

International committee for
documentation and conservation
of buildings, sites and neighbourhoods of the
modern movement

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DOCOMOMO Constitution

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1. The general aims of DOCOMOMO are:

- a. the exchange of know how and ideas in the field of Modern Movement architecture and design and its documentation and conservation;
- b. to act as watchdog when examples of Modern Movement architecture and urban design are in jeopardy;
- c. to stimulate the interest of the public in general and the proper authorities in particular in Modern Movement architecture and modern design; to make an international register of important Modern Movement buildings to be preserved and/or documented; to formulate new ideas for the future of the build environment based on past experiences of the Modern Movement.

2. Since the circumstances in the participating countries are diverse, national and/or regional DOCOMOMO working parties will operate and organize themselves to suit local requirements. If national or regional working parties will be established, they need the approval of the DOCOMOMO Council before they are recognized as such. See appendices 2.1 and 2.2.

3. The national and/or regional working parties may either take action themselves, or they may primarily function as a 'spider in the web' by stimulating already existing institutions to do so in accordance with their merit.

4. DOCOMOMO International is the sum total of all these national and/or regional activities. The International Secretariat serves as the general communication between the various regional, national and individuals initiatives, by maintaining an information network about people and their activities, as well as about Modern Movement buildings in danger. The International Secretariat intends to publish a Journal twice a year and will assist the DOCOMOMO Executive Committee. See appendices 4.1 and 4.2.

5. Every two years an International DOCOMOMO Conference will be held. The host country (i.e. the host national or regional working party) is appointed by the DOCOMOMO Council at the previous conference. The host national or regional working party is responsible for the organization and the financing of this conference. The main program of the conference will be decided by the host national or regional working party in consultation with the DOCOMOMO Executive Committee. See appendix 5.1.

6. At the International **DOCOMOMO** Conference a plan of action for the next two years is to be adopted. The national or regional **DOCOMOMO** working parties report to the next conference about progress being made.

7. The organizational structure of **DOCOMOMO** is as follows:

a. The national or regional **DOCOMOMO** working parties elect a representative. In countries or regions where no national or regional **DOCOMOMO** working party is in existence as yet, the **DOCOMOMO** Executive Committee can provisionally appoint a national or regional representative.

b. The national or regional **DOCOMOMO** representatives together form the **DOCOMOMO** Council. The **DOCOMOMO** Council decides on a plan of action for the next two years. The council elects a **DOCOMOMO** Executive Committee every two years. Every national or regional **DOCOMOMO** representative has one vote in the Council. See appendix 6.1.

c. The **DOCOMOMO** Executive Committee consists of an elected chairman, an elected secretary, an elected member and an appointed member representing the host national or regional working party responsible for the next International **DOCOMOMO** Conference. The chairman and the secretary are responsible for general international activities and the **DOCOMOMO** International Secretariat. The secretary is responsible for the running of the International Secretariat. The **DOCOMOMO** Executive Committee is accountable to the Council and reports every two years. The **DOCOMOMO** Executive Committee is in no circumstances responsible or accountable for financial or other decisions taken by national **DOCOMOMO** working parties or individual **DOCOMOMO** members. See appendices 7.1 and 7.2.

8. The Council can appoint International Specialist Committees (ISC's) dealing with specific subjects. See appendix 8.1.

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Appendices to the DOCOMOMO Constitution

2.1.1 DOCOMOMO working parties are only those organizations which:

a. are officially recognized as such by the **DOCOMOMO** Council.

b. only those working parties can consume their rights and duties as a working party, that have at least 10 registered members of **DOCOMOMO** International. Exceptions to this rule need the approval of the Executive Committee.

2.1.2 DOCOMOMO working parties have their own legal and financial responsibilities. A working party may be an association, a charity, a foundation or any other structure to suit local habits, requirements or means. If the working party seeks the cooperation with other national or regional organizations, for whatever reason, this is acceptable provided the **DOCOMOMO** working party does not take the subordinate position, and is guaranteed in writing that it can take its decisions, as regards the Eindhoven Statement and the **DOCOMOMO** Constitution, independently.

