# "The Bank of New York Mellon"

Public Limited Liability Company Rue Montoyer, number 46 at 1000 Brussels

VAT BE 0806.743.159 RLE Brussels

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MODIFICATION OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION: deed executed by Mr Bertrand Nerinx, associated Notary in Brussels on 24 March 2017, realizing a capital increase as result of the merger by acquisition of "The Bank of New York Mellon (Luxembourg) S.A.", the modifications of the Articles of Association being effective as of 1 April 2017, in the process of being published.

# **TITLE ONE - LEGAL FORM**

# **ARTICLE 1 - NAME**

The company is incorporated under the legal form of a public limited liability company ("société anonyme"). It is named "The Bank of New York Mellon".

In all written documents issued by the company, the name must be preceded or followed immediately by the words "société anonyme" or the initials "SA".

# **ARTICLE 2 - REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office of the company is established at 1000 Brussels, Rue Montoyer, number 46.

The registered office may be transferred to any other location in the Region of Brussels Capital or in the French speaking region by simple decision of the board of directors, which is fully empowered to have a deed executed to enact the modification to the articles of association resulting therefrom.

The company may, by simple decision of the board of directors, establish administrative offices, branches and agencies in Belgium or abroad.

## **ARTICLE 3 - PURPOSE**

Subject to the authorization as a Belgian credit institution being obtained from the Banking, Finance and Insurance Commission (CBFA), the purpose of the company is the carrying out of all banking and savings activities pursuant to Article 3 § 2 of the Law of 22 March 1993 on the legal status and supervision of credit institutions, and more particularly to receive deposits in cash, financial instruments and other assets, to extend credits in any form whatsoever, to conclude any transactions relating to currencies, financial instruments and precious metals, to provide all financial and administrative services, as well as to hold interests in other companies and to carry out all other financial, movable and immovable transactions which directly or indirectly relate to its purpose or facilitate its achievement.

# **ARTICLE 4 - TERM**

The company is incorporated for an indefinite term.

It can be dissolved by decision of the shareholders' meeting deciding under the conditions required for the modification of the articles of association.

# TITLE TWO - CAPITAL - SHARES

# **ARTICLE 5 - CAPITAL**

The subscribed and entirely paid up share capital amounts, since 1 April 2017 to one billion seven hundred and twenty three million four hundred and eighty five thousand five hundred and twenty six Euros and twenty one cents (EUR 1,723,485,526.21). It is represented by one million six hundred and seventy-two thousand and seventeen (1,672,017) shares, without par value, representing each one million six hundred and seventy-two thousand and seventeenth (1/1,672,017<sup>th</sup>) of the statutory capital.

# **ARTICLE 6 - MODIFICATION OF CAPITAL**

The capital may be increased or reduced by decision of the shareholders' meeting under the conditions laid down by law.

In case of capital increase to be subscribed in cash, the new shares must be offered by priority to the shareholders in proportion to the capital represented by their shares and subject to the special regime of shares without voting rights.

The exercise of the preferential subscription right is organized in accordance with the legal provisions.

The shareholders' meeting may, in the company's interest, under the quorum and majority conditions required for the modification of the articles of association and in compliance with the legal provisions, restrict or remove the preferential subscription right.

If, upon a capital increase, an issue premium is requested, this premium will be recorded in the books of the company in a non-available "issue premium" account that will constitute a guarantee to the benefit of third parties to the same extent as the capital and which cannot be disposed of, except for the possibility of conversion to equity, in accordance with the conditions provided in Article 612 of the Companies Code.

# **ARTICLE 7 - CALLS ON SHARES**

Calls for funds are determined by the board itself.

Any payments called are apportioned among all the shares which the shareholder holds. The board may allow the shareholders to pay up their shares in advance, in which case it determines any conditions under which such advance payments are allowed. Advance payments are considered as cash advances.

A shareholder who, after a formal notice sent by registered mail, does not fulfill a request for funds must pay the company interest calculated at the legal interest rate as from the date the payment was due.

The board may also, after a second notice remains unsuccessful within a

month of its date, order the forfeiture of the shareholder and have his/her/its shares sold, without prejudice to the right to claim the outstanding balance and any damages. The net proceeds of the sale shall be charged against what is owed by the defaulting shareholder, who shall remain liable for the difference or shall benefit from the surplus.

The exercise of the voting rights attached to shares on which payments have not been made is suspended for as long as such payments regularly called and payable have not been made.

