

P R E A M B L E

The first European Congress of Exiles and Refugees that were Victims of Fascism and Nazism in 1920-1945, which was organized by the Society of Slovene Exiles 1941-1945 and was held on 6th June 2009 in Ljubljana, was visited by delegations of organizations and societies from Slovenia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Czech Republic, Croatia, France, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Serbia and Ukraine. We adopted the resolution to form the International Committee of Exiles and Refugees that were Victims of Fascism and Nazism in 1920-1945. The first meeting of the Committee, which will be held in order to constitute the Committee and adopt the rules concerning its operation, shall be convened by the Society of Slovene Exiles 1941-1945.

Taking the abovementioned conclusions in account, the International Committee adopted the following rules on 4th June 2010.

R U L E S

on operation of International Committee of Exiles and Refugees that were Victims of Fascism and Nazism in 1920-1945

Article 1

These rules regulate tasks of the Committee, the manner of its operation and its financing.

Article 2

International Committee operates as a coordinative, organizational and interconnecting authority for societies and organizations of exiles and refugees that were victims of Fascism and Nazism, whose representatives are in the Committee.

Article 3

Tasks of the Committee in particular:

- o To take care of preserving historic facts concerning violence and genocide politics towards European nations during Second World War;
- o To encourage collection of memories and testimonies as well as museum exhibits;
- o To strive for expansion of museum collections and to form the European Museum of Exiles and Other Victims of Fascism and Nazism.

- o To encourage education for prevention of all forms of racism and evil, which was caused by Fascism and Nazism;
- o To design the internet page about abovementioned problems (of Fascism and Nazism);
- o To call attention to renewed occurrences of Fascism, Nazism and other forms of racism and to call upon the governments to prevent these occurrences;
- o To monitor the manner of caring for civilian victims of war violence in individual countries and impart upon the European Union, Council of Europe and the Board of Trustees of the German foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future, the responsibility to improve the condition and extend psycho-social and medical care to the victims of Fascism and Nazism;
- o To raise the question of war reparations for damages caused during Second World War;
- o To alert about dissatisfactory realization of conclusions brought at peace and reparation conferences after Second World War and therewith demand clear positions as well as measures of countries that adopted them;
- o To monitor and get acquainted with already realized rights of exiles and forced labourers in individual countries;
- o To take care of sharing the experiences related to operation of individual organizations and societies;
- o To encourage members to cooperate with their local government authorities, scientific and educational institutions and related world organizations in realization of goals of their operation;
- o To cooperate with newspapers, radio, television and other means of public communication;
- o To acquaint their members and governments of their countries with these rules and operation of societies as well as organizations;
- o To try and win support of other societies and organizations with similar tasks in other countries.

Article 4

The International Committee shall as a rule meet on an annual basis, always in a different country wherein the member operates.

The members of the Committee shall send invitations for various major events and exhibitions to the interested organization and societies throughout the year.

Article 5

Each society or organization of exiles and refugees from an individual country shall name one representative and one deputy for the Committee.

The member mandate shall be four years long.

Article 6

The International Committee has a Chairman and three Vice-chairmen that are appointed or elected by the members of the Committee.

The mandate of the Chairman and Vice-chairman shall be two years long.

Article 7

The main contents of an individual Committee meeting shall be prepared by the society or organization of the individual country in charge of convening that particular meeting.

The convener and organizer of the meeting shall bear all costs of convening the meeting and costs of lodging.

Article 8

The authority that is responsible for the convention of the meeting shall harmonize the date and location of the meeting and inform other Committee members at least three months before the meeting itself.

The invitation to convene the meeting with prepared material must be received by Committee members at least one month before the actual date of the meeting.

Article 9

The Committee members shall come to agreement about the order of the future meetings at their first meeting.

Alternative:

The order of International Committee meeting convening shall be established according to the alphabetical order of the Committee members.

If an individual Committee member that is in charge of convening a meeting would not be able to realize the meeting due to objective reasons, it has to inform other members at least four months before the agreed upon date so that the session can be convened by the next country on the list in due time.

Article 10

The central archive of the International Committee operation shall be managed by the Slovenian Society of Exiles 1941-1945. Other members of the Committee shall forward documentation pertaining to those meetings that were their responsibility.

Article 11

The invitations and materials for the International Committee meeting shall be prepared in English language, but will later be translated to local language by each individual country itself, if necessary.

Article 12

The members of the Committee shall send materials, publications and photographs concerning genocide policies, Fascist and Nazi violence to the Information Centre of the Slovene Society of Exiles 1941-1945 and for the European Museum of Exiles, which is currently being formed.

Article 13

These rules enter into force immediately upon their adoption at the first meeting of the International Committee in Ljubljana on 4th June 2010.

International Committee
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