



## **Constitution of the humanitarian medical organisation *Developing Medicine***

### **Part I – Formal provisions**

- A. The humanitarian medical organisation “Developing Medicine” is constituted as a company limited by guarantee under the law of the United Kingdom and is referred to as “the organisation” throughout this Constitution.
- B. The organisation and its property will be administered and managed in accordance with the provisions set out in Parts I, II, III, IV, V and VI of this Constitution, as well as the laws of the United Kingdom.
- C. The name of the organisation is *Developing Medicine*, which may also be abbreviated to “DM” or “dm”, as per the logo and trademark affixed above.
- D. The model articles which were adopted at the time that the organisation was incorporated in the United Kingdom will be taken to form part of this Constitution.

### **Part II – Non-profit objectives of the organisation**

- A. To contribute to the improvement of healthcare systems within developing countries.
- B. To provide physical medical resources and assistance to patients and displaced people within developing countries.

- C. To provide digital medical resources for the use of patients and displaced persons within developing countries.
- D. To campaign, and advocate for the rights of, patients in developing countries and displaced people seeking relief and refuge from poverty and violence.
- E. To assist other non-governmental organisations with these same objectives.

### **Part III – Governance of the organisation**

- A. The executive of the organisation consists of a board presided over by a director.
- B. The director shall be responsible for the day-to-day decisions of the organisation but shall remain responsible to the board.
- C. The board shall always include at least one medical practitioner and at least one medical practitioner who is a national of a developing country.
- D. Any medical practitioner or healthcare professional who contributes to the work of the organisation (whether voluntarily or for payment) is regarded as a member of the organisation (unless such a person chooses not to be a member).
- E. All members of the organisation may nominate to sit on the organisation's board.

### **Part IV – Accounts and revenue**

- A. Any income and property of the organisation shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects stated in Part II of the Constitution.
- B. In the event that the organisation generates any revenue, the accounts of the organisation will be publicly published within one calendar month of that revenue's receipt.
- C. In the event that the organisation ever accepts financial donations, all donations will be publicly published within one calendar month of their receipt. However, the donor may choose to remain anonymous.
- D. The accounts of the organisation will at all times be conducted transparently and according to the highest standards of probity.
- E. For the purposes of this Part, publication on the organisation's website satisfies the requirement of public publication.

## **Part V – Rules of Organisation**

- A. The organisation will only make payments for services to persons who are nationals of developing countries or persons who are residing in developing countries.
- B. People who are not nationals of developing countries or who are not residing in developing countries may only work for the organisation voluntarily.
- C. For the purposes of Articles A and B of this Part, the Director is accorded with discretion as to whether a person is a national of, or residing in, a “developing country”. That discretion may be guided by the World Bank’s classification of low income and lower-middle income countries.
- D. The operations of the organisation, including the purchase and use of capital infrastructure, shall be carried out in developing countries as far as possible.
- E. For the purposes of Article D of this Part, the Director is accorded with discretion as to the definition of a “developing country”. That discretion may be guided by the World Bank’s classification of low income and lower-middle income countries.

## **Part VI – Amendment and dissolution**

- A. This Constitution, including this Article, may be amended through a majority vote of the organisation’s board or a majority vote of the organisation’s membership.
  - B. A majority of the Board or a majority of the membership may elect to dissolve the organisation.
-