## **ARTICLE 8 - AUTHORIZED CAPITAL**

The board of directors is authorized to increase the capital, in accordance with the law, in one or more times up to an amount of two billion Euros (EUR 2,000,000,000.00) (by contribution in cash or in kind, or by converting reserves with or without emission of new shares). This authorization is valid for a period of five years from the publication of the document evidencing such authorization. The authorization is renewable.

This authorization includes the power for the board of directors to have the resulting amendments to the articles of association passed in a deed.

In case of capital increase by the board of directors by means of the authorized capital:

- (i) the board of directors may not decide on an increase mainly achieved through a contribution in kind exclusively reserved to a shareholder who holds shares in the company to which more than ten per cent of the votes are attached;
- (ii) the board may decide to issue convertible bonds and subscription rights;
- (iii) the board of directors is entitled to limit or suppress the preferential subscription right of the shareholders under the same conditions as those applicable to the general meeting;
- (iv) the board of directors has the right to limit or remove the preferential subscription right in favor of one or more specific persons who are not employees of the company or any of its subsidiaries. In this case the requirements of the Companies Code must be complied with.

## **ARTICLE 9 - AMORTIZATION OF CAPITAL**

The shareholders' meeting may decide by a simple majority vote the amortization of the subscribed capital by using the portion of the profits which may be distributed, without a capital reduction. The shareholders whose shares have been amortized shall retain their rights in the company, except for the right to a refund of their contributions and to a first dividend allocated to the non-amortized shares, fixed at five percent (5%) of the fully paid-up capital they represent, and obtain securities representing rights in the company.

# **TITLE THREE – SHARES**

## **ARTICLE 10 - NATURE OF THE SHARES**

The shares are registered.

Any transfer of shares shall be effective after registration in the register of shares.

The transfer of shares is not subject to any restriction.

The same rules apply in case of transfer of bonds whether convertible or not and of subscription rights issued by the company.

## **ARTICLE 11 - ISSUE OF BONDS**

The company may issue bonds, linked to mortgages or other, by decision of the board of directors, which determines the type and fixes the interest rate, method and timing of reimbursements, special guarantees and other conditions of the issue.

However, without prejudice to article 8, when issuing convertible bonds or bonds with subscription rights and in case of issue of subscription rights whether or not attached to another security, the decision is taken by the shareholders' meeting deciding under the conditions provided by law for the modification to the articles of association.

The shareholders' meeting may, in the interest of the company, restrict or remove the preferential subscription right in accordance with the requirements for the modification of the articles of association.

## **ARTICLE 12 - SHARES WITHOUT VOTING RIGHTS**

The company may issue shares without voting rights. Shares without voting rights confer the right to a preferential and recoverable dividend, a preferential right to the repayment of the capital contribution and a right in the distribution of the liquidation proceeds. These rights will be determined upon each issue of shares without voting rights.

Shares with voting rights can be converted into shares without voting rights. The board of directors may determine the maximum number of shares to be so converted and the conversion conditions.

The company may require the purchase of its own shares without voting rights by decision of the shareholders' meeting deliberating under the conditions provided for a reduction of the capital, from those shareholders holding shares with or without voting rights.

# TITLE FOUR - MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION

## ARTICLE 13 - COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The company is managed by a board of at least three members, natural or legal persons, shareholders or not, appointed by the shareholders' meeting for a maximum term of six years (after obtaining a concurring opinion from the National Bank of Belgium, if necessary and in line with legal requirements) and which may be revoked at any time by the shareholders' meeting. To the extent it is legally admissible, the outgoing directors can be re-elected.

In case a legal person is appointed as a director, it must appoint amongst its shareholders, managers, directors or employees, a permanent representative to take care of the director's duties in the name and for the account of the legal person. The appointment and the termination of the functions of the permanent representative are subject to the same rules of publication as if the representative would exercise this mission in its own name and for its own account.

The mandate of outgoing and non-re-elected directors terminates immediately after the shareholders' meeting deciding on the appointments.

In addition to the reimbursement of their costs, the shareholders' meeting may decide to grant a fixed remuneration to the directors, the amount of which will be determined each year by the shareholders' meeting and which will be booked as a general expense of the company. In addition, the shareholders' meeting may grant tantièmes (directors' fees, percentage of the profits) to the directors from the available profits of the financial year.

## **ARTICLE 14 - VACANCY**

In the case of vacancy within the board of directors because of death, resignation or other cause, the remaining directors have the right to temporarily fill the vacancy until the next annual general shareholders' meeting. In this case, the annual general shareholders' meeting appoints a replacement at its first meeting. The director appointed under the above conditions to replace a director completes the term of the director he/she/it replaces.

