

EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR ROAD SAFETY IN THE ARMED FORCES



STATUTES FOR ECRAF

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in Zaragoza, Spain

Oslo, Norway, 1st October 2012

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Oddvar Haagensen
President
Colonel (Ret)

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STATUTES

Article 1 - Name

The European Commission for Road Safety in Armed Forces, hereafter named ECRAF.

Article 2 - Type of organization

ECRAF is an open and non-profit organization established in 2002.

Article 3 - Mission

The mission of ECRAF is to promote Road Safety within the Armed Forces in Europe including participation in international operations.

Article 4 - Terms of Reference (TOR)

The purpose of ECRAF is to enable the exchange of experiences, ideas and initiatives between the Armed Forces in Europe. In particular ECRAF will create a knowledge exchange database, analyse military road traffic statistics and develop recommendations to improve Road Safety within the Armed Forces in Europe.

Article 5 - Members

ECRAF is open to all Armed Forces in Europe. All Armed Forces in Europe can after a formal request, be a full member of ECRAF. Membership is approved by the General Assembly. The new member have to declare to the General Assembly that they accept the Statutes and the Strategy- and Action Plan.

National Road Safety Partner Organizations can be invited to participate as a part of a national delegation. In addition international organizations, institutions and experts can be invited to attend ECRAF events.

Article 6 - Observers

Non European Armed Forces can be invited as observers.

Article 7 - Annual subscription etc.

Membership is free to participating nations. Each nation participating in the Congress and the General Assembly must pay an annual subscription that funds the Annual Congress, the General Assembly and the administrative costs. The subscription for the forthcoming year will one year in advance as a part of the annual budget process be decided by the General Assembly

Article 8 - General Assembly

The General Assembly is the superior decision forum of ECRAF, and shall discuss and decide all important political and organizational issues. Each national delegation has one vote.

The General Assembly shall approve the accounts from the previous year and the proposed budget including the subscription for the coming year. The Executive Committee is responsible for the governance and audit of the accounts. The actual documents shall be sent to all the delegates by end of June before the General Assembly.

The General Assembly shall elect the President, the Vice-President and other members of the EC. – normally valid for a period of two years up to a maximum of four years in the same position. The General Assembly shall appoint an Election Committee in order to prepare the coming elections according to the ECRAF guidelines for elections. Actual documents shall be sent to all the delegates by end of June before the General Assembly.

Article 9 - Extraordinary General Assembly

An Extraordinary General Assembly can be held on demand of 1/3 of the members.

Article 10 - Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of the President, the Vice-President (The Presidency) and three other representatives from the member nations. By equality of votes, the President's vote is decisive.

The Executive Committee is responsible for running the organisation between the annual Congresses, and meets as often as necessary.

The Executive Committee leads and coordinates the Standing Working Groups (SWG), decides, based on the will of the delegates at General Assembly, the matters to be worked on by Ad Hoc Working Groups (AWG) and prepares each group reports for the next General Assembly.

The President is together with the Executive Committee, the Secretariat and the host country, responsible for the planning and carrying out of the annual meetings. The host country meets in the Executive Committee when issues related to the next congress are discussed or are going to be decided.

Article 11 - President

The President is responsible for the management and coordination of all ECRAF tasks, and he is the Chairman of the EC. The President supports, in cooperation with the members of the Executive Committee, all member countries armed forces in their joint effort to effectively improve accident prevention.

Duties and authority are described in the Requirements for election of members of the Executive Committee in Annex A.

Article 12 - Secretariat

The main task of the Secretariat is to write minutes from meetings, prepare actual documents, manage and run the web site, do the secretary function for the Election Committee and assist the President.

The establishment and running of the ECRAF Secretariat is the responsibility of the President.

Article 13 – Changing Statutes

Changing the Statutes shall be proposed in writing to the EC no later than three calendar months before the next GA is due to be held.

For adoption such changes require the approval of at least two thirds of the present national delegates at the GA.

Article 14 - Shut down

Any decision to shut down ECRAF must be taken at the annual or extraordinary General Assembly . It must be decided with a majority of at least 75% of the present members at the General Assembly. In that case any remaining funds of ECRAF must be donated to some non commercial organization working for road safety or helping casualties of road accidents, as decided by the General Assembly.
