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by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS the incorporated Institute commonly known as The Institute of Linguists has petitioned Us for a Charter of Incorporation

AND WHEREAS we are minded to comply with the prayer of such Petition

NOW THEREFORE WE by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative in that behalf and of all other powers enabling Us to do of Our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion do hereby for Us Our Heirs and Successors will grant direct appoint and declare as follows

The Chartered Institute of Linguists

- 1. (1) The persons now members of the said Institute and all such persons as may hereafter become members of the Body Corporate or Corporation hereby constituted pursuant to or by virtue of the powers granted by these Presents and their successors shall for ever hereafter (so long as they shall continue to be such members) be by virtue of these Presents one Body Corporate and Politic by the name of The Chartered Institute of Linguists (hereinafter referred to as The Institute) and by the same name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal with power to break alter and make anew the said Seal from time to time at their will and pleasure and by the same name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts and in all manner of actions and suits and shall have power to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a Body Corporate.
- (2) The Arms and Crest granted and assigned unto The Institute of Linguists

by Letters Patent under the hands and Seals of Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms bearing the date 1st March 1960 shall be transferred unto the said Institute on the date on which this Our Charter shall take effect, and We do hereby give and grant unto the Institute our Royal Licence and Authority that it may thenceforth bear and use the said Armorial Bearings according to the Laws of Arms, the said transfer being first recorded in our College of Arms, otherwise this Our Licence and Permission to be void and of none effect.

Objects and powers of the Institute

- 2. The objects and purposes for which The Institute is hereby constituted are
 - To contribute towards international goodwill by encouraging the effective study and practice of languages.
 - (2) To promote the exchange and dissemination of information on matters of interest to linguists and persons interested in the study of languages.
 - (3) To provide means of recognising persons who are qualified as linguists in the professions the arts the sciences industry trade and commerce.
 - (4) To establish and maintain a Register of Chartered Linguists setting standards for admission to that Register granting Registrants the

description Chartered Linguist and the use of the post-nominals CL (with or without identification of a speciality) developing and applying a code of professional conduct for Registrants and providing an enquiry and disciplinary process in respect of those against whom complaints may be laid removing from the Register those Registrants against whom any complaints about their professional conduct are proved and providing a right of appeal against any decisions of the Council in respect of refusal to register (although only for process and not for the substantive decision) and in respect of disciplinary matters both to be only at the discretion of the Council.

- (5) To bring to the notice of members any new or improved methods of teaching or utilising languages.
- (6) To establish linguistic qualifications and set standards of competence for linguists by examination in the written and spoken languages and in such related subjects as may be chosen from time to time by the Council of The Institute.
- (7) To provide for the examination from time to time as may be determined of persons desirous of obtaining a qualification in a language or languages by an examining Board and to give certificates to the successful candidates but so that no certificate shall contain any statement expressing or implying that it is granted by or under the authority of any Government Department or Authority.
- (8) To provide for the registration of the holders of certificates of The Institute and to issue and charge for annual practising certificates when it is considered to be appropriate.
- (9) To provide facilities for examinations lectures and discussions.
- (10) To print and publish journals newspapers periodicals books leaflets or other literature or all or any of them for the purposes of distributing information and advancing the objects of The Institute and of keeping members and others informed on subjects connected with the work theory and practice relating to the linguistic profession including statistics scientific investigation and similar subjects.
- (11) To provide facilities for the interchange with other societies and associations performing similar work or with Departments of State

- universities and institutions engaged in similar work of views and ideas on questions relating to the work theory or practice of a linguist and to collect data and serve as a bureau of information on such and allied subjects.
- (12) To provide linguistic assistance for and to co-operate with any person or groups of persons interested in the use teaching and study of languages.
- (13) To establish a library and museum for the use of members and in connection therewith to loan acquire sell or exchange articles books works manuscripts films recordings and such other related material.
- (14) To improve the status of translators interpreters and other persons whose occupation calls for a special proficiency in languages.
- (15) To establish branches and students' societies and other groups in the United Kingdom and elsewhere and to assist such branches and societies financially.
- (16) To arrange for visits by students and members to other countries by exchange or other means.
- (17) To watch over promote and protect the interests of the members of The Institute so far as may be considered necessary or desirable with a view to the furtherance of its objects.
- (18) To assist necessitous former members and the dependants of necessitous or deceased members to act as managers of any fund or funds for such purposes and to make payment out of the income of The Institute from time to time to such fund or funds provided that such persons shall not at the time of receiving such relief be members of The Institute.
- (19) To subscribe to any local or other charities and to grant donations for any public purposes and to provide a superannuation fund for the servants of The Institute or otherwise to assist any such servants their surviving spouses and children and dependants.
- (20) To supervise and regulate the taking and training of trainee linguists by its members or any of them.
- (21) To award medals and make other awards in connection with the

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- work of The Institute whether or not the recipient of the same is the member of The Institute subject nevertheless to the provisions of Article 8 of this Our Charter.
- (22) In furtherance of the objects of The Institute to make loans or grants of money books apparatus or other equipment to suitable persons or institutions concerned with languages whether or not the recipient is a member of The Institute.
- (23) To encourage Departments of State national and international bodies and business houses to avail themselves of the facilities of The Institute and to co-operate in its work.
- (24) To establish and support or aid in the establishment and support of any charitable associations or institutions and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable purposes in any way connected with the purposes of The Institute or calculated to further its objects.
- (25) To amalgamate with any companies institutions societies or associations having objects altogether or in part similar to those of The Institute and which by their constitutions prohibit the distribution of their income and property among their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on The Institute under or by Article 5 hereof.
- (26) To establish linguistic institutes or schools in any part of the world with a view to furthering the objects of The Institute.
- (27) To affiliate with any other organised body in the United Kingdom or elsewhere having objects similar to those of The Institute.
- (28) To take such steps by personal or written appeals public meetings or otherwise as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purposes of procuring contributions to the funds of The Institute in the shape of donations annual subscriptions or otherwise.
- (29) To erect maintain alter repair or restore any library or lecture hall dwelling-house office restaurant room or other building or any part of the same which may be required for or assist the purposes of The Institute and to manage the same and to provide the same with all proper and necessary fixtures furniture fittings apparatus appliances books conveniences and accommodation in the United Kingdom

and elsewhere

- (30) To sell let mortgage dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of The Institute as may be thought expedient with a view to the promotion of its objects.
- (31) To borrow or raise money for the purposes of The Institute on such terms and on such security as may be thought fit.
- (32) To accept legacies and gifts of money or other property whether subject to any special trust or not and loans of money whether or not subject to interest and apply the same to the objects of The Institute or any of them.
- (33) To lend money either with or without security or give financial assistance by way of donation or subscription or otherwise to any association or other body not carrying on business for profit for the purpose of furthering the objects of The Institute.
- (34) To invest the moneys of The Institute not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investments securities or property as may be thought fit but so that moneys subject or representing property subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales shall only be invested in such securities and with such sanction (if any) as may for the time being be prescribed by law.
- (35) To undertake and execute any trusts which may lawfully be undertaken by The Institute and may be conducive to its objects.
- (36) To obtain any Provisional Order or Act of Parliament or other authority either in the Commonwealth the European Union or elsewhere for assisting The Institute to carry any of its objects into effect and to promote support or oppose legislative or other ineasures or proceedings affecting the interests of The Institute or its members.
- (37) To impose and collect such reasonable fees subscriptions and charges as seem necessary and desirable in the opinion of The Institute for the attainment of the above objects or any of them.
- (38) To do all such other things as are identical or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.