# **ARTICLE 15 - CHAIR**

The board of directors may elect a chairperson amongst its members.

In the event of absence or impediment of the chairperson, the board appoints one of its members to replace him/her.

## **ARTICLE 16 - MEETINGS**

The board of directors meets upon notice of its chairperson or in case of impediment of the latter, her/his substitute. The board of directors also meets each time the interest of the company requires it or each time at least two directors or the

chair of the executive committee request it.

The meetings are held at the location indicated in the notices.

If all members of the board are present or represented, the prior notice must not be justified. The presence of a director at a meeting covers the possible irregularity of the notice and entails a waiver of the right to complain in this respect.

## ARTICLE 17 – COMPANY SECRETARY

The board of directors may appoint a company secretary. The company secretary shall, in the name of the board of directors and under its authority, convene the general shareholders' meetings and the meetings of the board of directors and shall act as secretary of these meetings.

## **ARTICLE 18 - DELIBERATIONS**

The board may validly deliberate and decide if at least half of its members are present or represented.

The meetings of the board are held in person. The meetings of the board may also be held by telephone or video conference. In this event, the meeting of the board is deemed to be held at the registered office of the company.

Any director can give a power of attorney to one colleague, in writing or by any other means of (tele)communication having a physical support, to represent him/her at a given meeting of the board and to vote in his/her stead.

In extraordinary circumstances duly justified by urgency and the company's interest, the decisions of board of directors can be taken by the unanimous consent of the directors, expressed in writing. This procedure cannot however be used for the finalization of the annual accounts or in order to use the authorized capital.

The decisions of the board of directors are taken by a simple majority vote, without taking the abstentions into account. In the event of a tie, the vote of the person who chairs the meeting is decisive. However, if the board is composed of only two directors, the vote of the chairperson ceases to be decisive.

Without prejudice to the exceptions mentioned in the Companies Code, a director who has directly or indirectly a financial interest conflicting with a decision or transaction falling within the competence of the board of directors, must inform the other directors prior to the deliberation of the board of directors. The provisions of Article 523 of the Companies Code must be taken into account.

## **ARTICLE 19 - MINUTES**

The deliberations of the board of directors are recorded in minutes signed by the chair of the meeting and by the directors who wish so. These minutes are inserted in a special register.

Delegations, as well as the opinions and votes submitted in writing, by telegram, telex, fax, e-mail or other printed documents are appended.

Copies or extracts of the minutes to be produced in court or elsewhere shall be validly authenticated if signed by the chairperson of the board of directors, two directors or the company secretary.

# **ARTICLE 20 - POWERS OF THE BOARD**

The board of directors may perform all acts necessary or useful for the achievement of the corporate purpose, except those reserved to the shareholders' meeting by law or by the articles of association.

## **ARTICLE 21 – ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

The board of directors may create advisory committees within the board and under its responsibility. It describes their composition and their mission.

# **ARTICLE 22 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Article 524bis of the Companies Code and the Article 26 of the Act of March 22, 1993 relating to the status and the supervision of credit institutions, the board of directors may delegate its management powers to an executive committee, provided that this delegation does not include the power to decide on the general policy of the company or the entirety of the acts reserved to the board of directors pursuant to other provisions of the law.

The executive committee is composed of at least two members and constitutes a board whose all members are also members of the board of directors. The president of the executive committee is appointed by the board of directors after consultation of the National Bank of Belgium.

Any member of the executive committee may grant to any other member of said committee whatsoever, in writing or by any other means of (tele)communication having a physical support, a power to represent him/her at a given meeting of this committee and to vote in his/her stead.

The board of directors must supervise this committee.

The appointment conditions of the members of the executive committee, their

dismissal, their remuneration, the term of their appointment and the functioning of the executive committee, shall be determined by the board of directors.

If a member of the executive committee has a direct or indirect conflicting interest of a financial nature in a decision or a transaction within the competence of the executive committee, it must notify it to the other members prior to the deliberation of the committee. The provisions of Article 524ter of the Companies Code must be taken into account.

## **ARTICLE 23 – DAILY MANAGEMENT**

In the course of its duties, the executive committee may delegate the daily management of the company as provided for in Article 525 of the Companies Code, the management of one or more transactions of the company, or the implementation of the decisions of the executive committee or of the board of directors to one or more persons, whether a director or not. It may revoke the delegations so conferred.

## **ARTICLE 24 – SPECIAL DELEGATES**

The board of directors as well as the executive committee and those appointed for the daily management may also, each within the course of their duties, delegate special powers to one or more persons of their choice, acting individually or jointly.

