

CHAPTER 11. BRANCHES

Article 34. Organisation

- 34.1 An entity, with or without legal personality, may be recognised as a Branch by the Executive Board, upon the following conditions:
- a. the Branch comprises at least ten members whose place of residence or work is located in the same jurisdiction, or in several closely related jurisdictions;
 - b. there is no existing Branch in the relevant jurisdiction or jurisdictions;
 - c. the Branch collects from its members and transfers to the Association the annual contribution referred to in Article 9.2, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the General Secretariat and approved by the Executive Board;
 - d. the Branch acts in line with the purpose of and in the best interest of the Association.
- 34.2 Each Branch is organised according to its own statutes which must be approved by the Executive Board. The statutes shall provide that the Executive Board has the right to nominate one of the members of the highest management/executive body of the Branch.
- 34.3 A Branch may cease to be recognised by the Executive Board if the conditions outlined in Article 34.1 cease to be met, or if the Branch pursues actions that are greatly incompatible with the values, purposes or interests of the Association.
- 34.4 Decisions of the Executive Board regarding the recognition, the approval of statutes or the cessation of a Branch, as referred to in Articles 34.1, 34.2 and 34.3, may be appealed within thirty (30) days of receipt by the Branch concerned, for decision at the next meeting of the General Assembly. An appeal shall have suspensory effect. A representative of the Branch concerned may attend the meeting of the General Assembly and state their case orally and/or in writing.

Article 35. Duties

The Branches are responsible for organising activities in line with the purpose of IFA in their jurisdiction or jurisdictions, on their own initiative or, when appropriate, in conjunction with the Region.