

# Stichting REDRESS Nederland

## Policy Plan

(adopted 1 February 2017 for the period 1 February 2017 – 31 March 2018)

### Introduction

Stichting REDRESS Nederland was formally established on 7 September 2016. The organization has its registered office and principal place of business in The Hague, The Netherlands, 2517 AN Laan van Meerdervoort 70, 5th floor; 5.04, Tel: +31 708 919 317; [info.nederland@redress.org](mailto:info.nederland@redress.org).

It is registered with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce, registration number: 66793319.

This policy plan is envisaged to be a “living document”. It expresses the Board of Directors’ decision and commitment to have the ANBI charitable status recognised and prolonged for the long-term. Given its recent establishment, this first Policy Plan of REDRESS Nederland is in place for a relatively short period, until 31 March 2018. Thereafter, once the Foundation’s operations have deepened, it is the intention of the Board to adopt a forward looking Policy Plan for successive 3-5 year periods.

### Objectives

The objectives of REDRESS Nederland are to promote throughout the world justice for victims of torture and related international crimes and to support victims in their efforts to secure reparation for the harm they suffered. REDRESS Nederland is working to eradicate the practice of torture worldwide, support victims of torture and end impunity for the perpetrators.

REDRESS Nederland is a victim-centred organisation; it works to support, empower and give voice to victims’ concerns, interests and perspectives in all aspects of its work.

The objective of REDRESS Nederland is not to gain profits.

### General activities:

REDRESS Nederland makes every effort to attain and accomplish its objectives by:

- Promoting legal assistance to individuals and communities in securing their rights;
- Carrying out research and sharing information;
- Advocating with governments, parliaments, international organizations and the media;
- Working in partnership with like-minded organizations around the world.

Owing to its principal place of business in The Hague, the Netherlands – the city of international justice, REDRESS Nederland places emphasis in its work, as relevant and appropriate, on:

- Collaborations with international justice institutions, international organizations, civil society organizations, academic and policy centres as appropriate present in The Hague;
- Pan-European work, including collaborations with the Secretariat of the European Network of contact points in respect of persons responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes based in The Hague, and with justice officials, lawyers, civil society groups and victims of torture and related international crimes throughout Europe;
- Targeted work in countries around the world where torture is endemic, in partnership with local justice actors, civil society organizations and victims and other groups which share REDRESS Nederland's values and objectives.

## **Management structure:**

The Board is comprised of:

- **Paul Lomas (Chair)**, Former Partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- **Willa Maria Geertsema (Honorary Treasurer)**, Consultant, Business owner and Former Director of Finance and Administration at United World Colleges (UWC)
- **Rianne Letschert (Secretary)**, Rector Magnificus, Maastricht University

The members of the Board are not remunerated for their services on the Board however reasonable expenses may be reimbursed.

The current employees are:

- Mr Juergen Schurr (Head of REDRESS Nederland)
- Mr Nader Diab (Legal Officer)

REDRESS Nederland is an independent foundation under Dutch law. It has links to the Redress Trust (registered in The United Kingdom).

## **Fundraising strategy:**

REDRESS Nederland can raise funds by collecting subsidies and other contributions; gifts, bequests and legacies; and all other acquisitions and gains.

In particular, it raises funds from other charitable foundations and trusts, international and regional organizations and public administrations, governments, companies and members of the public. It may also carry out services for other organizations, receive income from the sale of merchandise produced by the organisation or through charity events. Any income received is integrated into the Foundation's accounts and used to fulfil the Foundation's charitable purposes.

The Foundation may also receive funds from the Redress Trust (registered in the United Kingdom) in accordance with any stipulations set by The Redress Trust.