The board of directors, the executive committee and those appointed for the daily management, as the case may be, may at any time revoke the persons and powers that they conferred pursuant to the preceding paragraph.

# ARTICLE 25 - REPRESENTATION – OFFICIAL DEEDS AND LEGAL ACTIONS

The company is validly represented, including for deeds and in litigation:

- either by two directors acting jointly;
- or by one director acting alone if he/she is also member of the executive committee;
- or, but within the limits of the daily management, by the person or persons delegated to this daily management, acting jointly or severally.

These representatives do not need to justify vis-à-vis third parties of a prior decision of the board of directors or of the executive committee.

Furthermore, the company is validly bound by special delegates within the limits of their mandate.

# **ARTICLE 26 – CONTROL**

The control of the financial situation, of the annual accounts and of the regularity of

the transactions to be reported in the annual accounts must be entrusted to one or more statutory auditors, members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants ("Institut des Réviseurs d'Entreprises"), appointed by the shareholders' meeting for a renewable term of three years.

# <u>TITLE FIVE - GENERAL MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS</u>

## **ARTICLE 27 - COMPOSITION AND POWERS**

The shareholders' meeting is composed of all the owners of shares who are entitled to vote by themselves or through proxy holders, subject to having complied with any applicable legal requirements or provisions of the articles of association. Bondholders and holders of subscription rights are entitled to participate in the meeting subject to the same conditions but only in an advisory capacity.

Decisions duly adopted by the shareholders' meeting bind all the shareholders even absent or dissenting ones.

## **ARTICLE 28 - MEETING**

The annual shareholders' meeting statutorily meets on the last Tuesday of the month of May at 4 (four) PM. If this day is a legal holiday, the meeting is held the following business day.

Except for decisions to be recorded in a deed, the shareholders may unanimously take in writing all decisions which fall within the powers of the shareholders' meeting.

An extraordinary shareholders' meeting can be convened each time the interest of the company so requires.

Shareholders' meetings may be convened by the board of directors or by the statutory auditors and must be so convened upon the request of shareholders representing together one fifth of the statutory capital.

# **ARTICLE 29 - CONVENING NOTICES**

Shareholders' meetings are held at the statutory office of the company or at any other place in Belgium, stated in the convening notice to the meeting.

The convening notices to any shareholders' meeting shall contain the agenda, which includes an indication of the topics to be handled and are sent in accordance with the law.

Any person may waive this notice and, in any case, be regarded as having been duly called if he/she /it is present or represented at the meeting.

If the written procedure is used pursuant to Article 536 of the Companies

Code, the board will send a circular by mail, fax, e-mail or any other medium, with reference to the agenda and proposals for decisions, to all the shareholders and the auditors, if any, asking the shareholders to approve the proposed decisions and to return the circular duly signed within the term stated therein, to the company's statutory office or to any other place indicated in the circular.

The decision must be regarded as not having been taken, if all shareholders do not approve all items on the agenda and the written procedure, within the aforementioned term.

Shareholders, bondholders, holders of subscription rights or holders of registered certificates are entitled to be informed of the decisions taken at the registered office of the company.

## **ARTICLE 30 - ADMISSION TO THE MEETING**

The board of directors may require that the shareholders and bondholders inform it in writing (by letter or proxy), at least three days prior to the meeting, of their intent to attend the meeting and that the shareholders specify the number of shares for which they intend to participate in the vote.

If the board of directors uses this right, it must be mentioned in the notices calling for the meeting.

A list of attendance mentioning the name of the shareholders and the number of shares they hold is signed by each of them or by their proxies prior to joining the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 31 - REPRESENTATION**

Any owner of securities may be represented at the shareholders' meeting by a representative, proxyholder, whether a shareholder or not. A proxyholder may represent more than one shareholder

The board or the company secretary may adopt the form of proxy and require that they be deposited at the place indicated by it within the term it sets.

Co-owners as well as pledgors and pledgees must be represented by one single person.

# **ARTICLE 32 - BUREAU**

All shareholders' meetings are chaired by the chairperson of the board or in his/her absence, by another director.

The chairperson may appoint a secretary. If the number of shareholders present allows it, the meeting may choose one or more tellers from amongst its members.

# **ARTICLE 33 - POSTPONEMENT OF THE MEETING**

Every shareholders' meeting, whether annual or special, may be postponed forthwith for three more weeks by the board of directors. The postponement cancels all decisions taken.

The formalities complied with to attend the first meeting and the proxies will remain valid for the second meeting, without prejudice to the right to comply with these formalities for the second meeting in the event they have not been complied with for the first one.

