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**DRAFT DATED 15 MAY 2025
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**INCORPORATION
STICHTING WECAN**

Today, the [*] day of [*] two thousand and twenty-five, appeared before me, Alexander Joannes Wiggers, civil-law notary in Amsterdam, the Netherlands:

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acting pursuant to a written power of attorney from:

Anita Kienesberger, born on the twelfth day of January nineteen hundred and sixty in Gmünden, Austria, residing at Burggasse 114/2/1, 1070 Vienna, Austria, registered as a partner,

hereinafter referred to as: the "**Incorporator**".

The person appearing, acting in said capacity, declared that she/he hereby incorporates a foundation (*stichting*) with the following articles of association:

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION:

DEFINITIONS

Article 1:

1. In these Articles the terms listed below have the following meaning:

"**Affiliated Organisations**" means the affiliated organisations accepted by the Foundation within the meaning of Article 12;

"**Articles**" means the Foundation's articles of association;

"**Board of Directors**" means the Foundation's board of directors (*bestuur*);

"**Operating Rules**" means the regulations (*reglement*) governing the operations of the Foundation in addition to but not conflicting with the Articles;

"**Board of Trustees**" means the Foundation's supervisory board (*raad van toezicht*);

"**Chair of the Board of Directors**" means the Member of the Board of Directors who is appointed as chair within the meaning of Article 4 paragraph 8;



"Foundation" means the foundation whose internal organisation is governed by these Articles;

"General Assembly" means the corporate body consisting of the Affiliated Organisations within the meaning of Article 12;

"Member of the Board of Directors" means a member of the Board of Directors;

"Member of the Board of Trustees" means a member of the Board of Trustees;

"President of the Board of Trustees" means the person who is appointed as chair of the Board of Trustees with the title President within the meaning of Article 9 paragraph 4.

2. References to articles are references to articles of these Articles, unless otherwise expressly stated. References in a singular form have a similar meaning when these Articles refer to the plural form and vice versa. References in these Articles to "he" is also meant to refer to "she". References in these Articles to "his" is also meant to refer to "her".

NAME AND SEAT:

Article 2:

1. The Foundation's name is: **Stichting WECAN**.
2. The Foundation may also present itself under the name: **WECAN Foundation** and **WECAN**.
3. It has its statutory seat at Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

OBJECTIVES:

Article 3:

1. The objectives of the Foundation are:
 - a. to improve the outcomes for all cancer patients by acting as a well-coordinated cancer patient community towards all stakeholders, by building levels of trust, collaboration, alignment and mutual support between cancer patient umbrella organisations;
 - b. as well as to perform all activities which in the broadest sense relate or may be conducive to the above.
2. The Foundation attempts to achieve these objectives through, *inter alia*,
 - a. the strengthening of collaboration between cancer patient umbrella organisations;
 - b. the alignment on and development of projects and initiatives;
 - c. the provision of resources and training for patient advocates and patient organisations;
 - d. the joint action at advocacy and policy level;
 - e. the contribution to stakeholder projects and initiatives;
 - f. the participation in platforms, networks and consortiums; and
 - g. the procurement of grants and fundraising,



and furthermore everything that is directly or indirectly related or beneficial to the foregoing, all in the broadest sense.

3. The Foundation does not aim to make a profit.
4. The Foundation aims to serve the public interest and aims to be an institution referred to in section 5b of the Dutch State Tax Act (*Algemene Wet inzake Rijksbelastingen*) ('*Algemeen nut beogende instelling*') and to be designated as such by the Dutch tax authorities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 4:

