

L.N. 20 of 1995

EDUCATION ACT

(CAP. 327)

**STATUTE I 17 — THE FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL
STUDIES (ESTABLISHMENT AS UNIVERSITY ENTITY)
STATUTE, 1994**

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 30(5) and 31(6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following statute made by the Council of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by sections 28(h), 31(2) and 33(c) of the said Act:

Title

1. This statute may be cited as Statute I 17 — The Foundation for International Studies (Establishment as University Entity) Statute, 1994.

Establishment as Entity

2. The Foundation for International Studies situated in the building in St Paul's Street, Valletta, formerly housing the University, is hereby established as a University entity with its own statute as set out in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE

Statute of the Foundation for International Studies

Article One

1. The name of the Foundation shall be the "Foundation for International Studies" which shall be a self-governing body situated at the building in St Paul Street, Valletta where the University was formerly housed, or any other premises as may from time to time be determined by the Board referred to in Article Three.

Article Two

2. The objectives of the Foundation will be:

(a) to promote and support Institutes, Centres or other units of the University with an international character, or such other bodies as the University indicates and the Foundation recognises;

(b) the organisation of conferences, courses, seminars, workshops and other activities with an international dimension;

(c) the promotion of university courses, the facilitation of student and staff exchanges, and the welfare of foreign students following courses locally;

(d) the securing of financial and other resources from abroad in support of the above mentioned objectives.

Article Three

(i) The Foundation shall be governed by a Board of Trustees which will be finally responsible for the administration of the property movable and immovable, bestowed upon or acquired by the Foundation.

(ii) (a) The Board shall be composed of the following members:

- the Rector of the University (as Chairman);
- the Director-General of the Foundation (Deputy Chairman), who shall be appointed, under appropriate terms for a five-year period by the Prime Minister after consultation with the Council of the University and the Board;
- one person appointed by the Council of the University;
- two persons appointed by the Senate of the University;
- the Director-General of UNESCO, *ex-officio*;
- the Executive Director of UNCP, *ex-officio*;
- not more than three executive directors, or their nominees, of international or regional, governmental organisations concerned with the Foundation's objectives, who shall be appointed by the Prime Minister;
- not more than four scholars of repute coopted by the Board itself;
- not more than one member nominated by each body or person having contributed at least twenty-five thousand Maltese Liri (Lm25,000) or their equivalent to the Foundation.

(b) the Chairman of the Boards of Institutes supported by the Foundation, or their representatives may be invited to attend meetings of the Board as observers.

(c) the nominated persons shall serve for three years and may be re-appointed.

(iii) The Board shall determine general policy regarding the activities, organization and financial administration of the Foundation and shall approve its budget.

(iv) The Board shall determine its own rules of procedure. Decisions of the Board shall be taken by a simple majority.

(v) The Board shall be convened at least once a year.

(vi) The quorum for the Board shall consist of forty per cent of the voting membership.

Article Four

(i) The Foundation shall be represented by the Director-General or a person duly nominated by the Board.

(ii) The ordinary administration of the Foundation shall be vested in the Director-General who shall be the body's chief academic and administrative officer. He shall also be an ex-officio member of the Boards of Institutes supported by the Foundation.

(iii) The Director-General is empowered to enter into contracts of service and to make appointments on behalf of the Foundation, in accordance with the policy established by the Board.

Article Five

(i) The audited accounts of the Foundation shall be presented by the Director-General for examination and approval by the Board. A copy of the audited accounts, together with a report on the Foundation's activities, shall be annually presented to the Council of the University.

(ii) The Foundation's auditors shall be appointed annually by the Board.

Article Six

This Statute can be amended by the Board provided that two-thirds of the members composing the same shall vote in favour of such an amendment, with the concurrence of the Council of the University.

Article Seven

In case of the Foundation's dissolution after a recommendation to that effect is made by not less than two-thirds of the Board of Trustees, its property shall go to the University of Malta, provision being made to safeguard the rights of benefactors and donors of the institution.