



*Intergovernmental Institution
for the Use of Micro-algae Spirulina
Against Malnutrition*

Inter-governmental Observer to the United Nations Economic and Social Council

CHARTER-TREATY OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTION FOR THE USE OF MICRO-ALGAE SPIRULINA AGAINST MALNUTRITION

PREAMBLE-INTRODUCTORY NOTE:

The Charter/Treaty of the Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Micro-algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition, IIMSAM. Has been signed by its Member States as a conscious of the necessity of improving sustainable development and insure its continuity, Desirous of promoting cooperation in scientific research, to sustain international cooperation and enhance university education, Underlining the importance of micro-algae Spirulina as food (as specified in the annex), as food supplement and nutritional source to eradicate malnutrition, achieve food security and bridge the health divide in favour of populations in need, especially in the Developing Countries, expressing their will to set up national-scaled plants for Spirulina production for humanitarian purposes, Convinced of the necessity of preventing food emergencies due to natural causes or man-made, in the Developing Countries, Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

In order to attain the objectives stated in this Agreement the Parties hereby establish to set up an Intergovernmental Institution named: -- Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-algae Spirulina (Spirulina Program) Against Malnutrition which is a Collaborative Inter-governmental Scientific Research Institute (C.I.S.R.I)"to promote scientific research, initiatives and education in favour of international cooperation to utilize Spirulina to eradicate malnutrition, achieve food security and bridge the health divide for the peoples of the world".

Article 2



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The Inter-Governmental Organisation is composed of:

- 1) General Council of Member States
- 2) Secretariat
- 3) IIMSAM-Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-algae Spirulina (Spirulina Program) Against Malnutrition, the affairs being run under the sole jurisdiction of the Secretary-General with **complete autonomy**.

Article 3

The General Council of Member States, formed by the Representatives of the Parties, meets once a year, Summoned by the Secretary-General of IIMSAM to deliberate on the issues on the agenda, to formulate internal rules and procedures and to create, as the case may be, other affiliated bodies. The General Council of Member States is chaired by a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, elected every two Years and deliberates at simple majority (one vote for each Party).

Article 4

The Secretariat of the Institution is composed of a Secretary-General, appointed every Five years by the General Council of Member States and who may be re-elected, and of members of staff, officials, scientific advisors and Facilitators, Official Working Partners as well as technical and scientific commissions, appointed by the Secretary-General. The Secretariat is responsible for the ordinary and the extraordinary administration of the Institution. The Secretary-General, officials and envoys of the Institution as well as its seats, delegations and properties are granted diplomatic status in adhering Countries

Article 5

The Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition, IIMSAM, has an Observer Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNECOSOC Resolution 2003/212-- under the administration of a Secretary General and appointed every five years by the General Council of Member States. The Institution is composed of diplomatic personnel, experts, researchers, goodwill ambassadors and other members of staff appointed by the Secretary-General under his sole discretion in consultation with Senior IIMSAM Secretariat Members, with the aim to promote studies, research and initiatives for the humanitarian utilization of micro-algae Spirulina as food for populations in need. IIMSAM is self funding and will



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carry out activities through public and private funding, grants from the Member States and others, contributions managed under a voluntary fund under the Secretary General's guidance and authority. The Secretary General is responsible for the ordinary and the extraordinary administration of IIMSAM, its officials and envoys of the IIMSAM as well as its seats, delegations and properties are granted diplomatic status in adhering Countries and Non Official Member States on a case by case basis where the Secretary General has negotiated for such status.

Article 6

The Institute is self funding and will carry out its activity through public and private voluntary grants and contributions, which shall be managed as a Special Voluntary Fund. However, it shall not deter the Member States to help IIMSAM fulfill its commitments to the peoples of the world by making voluntary grants/contributions.

Article 7

The present Agreement does not entail any financial obligation for the Parties. However, the Member States are free to make voluntary grants/contributions to help IIMSAM fulfill its commitments to the peoples of the world.

Article 8

Each Party may, at any time, withdraw from this Agreement. The Parties agree that, whenever, as a result of withdrawal of one or more Parties here from, the plurality of Parties should temporarily be discontinued, the Secretariat shall be empowered to carry on, as extraordinary administration, the activity of the Institute, resolving on the relevant issues relating to such activity.

Article 9

This Agreement enters into force on the date of the second signature hereof, and shall be open for approval or adhesion by signature of the present document or by deposit of formal instrument with the depositary.

ANNEX:

- I) IIMSAM Headquarters in New York.
- II) Spirulina: the term Spirulina used in this Agreement refers to the following varieties: Spirulina Arthrospira Platensis and following kinds: lonar, maxima, geitleri, Mexicana and so on, and to every other edible quality of Spirulina



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