1. The Board of Directors will consist of an unequal number of members, with at least three (3) and no more than seven (7) members. The Board of Trustees determines the number of members.
2. The first Members of the Board of Directors are appointed in the deed of incorporation of the Foundation. The Members of the Board of Directors, other than the first Members of the Board of Directors, will be appointed by the Board of Trustees. The General Assembly may make (non-binding) recommendations for the appointment of the Members of the Board of Directors.
3. A Member of the Board of Directors receives no remuneration. The Members of the Board of Directors may be entitled to reimbursement of the costs (reasonably) incurred by them, in accordance with the Foundation's policies and procedures.
4. A Member of the Board of Directors will be appointed for a period ending of one (1) year and may be reappointed in accordance with the Operating Rules.
5. The membership of a Member of the Board of Directors will end:
 - a. on his death;
 - b. in case the Member of the Board of Directors is a legal entity, on its dissolution;
 - c. on his voluntary resignation;
 - d. on his dismissal by the Board of Trustees;
 - e. on his dismissal by the Board of Directors;
 - f. on his dismissal by the General Assembly;
 - g. if he loses the capacity on the grounds of which he was appointed;
 - h. at the end of the term for which he has been appointed;
 - i. if he has received a final conviction for a crime; or
 - j. through the loss of the free disposal of his assets (bankruptcy, debt restructuring).
6. If one or more Members of the Board of Directors is/are absent or unable to act (*ontstentenis of belet*), the remaining Members of the Board of Directors or the sole remaining Member of the Board of Directors will constitute a competent Board of Directors.

If all the Members of the Board of Directors are absent or unable to act, a natural



person designated for that purpose by the Board of Trustees, shall be temporarily entrusted with the management of the Foundation, notwithstanding the obligation of the Board of Trustees in the event that one or more Members of the Board of Directors are absent, to fill such vacancy or vacancies as soon as possible. The General Assembly may make (non-binding) recommendations for the appointment of the Members of the Board of Directors.

7. The Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors and/or the General Assembly may suspend a Member of the Board of Directors. The suspension may not last longer than two months, unless the relevant suspending corporate body decides before the end of that period to extend it once by a period of no more than two months. The suspended Member of the Board of Directors will be given the opportunity to render account before the relevant suspending corporate body and to be assisted by counsel in doing so. If the relevant suspending corporate body does not decide to dismiss the suspended Member of the Board of Directors, or if the suspension period is not extended within the specified period, the suspension will end.
8. One Member of the Board of Directors is appointed by the Board of Trustees as Chair of the Board of Directors. The duties of a Board of Directors consisting of more than one member are divided by mutual agreement, taking into account the profile on the basis of which the relevant Member of the Board of Directors has been appointed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: TASK AND POWERS

Article 5:

1. The Board of Directors is entrusted with the management of the Foundation. In performing their task the Members of the Board of Directors will focus on the Foundation's interest and its operational organisation.
2. In its capacity of managing the Foundation, the Board of Directors may assign one or more of its tasks and/or powers to other parties, provided that those tasks and/or powers are clearly described. The person exercising powers in that manner will act in the Board of Directors' name and under the Board of Directors' responsibility.
3. Unless the Board of Trustees has granted its prior written approval, the Board of Directors shall not be authorized to enter into agreements to purchase, sell or encumber registered property nor to enter into agreements whereby the Foundation binds itself as surety or joint and several co debtor or guarantees or secures the debts of a third party, nor to represent the Foundation in such transactions.
4. The Board of Directors requires the prior written approval of the Board of Trustees for such (other) resolutions as the Board of Trustees by its explicitly defined resolution has adopted and made known to the Board of Directors.
5. The absence of the approval required pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Article does not affect the representative authority of the Board of Directors.



