

The Joseph Rotblat Foundation Charter

General provisions

§ 1

1. Fundacja Józefa Rotblata (the Joseph Rotblat Foundation) shall operate in accordance with the “Bill on Foundations” and this Charter.
2. The Foundation was established by Tomasz Kostrzewa, Anna Marczak, Joanna Roszak hereinafter referred to as the Founders and confirmed in a notarial act by Michał Łukaszewicz – a notary public.

§ 2

1. Warsaw shall be the Headquarters of the Foundation.
2. The term of operations is indefinite.
3. The Foundation shall operate in Poland. If pursuing the Foundation’s goal should require so, the Foundation may also operate abroad.
4. The Foundation is a non-political entity and it is not related to any religion.

§ 3

1. The Foundation shall have a legal entity.
2. The Foundation shall be supervised by the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland.

§ 4

1. The Foundation may use rubber stamps with its identity data.
2. For the purpose of international communication the Foundation may translate its name into selected languages.
3. The Foundation may use a logo.

§ 5

1. The Foundation may create medals, badges, awards etc. and grant them to physical personalities, legal entities and other institutions with no legal personality, who all excel in pursuing goals which are consistent with the Foundation objectives.

Foundation goals and principles of operation

§ 6

The fundamental goal of the Foundation operations is to enhance the awareness of who Joseph Rotblat was and to promote his scientific and social legacy both in Poland and globally, by means of educational and cultural activities.

The Foundation also shall aim to: continue the Joseph Rotblat's efforts for peace, to promote intercultural dialogue, to support the development of science as well as to aid scientists and social activists.

§ 7

1. The Foundation shall try to reach its goals by:
 - a) Running domestic and international projects related to its Charter goals;
 - b) Publishing activities (especially publishing books, papers, films, multimedia);
 - c) Organising conferences, meetings, debates, seminars, exhibitions and other educational events;
 - d) Documenting, cataloguing and sharing Joseph Rotblat related heritage;
 - e) Organising competitions, granting awards and scholarships;
 - f) Holding artistic events;
 - g) Collecting information and materials that may be used for educational activities connected to the Foundation's goals;
 - h) Undertaking scientific, educational, cultural, environmental and sport activities, as well as supporting social initiatives;
 - i) Cooperating with NGOs, public institutions and other entities both in Poland and abroad.

The Foundation's assets and incomes

§ 8

The Foundation's assets include the initial fund of 600 PLN and any other assets or properties acquired during its operations.

§ 9

1. Foundation income shall come from:
 - a) Domestic and international donations, inheritances and bequests;
 - b) Donations, contributions, subsidies and grants

- c) Street collections/fundraising;
 - d) Income from the Foundation's chattels and properties, as well as from property rights;
 - e) Compensations;
 - f) Interests from investments and securities.
2. A donor willing to make a donation for the Foundation may stipulate that the donation should be earmarked for a specific aim. The Foundation's Executive Board may reject such a condition. In such case the Foundation shall return the donation to the donor. If the donor does not specify the donation's aim, the Foundation may use the donated assets in pursuance of any of its Charter specified goals.
 3. The Foundation may accumulate its funds both in Polish Zloty (PLN) and other currencies in banks in accordance with the Polish currency law.
 4. All of the Foundation's income shall be used for pursuing its Charter objectives only.

Foundation's structure

§ 10

1. The Foundation shall have an Executive Board.
2. The Foundation may create an Advisory Board, or advisory boards for selected projects.

The Executive Board

§ 11

1. The Executive Board shall consist of 2 to 5 persons, including the President of the Board, and shall be elected by the Founders. The term is indefinite.
2. The Founders shall form the first Executive Board.
3. New members of the Executive Board may be elected by the current members of the Executive Board by a unanimous resolution.
4. An Executive Board membership shall be terminated:
 - a) If a member of the Board announces his/her resignation in writing;
 - b) If a member of the Board passes away.
5. The Executive Board may elect from among its members a President and Vice-Presidents.

§ 12

1. The Executive Board shall manage the activities of the Foundation and represent the Foundation.
2. The Executive Board responsibilities include:
 - a) Running the Foundation;
 - b) Pursuing its statutory goals;
 - c) Creating project plans and budgets;
 - d) Creating annual reports on the Foundation activities;
 - e) Managing the Foundation's assets;
 - f) Accepting subsidies, donations, bequests, inheritances and contributions;
 - g) Representing the Foundation;
 - h) Employing the Foundation's staff;
 - i) Taking decisions on modifying this Charter;
 - j) Taking decisions on the mergers with other Foundations or the Foundation's liquidation.

§ 13

1. The Executive Board shall meet when needed, at least once every 3 months.
2. A Meeting of the Executive Board shall be announced by the President of the Board by email or a registered letter at least 5 days ahead of the meeting.
3. The President shall preside over the meeting.
3. All members of the Executive Board must be informed about the meeting.
4. The Executive Board undertakes decisions by resolutions supported by a simple majority of the votes with at least half of the members of the Board present. If the votes are equally split, the opinion of the President of the Board is decisive.
5. The members of the Executive Board may receive remuneration.

Foundation's representation

§ 14

1. The Foundation shall be represented by any of the Executive Board members independently, in all matters, including financial ones.

The Advisory Board

§ 15

1. The Foundation may create an Advisory Board.

2. The roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Board shall be defined in a separate resolution by the Executive Board.

Modifying the Charter or its objectives

§ 16

1. The Charter or the Foundation's objectives defined in this Charter may be modified in line with this Charter provisions.
2. The decision on modifying the Charter or its objectives shall be taken by the Executive Board with a simple majority resolution.
3. Charter modifications related to the Foundation's objectives may include extension of the objectives but shall not violate their fundamental meaning.

Merger with another Foundation

§ 17

1. The Foundation may merge with another foundation to enhance the effectiveness of its activities.
2. The merger may not take place if this could result in significant changes to the Foundation's objectives.
3. The decision about the merger with another Foundation shall be taken by the Executive Board.

Foundation's liquidation

§ 18

1. The Foundation shall be liquidated if its objectives have been reached, or if it runs out of its funds and assets.
2. The decision of the liquidation of the Foundation shall be taken by the majority of the entire membership of the Executive Board, with at least half of the members present.
3. If the Foundation is liquidated, the remaining funds and assets may be donated to other organisations with similar objectives that are active in Poland. Such a decision shall be taken by the resolution of the Executive Board.