favour of self-interest
     - Provoking conflicts and/or competing for the privileged social status within the Association that implies a discriminative pattern
     - Manipulation of information for the sake of personal interest recognizing its aversive consequence, or intentional spread of falsified data
     - Conscious and intentional self-credit for the achievements which were made by another member of the Association, or by an external body
     - Sexual harassment, or any other inappropriate behaviour that violates another`s boundaries

   - actions that compromise the identity and public image of the Association
2. The exclusion of a member must be ultimately decided by the Assembly of members and addressed respectfully to the member under exclusion with the possibility for the latter to justify one's actions. The rejoining of the membership is possible under the ultimate condition of the absolute agreement between the members of the Association on this matter.

III. Organs

Art. 10. Organs

The organs of the Association are the following: Assembly of members, Board of Directors

Art. 11 Assembly of members

1. The Assembly of members – later in this document also referred to as Assembly – is the highest deciding organ of the Association. It is constituted of all members of the Association.

2. The Assembly:
   - defines how the Board of Directors is elected;
   - elects the Board of Directors;
   - approves the planning of activities prepared by the Board of Directors;
   - approves the requests to modify the present Statute and to modify other regulations of the Association;
   - approves the Association's budget;
   - ultimately decrees the exclusion of members;
   - votes on the objects which are presented by the Board of Directors;
   - decides the possible dissolution of the Association.

3. The Assembly is normally called for an ordinary meeting once per semester by the President, as communicated to every member by the President themselves or a member of the Board of Directors. An extraordinary meeting must be called upon the request of one-fifth of the Association’s members. An extraordinary meeting may be called upon the request of the Board of Directors or one of its members.

4. The Assembly elects and decides by a simple majority of the members attending its meetings.

Art. 12 Board of Directors:

1. The Board of Directors is composed of President, Vice-President and Treasurer. At the time of the founding, the President must be a matriculated student of USI. Later, the President should be a matriculated student of USI; in any case, at least one member of the Board of Directors must be a matriculated student of USI at all times.
2. The President:
   ● is responsible for the activities and operations of the Association in its competent fields;
   ● legally represents the Association (right of signature);
   ● elaborates the planning of the Association;
   ● ordinarily calls the Assembly of members.

3. The Vice-President:
   ● substitutes the presidents in their function of responsibility in case of need;
   ● may legally represent the Association (right of signature);
   ● elaborates with the President on the planning of the Association.

4. The Treasurer:
   ● manages the financial flows of the Association;
   ● prepares the budget of the Association.

5. The members of the Board of Directors:
   ● at the time of the Association’s founding volunteer and occupy their roles as soon as the
     Association is recognized by USI;
   ● are later elected by the Assembly of Members.

6. The members of the Board of Directors must meet and decide following the procedure they
   established.

III. Final dispositions

Art. 13. Adoption and modification of the Statute

1. The present Statute is adopted as soon as USI’s approval is received.

2. The modifications to the Statute must be approved by the Assembly of members and must
   following be communicated to all members, as well as to USI. To preserve recognition, the
   modifications must follow USI (and SUPSI’s) dispositions and rules concerning student
   associations.

Art. 14. Dissolution of the Association

1. The dissolution of the Association may be decided at any time by the Assembly of members.
   The communication must be communicated to all members and to USI and SUPSI
   (associazioni-studentesche@usi.ch).

2. In case of dissolution the goods belonging to the Association must be given to USI and SUPSI
   or to charity.

3. According to USI’s dispositions and rules, USI may revoke ex auctoritate the “recognized” status
   of the Association.

Art. 15. Applicable dispositions
For all that is not regulated by the present Statute the norms of the Codice civile svizzero and USI’s dispositions and rules concerning student associations are applicable.

**Art. 16. Start of validity**

The present Statute was approved by the Association on 14.11.2022 and by USI on 09.12.2022. Its validity began on the same date as when it was approved by USI.

_Lugano, il 09.12.2022_