6. The Board of Directors shall comply with the Operating Rules. Operating Rules may not conflict with the law or with these Articles.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: DECISION-MAKING

Article 6:

1. The Board of Directors shall meet when deemed appropriate by the Chair of the Board of Directors, ideally four (4) times a year. The meetings of the Board of Directors will be convened by means of an invitation shared with all Members of the Board of Directors at least one (1) week prior to the date of the meeting.
2. The Board of Directors will decide by an ordinary majority of the votes validly cast, unless these Articles provide otherwise. A resolution may be adopted only if at least half of the number of the Members of the Board of Directors are present or represented at the meeting. A Member of the Board of Directors may be represented by a fellow Member of the Board of Directors. Each Member of the Board of Directors may cast one vote. If a vote is equally divided, the proposal shall be put to the vote again at the next meeting. If the vote is again equally divided, the proposal shall be rejected.
3. Board meetings may also be held by telephone or video conferencing, or by any other means of communication, provided that each participating Member of the Board of Directors can be heard simultaneously by all others.
4. The Board of Directors may also adopt resolutions (in writing) without a meeting being held, by an ordinary majority of the votes and only insofar as none of the Members of the Board of Directors opposes this manner of decision-making.
5. Minutes must be kept of the business transacted at the meeting. The Board of Directors may decide that a list of resolutions will be drawn up instead of minutes.
6. Members of the Board of Directors must avoid a conflict of interest between them and the Foundation. In the event of a conflict of interest the relevant Member(s) of the Board of Directors shall not participate in the discussions and decision making regarding the relevant matter. In the event that all Members of the Board of Directors have a conflict of interest and as a result thereof no resolution can be adopted by the Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees shall resolve upon the relevant proposal.

REPRESENTATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 7:

1. The Foundation will be represented by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors can also be represented by:
 - the Chair of the Board of Directors acting independently; or
 - two Members of the Board of Directors acting jointly.
2. The Foundation can also be represented by one or more proxy holders (*procuratiehouders*), with due regard for the authority assigned to them for that



purpose by the Board of Directors. The proxy must be granted in writing. The Board of Directors shall determine their title. The requirement to record the proxy in writing can also be fulfilled by recording the power of attorney electronically.

PROVISION OF INFORMATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 8:

1. The Board of Directors must provide the Board of Trustees in a timely manner with the information and data that it requires to perform its task. If the Board of Trustees requests relevant information from the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall provide the Board of Trustees with that information forthwith.
2. The Board of Directors shall inform the Board of Trustees at least once a year in writing about the outlines of the strategic policy, the general and financial risks and the administrative and audit system of the Foundation.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Article 9:

1. The Foundation will have a Board of Trustees consisting of an unequal number of members with at least three (3) persons and no more than five (5) persons. The General Assembly determines the number of members. Only natural persons can be appointed as Member of the Board of Trustees.
2. The first Members of the Board of Trustees are appointed in the deed of incorporation of the Foundation. The Members of the Board of Trustees, other than the first Members of the Board of Trustees, will be appointed by the General Assembly.
3. A Member of the Board of Trustees will be appointed for a period of three (3) years and may be consecutively reappointed.
4. The President of the Board of Trustees will be appointed to that position in office for the period of three (3) years. The President of the Board of Trustees will be selected from its midst by ordinary majority vote of the Board of Trustees. The President of the Board of Trustees may be consecutively reappointed.
5. If one or more Members of the Board of Trustees is/are absent or unable to act (*ontstentenis of belet*), the remaining Members of the Board of Trustees or the sole remaining Member of the Board of Trustees will constitute a competent Board of Trustees.

If all the Members of the Board of Trustees are absent or unable to act, the General Assembly shall be requested to appoint one or more representatives to be temporarily entrusted with the tasks of the Board of Trustees, notwithstanding the obligation of the General Assembly to fill such vacancy or vacancies as soon as possible.

