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CONSTITUTION OF
BANGLADESH ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

NAME

The name of the Society shall be Bangladesh Association New Zealand Incorporated. Hereinafter referred to as the 'Association'.

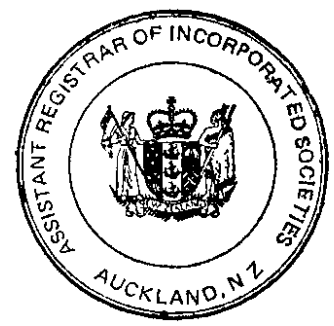
OBJECTIVES

- 2. (a) To promote better communication and liaison between the people of Bangladesh in New Zealand.
- (b) To promote better communication and understanding between the Association and government and its various departments, local authorities, other groups and individuals for the benefit of Bangladeshi people.
- (c) To co-ordinate and assist the efforts of the Bangladeshi community throughout New Zealand for the progress and development and the betterment of the said community.
- (d) To promote and encourage Bangladeshis to be proud of their custom, language, culture and values.
- (e) To make such representation to government or government organisations both non and statutory as required in the fulfilment of the Association's objectives.
- (f) To purchase, take lease, exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal real estate which may be deemed necessary or expedient for the purposes of the Association.
- (g) To take any gift or property whether or not subject to any trust for one or more objects of the Association. To construct and maintain or alter any houses, building or works necessary or expedient for the purposes of the Association.
- (h) To manage, lease, mortgage, sell or otherwise deal with all or part of the Associations Property.

This is the document made at AUCKLAND this 30th day of April 1991 before me.
 MANAGER NZ POST
 SYMONDS STREET
 OFFICER DULY AUTHORISED
 TO TAKE AND RECEIVE
 STATUTORY DECLARATIONS.

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- (i) To take such step by personal or written appeals, Public meetings or otherwise as from time to time may be deemed expedient for the objective of the Association and to procure contributions to the funds of the Association in the form of grants, donations, contributions, annual subscription or otherwise.
- (j) To invest any monies of the Association not immediately required for any of its objectives in such manner as may from time to time be determined.
- (k) To do all such other lawful things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of or all the objectives.
- (l) To borrow monies if required subject to an approval by the General body prior to any such borrowing by two third majority.

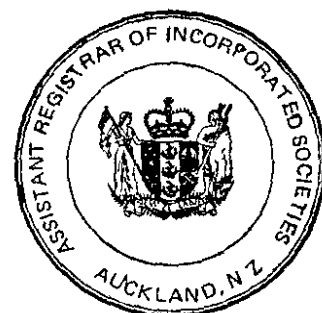
3. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Association is entitled to levy the members for an annual subscription, the sum of which shall be determined at an anual General Meeting.

4. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of fifteen Members namely:

- (a) President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Media/Government Liaison, Organisation & Functions, Religion, Culture, Sports, Publicity & Publication, and Five Executive Committee Members
- (b) Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the members of the Association in a General Meeting and they shall hold office for a period of one year.
- (c) An officer of the outgoing Executive Committee may be eligible for re-election up to three consecutive years after which one year of waiting period will apply before recontesting for election.
- (d) Five members present in person shall constitute a quorum of Executive Committee Meetings.



- (e) Any member of the Executive Committee who is absent without leave from three consecutive meetings shall therefore vacate that office. The Executive Committee may appoint, after consultation with that group, some other person to be a member of the Executive Committee in place of any person so removed or any person who may have resigned and the person so appointed shall be entitled to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when new officers are elected.
- (f) The President shall be Chairperson of all Executive Committee Meetings as well as the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings. In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall be Chairperson of the said meetings and in the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the members present at an Executive Committee or a General Meeting may elect one of their members Chairperson for that meeting.
- (g) The President may at any time upon not less than twentyfour hours notice convene a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- (h) If there is no quorum present within half an hour after the time fixed for commencement of a meeting of the Executive Committee the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day and hour the following week. Those present at such adjourned meeting shall constitute a quorum and shall be competent to transact all business for which the meeting was called.
- (i) Voting at Executive Committee Meetings shall be by show of hands or by a poll, each member of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to record only one vote.
- (j) The Executive Committee shall have power to delegate to any of its members for any specified purpose such powers it may deem necessary. It shall also have the power to form sub-committees and to co-opt any person to such sub-committees should it deem necessary.