The second meeting decides on the same agenda. Its decisions are final.

#### **ARTICLE 34 - RIGHT TO VOTE**

Each share gives right to one vote.

## ARTICLE 35 - DELIBERATION OF THE SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

Except in the cases provided by law, decisions are taken, irrespective of the number of shares represented at the meeting, with a simple majority of the votes validly exercised, disregarding abstentions.

The votes are expressed by show of hands or by calling of names unless the shareholders' meeting decides otherwise by a majority vote.

## **ARTICLE 36 - SPECIAL MAJORITY**

Whenever the shareholders' meeting must decide on a increase or decrease of the statutory capital, on a de-merger or a merger of the company with other entities, on the winding up or any other modification to the articles of association, it can only deliberate if the purpose of the proposed modifications is specifically mentioned in the notices and if those attending the meeting represent at least one half of the statutory capital.

If this last condition is not met, a new notice is necessary and the second meeting will validly deliberate whatever the portion of the capital represented.

No modification is valid if it is not adopted with a three quarters majority vote.

However, when the deliberation concerns the modification of the corporate purpose, the modification of the respective rights of categories of securities, the winding up of the company resulting from a reduction of the net assets to an amount which is less than one half or one quarter of the capital, the transformation of the company, or a merger, a de-merger, the contribution of universality or of a branch of activity, the meeting is validly constituted and may decide only with the quorum of attendance and the majority of votes required by law.

## **ARTICLE 37 - MINUTES**

The minutes of the shareholders' meeting are signed by the members of the bureau and the shareholders who request it. Copies or extracts of minutes of the shareholders' meeting to be produced in court or elsewhere shall be validly authenticated if signed by two directors or by an executive director.

# TITLE SIX - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS - DISTRIBUTION

## **ARTICLE 38 - FINANCIAL YEAR**

The financial year starts on the first of January and ends on the thirty first of December of each year.

# ARTICLE 39 - VOTE ON THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The annual shareholders' meeting decides on the annual accounts.

Once the annual accounts are adopted, the meeting decides by special vote on the release to be granted to the directors and to the auditor(s).

## **ARTICLE 40 - DISTRIBUTION**

The profits are determined in accordance with the law. Each year, five percent will be deducted from the profits to constitute the legal reserve. This deduction ceases to be mandatory when this legal reserve fund reaches one tenth of the statutory capital. It must start again if the legal reserve is being used.

The balance is allocated by the shareholders' meeting deciding upon proposal of the board of directors according to the law.

## **ARTICLE 41 - PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS**

The payment of dividends, if any, is made annually, at the time and the place indicated by the board of directors, in one or several times.

The board of directors may, under its responsibility, decide the payment of interim dividends by deducting them from the profits of the current financial year. It determines the amount of these interim dividends and their payment date.

# TITLE SEVEN - DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

# **ARTICLE 42 - LIQUIDATION**

In case of dissolution of the company for any reason and at any time whatsoever, the liquidation is carried out by the liquidator(s) appointed by the

shareholders' meeting or, failing such appointment, by the board of directors in office at that time and acting as a liquidation committee.

For this purpose, the liquidators have the widest powers conferred by law.

The shareholders' meeting shall, where appropriate, determine the remuneration of the liquidator(s).

# **ARTICLE 43 - DISTRIBUTION**

After settlement of the debts and of the expenses of the liquidation or consignment of the amounts required for this purpose, the net assets shall first be applied to reimburse, in cash or in securities, the paid up amount on the shares.

If not all shares are paid up in the same proportion, the liquidators, before proceeding with any distribution, will take into account this diversity of situation and re-establish the balance by calling funds or by proceeding with a prior distribution. The balance shall be distributed equally among all shares.

# **TITLE EIGHT - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

# **ARTICLE 44 - ELECTION OF DOMICILE**

For the enforcement of these articles of association, all shareholders, bondholders, directors, auditors, managers or liquidators residing abroad, elect domicile at the statutory office where all communications, summonses, subpoenas and notifications can be validly made.

# **ARTICLE 45 - JURISDICTION**

For all disputes between the company, its shareholders, bondholders, directors, auditors and liquidators relating to the affairs of the company and the enforcement of these articles of association, exclusive jurisdiction is granted to the courts of the statutory office, unless the company expressly waives such jurisdiction.

# **ARTICLE 46 - LEGAL PROVISIONS**

The company intends to fully comply with the law. Consequently, the legal provisions which would not be legally waived, shall be deemed part of these articles of association while clauses contrary to mandatory provisions of the law are deemed unwritten.

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