## **Management of funds:**

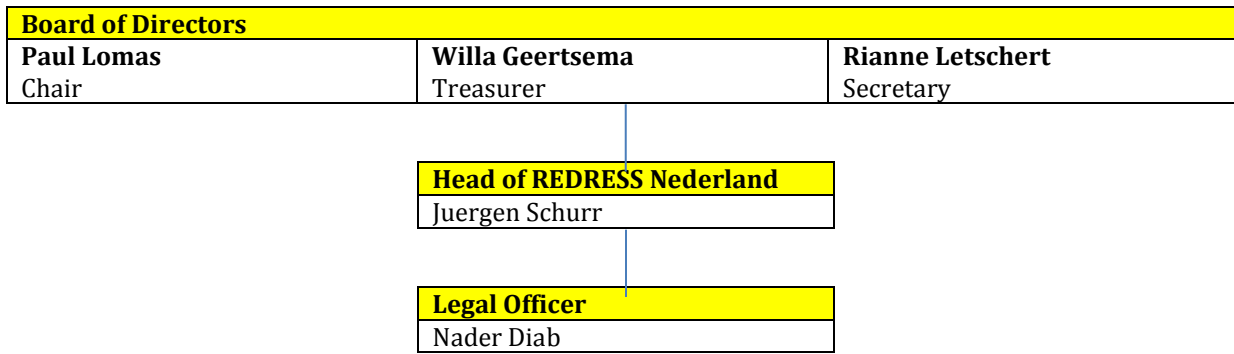
Funds and assets are managed by REDRESS Nederland with the oversight of its Board of Directors. REDRESS Nederland may solicit and receive administrative, financial management and/or other support from the Redress Trust (United Kingdom) to assist it in managing any funds and assets received by the Foundation. However, the ultimate responsibility for the management of any funds and assets received by the Foundation lies with its Board of Directors.

Funds and assets are allocated/spent in accordance with the objectives of REDRESS Nederland. The Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for ensuring that any funds and assets received by the Foundation which are earmarked for a specific purpose or project, align with the objectives of the Foundation.

The Foundation publishes its Annual Accounts at the end of each financial year (which runs 1 April – 30 March) and these are available for inspection by the public.

The Foundation is committed to complying with any and all audit and transparency requirements under Dutch law as well as any further reporting requirements stipulated by its donors.

## REDRESS Nederland Organigram



## REDRESS organizations

<b>REDRESS Nederland</b> Registered in The Netherlands as a Dutch Stichting	<b>The Redress Trust</b> Registered in the United Kingdom, Organization with Charitable Status and a Company Limited by Guarantee	<b>REDRESS USA</b> 501(c)3 status
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## **REDRESS Nederland Mandate**

In accordance with Article 3 of the Articles of Association

1. The objectives of the Foundation are:
  - To promote throughout the world the rehabilitation and protection of victims of torture and to assist them, and where appropriate their families, in gaining redress for their suffering;
  - To support victims of torture in need throughout the world and to provide legal assistance to those seeking redress, including fair and adequate compensation, for the harm they suffered;
  - To procure the abolition of torture by all lawful means including by providing information to those prosecuting torturers and those who conspire with them;

As also to accept bequests with the benefit of inventory and to perform all such further acts and activities as are in the widest sense connected therewith, incidental thereto and/or which may be conducive thereto.
2. The Foundation shall make every effort inter alia to attain and accomplish its objectives by:
  - Providing legal assistance to individuals and communities in securing their rights;
  - Carrying out research and sharing information;
  - Advocating with governments, parliaments, international organisations and the media;
  - Working in partnership with like-minded organisations around the world.
3. The objective of the Foundation is not to gain profits.

## **The functioning of REDRESS Nederland's Board**

**Chair** (Mr Paul Lomas): The responsibility of the Chair is to convene meetings, to seek resolution between Board Members of issues requiring resolution on behalf of the stichting and to communicate between meetings with the Head of REDRESS Nederlands and others and to ensure that the Board is well apprised of any issues requiring consideration in light of the overall responsibilities of the Board under Dutch law and taking into account the charitable nature of the stichting.

**Treasurer** (Ms Willa Geertsema): The responsibility of the treasurer is to oversee the finances of the stichting; to ensure that the stichting is a going concern and that all applicable financial reporting standards are duly complied with. The Treasurer is also responsible for presenting the Annual Accounts to the Board for adoption, to liaise with auditors and other finance specialists and to ensure the transparent handling of REDRESS Nederland's finances.

**Secretary** (Dr Rianne Letschert): The Secretary is responsible for the minutes of the meetings of the Board.

All members of the REDRESS Nederland Board regardless of the designations set out above are tasked with providing guidance and oversight to REDRESS Nederland to ensure that it complies with all statutory and other requirements under applicable Dutch law, and acts in accordance with its charitable objectives in the fulfilment of its mission.