2.1.3 In order to become a newly established and recognized **DOCOMOMO** national or regional working party, the following requirements have to be met:

a. The working party has to accept the constitution of **DOCOMOMO** International

b. The working party has to submit a Plan of Action showing both its aims as well as its activities for the next two years.

c. If this working party wants to represent a region rather than a country (as accepted by the UN Charter), this working party has to state its cultural and/or its communicative reasons for not joining or forming a national working party.

d. The working party needs the support of the representatives of 4 **DOCOMOMO** working parties for its conception.

e. The working party needs a minimum of 10 future members of **DOCOMOMO** International. In special cases the Executive Committee can make exceptions upon request.

f. The application for membership should be submitted to the **DOCOMOMO** Executive Committee at least three months before the next Council meeting.

g. If and when the Executive Committee agrees with the application it will submit the application to the **DOCOMOMO** Council. The applicant needs a majority of 51% in the Council.

As per June 1 prior to a Council meeting the International Secretariat will produce a list of working parties which are officially recognized by the **DOCOMOMO** Council (i.e. comply with constitution appendix 2.1.1) and have at least 10 registered members (i.e. comply with constitution appendix 2.1.2). For voting rights see appendix 6.1.

DOCOMOMO International has a membership. He or she is a member who has paid the membership fee of **DOCOMOMO** International. The membership of **DOCOMOMO** International is only possible through recommendation of a national or regional working party in which the applicant lives. Registration and payment of the membership fee for **DOCOMOMO** International should happen via the working party concerned. If no national or regional working party exists as yet, the Executive Committee may decide otherwise. The Executive Committee decides on the height of the membership fee. Individuals (and institutions) living in particular countries or regions may be exempted from the membership fee or may get a reduction. This reduction or exemption has no influence on the status of the member concerned. The Council decides which countries will be allegeable for this reduction or exemption. The membership fees are administered by the *Associació Docomomo Internacional*.

4.1.2 The **DOCOMOMO** International Association is a legally established Association in Barcelona, Spain, in accordance with Spanish and Catalan law. In accordance with its statutes it has a chairman (i.e. the elected chairman of **DOCOMOMO**), a secretary (i.e. the elected secretary of **DOCOMOMO**) and a treasurer.

4.1.3 Those wanting to act in the name of **DOCOMOMO** International must be a member of **DOCOMOMO** International, they must act in accordance with the Eindhoven Statement, the **DOCOMOMO** Constitution and its appendices, and they must have the consent of the Executive Committee prior to their activities.

A national or regional working party, who wants to host an International **DOCOMOMO** Conference has to comply with the most recent 'guidelines for organizing an International **DOCOMOMO** Conference'. These guidelines can be obtained from the International Secretariat.

6.1 Only those countries have a vote in the **DOCOMOMO** Council which have complied with the "homework" as described in the Plan of Action, for a two year period.

7.1 The organizational structure of **DOCOMOMO** is as follows:

CHAIRMAN

INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARIAT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
ELECTED CHAIRMAN
ELECTED SECRETARY
ELECTED MEMBER/SPEC. COMM.
APPOINTED MEMBER/INT. CONF.

COUNCIL

REPR.	REPR.	REPR.	REPR.
NAT./REG.	AT/REG.	NAT/REG.	NAT/REG.
WORKING	WORKING	WORKING	WORKING
PARTY	PARTY	PARTY	PARTY

Every national/regional working party who complies with constitution paragraph 2 and appendices 2.1.a and 2.1.b is entitled to send one representative to the **DOCOMOMO** Council. The representative has to be a member of **DOCOMOMO** International. This representative is entitled to participate in all Council matters.

8.1. An ISC will consist of approximately five specialists appointed by the Council of different countries as well as an appointed chairperson. ISC members are not representing their working party, but are expected to take the various points of view in other member countries into account. All working parties not represented in an ISC are requested to appoint a corresponding member on the subject to take care of communication. The chairperson has full responsibility for a Plan of Action, time keeping and the financing of the activities of the ISC and its communication with all other **DOCOMOMO** working parties and members.

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