5. PRESIDENT

The President will preside over all meetings of the Association, take care of overall administration of the Association, send representatives to various functions who have invited the Association. To provide moral and public support for its members who are wronged by law due to racial, religious or sex discrimination.



6. TREASURER
The Treasurer shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Association and shall pay into such bank as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct to the credit of the Association all moneys received and shall submit a statement of the Association having been previously examined and certified correct by an auditor appointed by the Executive to the Annual General Meeting. All payments out of the funds of the Association shall be made by order of the Executive Committee by cheques signed in such manner as the Executive may direct.
7. SECRETARY
The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall produce such minutes at all meetings and when required. He will also be in charge of PO Box, will answer all mail received by the Association. All the mail received by the Association will be discussed at the executive meeting.
8. MEDIA/GOVERNMENT LIAISON
The executive member responsible for Media/Government/Liaison will issue press statements, seek legitimate funds from various government agencies and in future publish a newsletter when directed to do so by the Executive Committee.
9. ORGANISATION & FUNCTIONS
The executive member for functions when directed by the Executive Committee will organize events such as charity bazzars to raise funds for the Association.
10. MEMBERSHIP
- (a) Every Bangladeshi over the age of 18, of personal decendant from Bangladesh residing in New Zealand will be eligible for membership, including dependants.
- (b) Associate Members: Membership is open to others as associate members subject to the condition that they respect the objectives of the association. Associate members do not have voting rights. They can however, give suggestions pertaining to the activities and operating procedures of the association.



- (c) Any person eligible for membership may apply by lodging an application with the secretary for approval and acceptance by the Executive Committee whose decision will be final. No further communication will be entered into.
- (d) Any eligible person who has applied for membership can be admitted for full membership at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- (e) A member may resign from the organisation by giving notice in writing of resignation to the secretary. Membership fee for the unexpired period will not be refunded.
- (f) A member ceases to be a member of the Association if he or she is expelled from the Association by the Executive Committee through breaking the rules of the Association or if his/her action has brought or may bring a discredit to the good name of the Association.
- (g) Unless membership fee is paid in full within three months of the AGM, membership will lapse and members name deleted from the register.
- (h) Any member who joins the association in the second half of any year shall pay one half of the annual fee for that year.

11. MEETINGS

(a) Annual General

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Month of April every year. A date will be fixed by the Executive Committee as soon as it can be conveniently arranged for the following purposes:

- (1) To receive the Annual Report and statement of accounts for the preceding year duly audited by the Auditors appointed by the Association.
- (11) To elect members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.
- (111) To consider Notices of Motion provided that if the carrying of any such proposed motions would materially affect any of the abovementioned business then such motion shall be dealt with prior to such business.



- (iv) To set the membership fee for the ensuing year.
- (v) To elect the Auditor for the ensuing year.

At least fourteen days notice of the date of such meeting shall be given by post by the Secretary to members and a copy of such notice shall be posted at the Registered Office.

(b) Special General Meeting

- (1) A Special General Meeting shall be deemed to have been duly convened if a notice calling the meeting and setting forth the general nature of the business be posted to each member at least seven days prior to the meeting.
- (11) At the written request of not less than one-third of the financial members (such request to state the business to be brought forward), the Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Association to consider same, such meetings to be held giving fourteen days notice.

12. QUORUM

- (a) At any General Meeting of the Association there shall be not less than one-third of the members in person in order to form a quorum. If there is no quorum present within half an hour after the time fixed for commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day and hour the following week. Those present at such adjourned meetings shall be competent to transact all the business for which the meeting was called.
- (b) Voting shall be by submission of voting paper sent with AGM notice.

13. WINDING UP OR DISSOLUTION

- (a) The Association may be wound up voluntarily if at a General Meeting of its members a resolution was passed requiring the Association to be wound up, and the resolution is confirmed at a subsequent General Meeting called together for that purpose and held not earlier than thirty days after the date on which the resolution so to be confirmed was passed.