6. A membership of a Member of the Board of Trustees will end:
 - a. on his death;
 - b. on his voluntary resignation;



- c. if he loses the free control over his assets;
 - d. at the end of the period for which he was appointed;
 - e. if he loses the capacity on the grounds of which he was appointed;
 - f. on his dismissal by the Board of Trustees;
 - g. on his dismissal by the General Assembly; or
 - h. if he has received a final conviction for a crime.
7. The Board of Trustees and/or the General Assembly may suspend a Member of the Board of Trustees. The suspension may not last longer than two months, unless the relevant suspending corporate body decides before the end of that period to extend it once by a period of no more than two months. The suspended Member of the Board of Trustees will be given the opportunity to render account before the relevant suspending corporate body and to be assisted by counsel in doing so. If the relevant suspending corporate body does not decide to dismiss the suspended Member of the Board of Trustees, or if the suspension period is not extended within the specified period, the suspension will end.
8. A Member of the Board of Trustees receives no remuneration. The Members of the Board of Trustees may be entitled to reimbursement of the costs (reasonably) incurred by them, in accordance with the Foundation's policies and procedures.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: TASK AND POWERS

Article 10:

- 1. The Board of Trustees is entrusted with the supervision of the policy of the Board of Directors and the Foundation's general affairs. The Board of Trustees will advise the Board of Directors. In performing their task the Board of Trustees will focus on the Foundation's interest and the associated organization.
- 2. In consultation with the Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees may furthermore inspect the Foundation's books, records and correspondence.
- 3. The Board of Trustees shall comply with the Operating Rules. Operating Rules may not conflict with the law or with these Articles.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: DECISION-MAKING

Article 11:

- 1. The Board of Trustees must meet at least once a year. The meetings of the Board of Trustees will be convened by means of an invitation shared with all Members of the Board of Trustees at least one (1) week prior to the date of the meeting.
- 2. The Board of Trustees will decide by an ordinary majority of the votes validly cast, unless these Articles provide otherwise. A resolution may be adopted only if more than one half of the number of the Members of the Board of Trustees are present or represented at the meeting. A Member of the Board of Trustees may be represented by a fellow Member of the Board of Trustees. Each Member of the Board of Trustees

may cast one vote. If a vote is equally divided, the proposal shall be put to the vote again at the next meeting. If the vote is again equally divided, the proposal shall be rejected.

3. Board meetings may also be held by telephone or video conferencing, or by any other means of communication, provided that each participating Member of the Board of Trustees can be heard simultaneously by all others.
4. The Board of Trustees may also adopt resolutions (in writing) without a meeting being held, by an ordinary majority of the votes and only insofar as none of the Members of the Board of Trustees opposes this manner of decision-making.
5. Minutes must be kept of the business transacted at the meeting. The Board of Trustees may decide that a list of resolutions will be drawn up instead of minutes.
6. The meetings of the Board of Trustees can be attended by the Chair of the Board of Directors and the highest-ranking person within the Secretariat, unless one or more members of the Board of Trustees objects thereto.
7. Members of the Board of Trustees must avoid a conflict of interest between them and the Foundation. In the event of a conflict of interest the relevant Member(s) of the Board of Trustees shall not participate in the discussions and decision making regarding the relevant matter. In the event that all Members of the Board of Trustees have a conflict of interest and as a result thereof no resolution can be adopted by the Board of Trustees, the resolution shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees after all, containing a written statement of the grounds on which the resolutions is based.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 12:

1. The Foundation will have a General Assembly, consisting of all Affiliated Organisations. The tasks and/or powers of the General Assembly are described in the Operating Rules.
2. The General Assembly may accept as Affiliated Organisation any organisation that meets the following criteria:
 - a. umbrella patient organisations which have member organisations from at least four (4) European countries with the intention or plan to expand representation across Europe;
 - b. organisations registered as, or legally hosted by, a non-profit entity in a European country (foundation, association, or non-profit corporation; wider Europe not only European Union) or, if incorporated and/or registered outside Europe, should have member organisations from at least four (4) European countries with the clear intention or plan to expand it representation across Europe;
 - c. the majority of members in the governing body of the organisation are ideally cancer patients, carers, former carers, or close relatives of cancer patients; and



- d. the organisation expresses willingness of active participation in the work of the network.
3. Both the registration of an Affiliated Organisation and the acceptance of such Affiliated Organisation by the General Assembly must be in writing. A party can submit a request to be registered as Affiliated Organisation or can be invited by the General Assembly to register as Affiliated Organisation.
4. The membership of the Affiliated Organisation will end:
 - a. on its voluntary resignation from the General Assembly;
 - b. on its removal by the General Assembly.
5. An Affiliated Organisation receives no remuneration. Affiliated Organisations may be entitled to reimbursement of the costs (reasonably) incurred by them, to be determined in accordance with the Foundation's policies and procedures.
6. The General Assembly is authorized to adopt, amend or revoke the Operating Rules, which shall be ratified by the Board of Trustees.

