

**BYLAWS OF THE COUNCIL OF SUPPORTERS OF
ASSOCIAZIONE DI TERRA SANTA - ATS Pro Terra Sancta**

1. OBJECTIVES

The Council of Supporters of ATS pro Terra Sancta (hereinafter the Council) will be composed of those who intend to continuously support the activities of the Association, which has its registered office in Rome at via Matteo Boiardo 16 and operating office in Milan at Piazza Sant'Angelo 2.

In particular the Council will contribute to:

- raise awareness of the scope and activities of the Custody of the Holy Land for the defense of Christianity and the Church, in its "living stones" and in those of the "memory" of its history;
- remind all Christians in the world of their belonging to the Holy Land and of their responsibility to the Mother Church of Jerusalem;
- communicate the programs and projects promoted by ATS;
- advise and help implement new fundraising strategies in relation to private and institutional donors for implementing the projects and programs of ATS;
- advise and help implement partnerships and alliances with businesses, nonprofit organizations and public and private institutions, as well as contacts and networking activities with international agencies and organizations;
- provide advice and proposals to the organs of ATS for enhancing the artistic and cultural heritage and for

social and educational works in the Holy Land.

2.ADMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

Admission to the Council is open to an individual or a representative of an institution, group or other organization that has already made, and promises to continue to make on an annual basis, an offering/contribution/donation in support of the projects of ATS pro Terra Sancta of not less than € 1,000.00, or provides individual voluntary work or services of at least equivalent value.

Admission is by request and is officialized through an act signed by the President of the Council and confirmed by the Steering Committee.

The member of the Council assumes the title of "**Supporter pro Terra Sancta**".

Membership in the Council will be forfeited in the event of continued noncompliance with the contribution commitment.

3.ORGANS OF THE COUNCIL

3.1 CONFERENCE

The members of the Council will meet in Conference, to be held preferably in the Holy Land at least once per year, on the convocation of the President to:

- elect the members of the Steering Committee;
- amend these Bylaws;
- formulate proposals and advice for the Steering Committee, and take all appropriate decisions for the achievement of the aims established by the Council, in

this case also at the request of the President of ATS.

The Conference shall be validly convened by the publication, three months in advance, of the notice in the press organ of ATS, as well as by any means, including electronic, indicating the date, time and place of the meeting.

Decisions of the Conference are to be adopted by open vote with a majority voting in favor.

To amend these Bylaws the presence of a third of the Supporters is required, and voting by proxy is permitted.

3.2 STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee (hereinafter the Committee) is composed of three members elected from the members of the Council and the Administration of ATS pro Terra Sancta.

The term of the Committee will be four years.

The election will be on the basis of the largest number of votes.

In its first session the Committee will elect from among its members the President of the Council.

The Committee, taking into account the proposals and advice of the Conference, is responsible for all tasks and operational decision-making relevant to the specific activities of the Council in accordance with the aims established for it.

It shall meet at least once every six months, upon the convocation of the President of the Council to be communicated to the members at least 5 days in advance.

For the validity of the deliberations the presence of at least three members shall be required. Resolutions are adopted on the basis of votes for and against. In the

case of a tie the President of the Council shall cast the deciding vote.

3.3. PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

The President of the Council represents the Council of Supporters, presides over the meetings of the Conference and of the Steering Committee and implements their respective resolutions, and handles relations with the organs of ATS to assure the maximum consistency of the Council with the aims and programs of ATS. In the event of unforeseen difficulties, he may delegate specific tasks to another member of the Steering Committee.

4. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF ATS

The Council of Supporters will avail itself of the organizational and operational support of ATS pro Terra Sancta, in accordance with appropriate agreements.

The Conference and the Committee may also be convened at the request of the President of ATS, who can always attend their respective meetings, in person or via a delegate, and intervene in the discussion of the topics.

5. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

By signing this document, the undersigned confer upon themselves and accept the quality of founding members of the "Council of Supporters of ATS pro Terra Sancta" and of President and members of the Steering Committee, during the initial activities of the Council until the appropriate elections are carried out by the first Conference, to be held in Jerusalem no later than 15 February 2015.