FINANCIAL YEAR; ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Article 13:

1. The Foundation's financial year is equal to the calendar year.
2. The Board of Directors must keep such records of the Foundation's financial position and of all the Foundation's activities, in accordance with the requirements arising from that work, and must keep the relevant books, records and other data carriers in such a way, that the Foundation's rights and obligations are at all times apparent therefrom, whereby income and expenditure can be clearly traced to their source and purpose and whereby it is clear which obligations have been assumed on behalf of the Foundation, by whom and at what moment.
3. Within six months after the end of the financial year, the Board of Directors must prepare the Foundation's annual financial statements as required by the law.
4. The annual financial statements of the Foundation shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees.
5. The annual financial statements must be signed by all the Members of the Board of Directors and the Members of the Board of Trustees; if the signature of a Member of the Board of Directors or Board of Trustees is missing, that fact and the reason must be stated. The documents as referred to in this paragraph, are sent for information purposes to the General Assembly.
6. The Board of Directors must retain the books, records and other data carriers referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article for a period of seven years.

AMENDMENT TO THESE ARTICLES, MERGER AND DEMERGER

Article 14:

1. Upon a written proposal of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors may amend



these Articles and may decide to effect a merger or a demerger. The Board of Directors will decide by two/third majority of the votes validly cast, in a meeting in which all the Members of the Board of Directors are present or represented. In the event that a meeting is held at which the quorum required is not present, any Member of the Board of Directors may convene a subsequent meeting within fourteen (14) business days following such first meeting. In the subsequent meeting, matters which were also on the agenda of the first meeting can be decided upon with a two/third majority validly cast in a meeting in which two/third of the Members of the Board of Directors are present or represented.

2. The amendment to these Articles will not enter into force until a notarial deed of that amendment has been drawn up.

WINDING UP

Article 15:

1. Upon a written proposal of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors may wind up the Foundation. The Board of Directors will decide by two/third majority of the votes validly cast, in a meeting in which all the Members of the Board of Directors are present or represented. In the event that a meeting is held at which the quorum required is not present, any Member of the Board of Directors may convene a subsequent meeting within fourteen (14) business days following such first meeting. In the subsequent meeting, matters which were also on the agenda of the first meeting can be decided upon with a two/third majority validly cast in a meeting in which two/third of the Members of the Board of Directors are present or represented.
2. The provisions of paragraph 1 will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Board of Directors' resolution to wind up the Foundation and to designate the liquidation surplus as referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article.
3. The Foundation will continue to exist after being wound up insofar as that is necessary for the liquidation of its assets. The term in liquidation (*in liquidatie*) must be added to its name in documents and announcements sent out by the Foundation. The liquidation will end the moment no further assets are known to the liquidators.
4. The Members of the Board of Directors will be the liquidators of the Foundation's assets, under supervision of the Board of Trustees.
5. The Board of Directors shall determine the appropriation of the liquidation surplus in the resolution of dissolution, which liquidation surplus will be spent on behalf of or transferred to a public benefit institution within the meaning of Article 5b paragraph 3 sub a of the Dutch State Tax Act ('*Algemeen nut beogende instelling*') with a similar objective as the objective of the Foundation or a foreign institution with a similar objective as the objective of the Foundation.
6. After the liquidation the books and records of the wound-up Foundation must remain



for a period of seven years in the custody of the natural person or legal entity designated by the Board of Directors.

POLICY PLAN

Article 16:

1. Also in connection with the continuity of the activities of the Foundation, the Board of Directors shall draw up a policy plan with an accompanying budget. In the budget, efforts are made to maintain a reasonable balance between expenses and the objective being pursued.
2. The policy plan contains measurable objects for the Foundation, a prioritization of these objects and an analysis. Furthermore, the long term policy plan contains the principles with regard to information, raising awareness, advocacy, acquisition of funds and efficient spending of acquired resources, and the organisation of the process of judgement and decision making with regard to the acquisition and allocation of resources for the benefit of the object.
3. The policy plan is in accordance with the statutory object.
4. The general guidelines of the policy plan will be made known to stakeholders.
5. The board is responsible for execution and the realisation programs and activities implanted in the policy plan. The Board of Directors shall keep the policy plan current and update it as necessary where changes in policy, facts and/or circumstances occur.
6. Any surpluses (as soon as they arise) are used for the public benefit objective. No more assets are held than necessary to enable the Foundation to pursue its objective and continue to meet current payment obligations.

INTERPRETATION OF THESE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Article 17:

The Foundation intends to be an institution referred to in section 5b of the Dutch State Tax Act (*Algemene Wet inzake Rijksbelastingen*) (*Algemeen nut beogende instelling*). These Articles must be interpreted in accordance with this as far as possible.

OTHER CASES

Article 17:

The Board of Directors will decide in all cases for which the law and these Articles and the Operating Rules do not provide.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISION FINANCIAL YEAR

Article 18:

1. The financial year of the Foundation that has started on the date of the Foundation's incorporation shall end on the thirty-first day of December two thousand and twenty-five.
2. This article and its heading shall lapse upon the expiry of the financial year mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article.



FINAL PROVISIONS

Finally the person appearing, acting in said capacity, declared:

- I. As the first Members of the Board of Directors are appointed in this deed:
 1. **Aleksandras Filicevas**, born on the twenty-second day of February nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, in Vilnius, Lithuania, as Chair of the Board of Directors;
 2. **Anita Kienesberger**, born on the twelfth day of January nineteen hundred and sixty, in Gmunden, Austria, as Past Chair of the Board of Directors as referred to in the Operating Rules;
 3. **Ariane Stephanie Weinman**, born on the twenty-second day of December nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, in Boulogne-Billancourt, France;
 4. **Erik Albert Marie Brier**, born on the seventh day of March nineteen hundred and fifty-one, in Hasselt, Belgium;
 5. **Gilliosa Barbara Spurrier-Bernard**, born on the twenty-second day of January nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, in Dover, United Kingdom;
 6. **Karin Kastrati**, born on the sixth day of December nineteen hundred and seventy-three, in Füssen, Germany; and
 7. **Mark Anthony McDonnell**, born on the eighteenth day of January nineteen hundred and sixty-five, in Dublin, Ireland.
- II. The first Members of the Board of Trustees are appointed in this deed, as follows:
 1. **Katherine Mary Anne Redmond**, born on the thirtieth day of July nineteen hundred and sixty-two, in Collina d'Oro, Switzerland, as President of the Board of Trustees;
 2. **Elizabeth Anne Macintyre**, born on the fourteenth day of May nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, in Inverness, Scotland; and
 3. **Jean-Yves Blay**, born on the second day of December nineteen hundred and sixty-two, in Montélimar, France.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The person appearing has been authorised by a written power of attorney, which has been attached (in copy) to this deed.

END

The person appearing is known to me, civil-law notary.

This deed was executed in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on the date stated at the beginning of this deed.

The summarised contents of this deed were stated and explained to the person appearing. All parties were informed of the consequences of the contents of this deed. The person appearing declared to dispense with a full reading of the deed, to have taken due note of the content of the deed well before its execution and to agree with its content.



Immediately following the limited reading, this deed was signed by the person appearing and by me, civil-law notary.