



MMM MEMBERSHIP CHARTER

Organisations joining the MMM network have objectives conforming explicitly and at least in part to MMM 's mission:

MMM voices the concerns of mothers, advocates their rights and supports their ability to take action. We aim to change the perception of society about mothers and to influence laws, policies and practices in their favour, so that they are fully recognised and supported in their various roles.

MMM RESPONSIBILITIES

The support and coordination of the MMM Network is ensured by the MMM Executive Office and General Secretariat. With the advocacy, network and communication teams, MMM undertakes to:

- Check that the activities of members and their associations remain in line with the MMM Constitution/Byelaws
- Maintain regular contact with member associations to make sure that MMM's advocacy work meets mothers' needs and reflects the reality of their lives at grassroots level
- Develop the MMM Network by actively seeking new members

MMM COMMITMENTS

1. Representation at international level

- MMM's Advocacy teams voice mothers' concerns and represent the MMM network members in major international institutions. The more member associations within MMM, the stronger its advocacy

2. A strong Network

- Enriches advocacy messages of members in line with MMM's mission
- Enables the exchange of good practice, expertise and contacts between the members

3. International exposure

- Participation in MMM forums, events and activities
- Participation in international congresses (including UN, EU and UNESCO) where MMM can highlight members' good practices and invite them to take the floor
- Using the MMM communication platform to strengthen members' visibility and exposure

4. Information on key issues and on international advocacy opportunities pertaining to mothers

5. Information on funding opportunities

- Relaying funding opportunities for grassroots projects which MMM would be informed about in the context of advocacy activities

MEMBER ORGANISATION COMMITMENTS

1. **Members engage to develop the "mother" aspect of their mission** and actions with the support of MMM where possible

2. **Members undertake to acquaint themselves with and adhere to the MMM statutes** particularly articles 3, 8, 9 and 12) ^{i*} below
3. **Members who join recognize that MMM is an organisation without political or religious affiliations.** They undertake to strictly respect this neutrality and never to use their membership of MMM for political and/or religious purposes
4. **Members never speak on behalf of MMM** unless specifically empowered to do so
5. **Member associations are required to demonstrate their membership of MMM** by:
 - Making MMM known through their usual communication channels
 - Indicating their MMM membership through their usual vectors of communication, and setting up an active link on their website to the MMM website
6. **Member associations are required to take an active part in developing the MMM Network** by:
 - Informing MMM regularly about their activities for dissemination within the network
 - Providing a yearly activities report
 - Replying to all questionnaires/surveys and requests sent by MMM (not many!) according to their capacities and skills
 - Taking an active part in discussions between members of the MMM Network
7. **Member Associations must attend or be represented at the MMM AGM** (with a proxy vote) and **pay their annual membership fee**
8. **Member Associations are required to send their annual activity report and annual profit and loss accounts**
9. **MMM reserves the right to exclude/suspend a member who does not respect and adhere to the terms of this Charter.** In such a case, the member commits not to exploit any reference or link to MMM on any support whatsoever

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Article 3 - Objects

MMM – Make Mothers Matter is an apolitical and non-denominational Association whose objects are to:

- Reaffirm and ensure that public opinion, political leaders and institutions, as well as laws and international conventions, recognize and value the educational, economic, and social role of mothers.
- Support mothers to fulfil all their responsibilities: family, professional, social and civic
- Fight against the different forms of violence, exclusion, discrimination and exploitation affecting mothers
- Recognise and support the action of mothers as changemakers for a better world and for peace

8.1. Conditions of Membership

Membership shall be open to individuals and associations who accept the Charter of Commitment, Vision and Mission of Make Mothers Matter, by signing them with a formal acceptance that they have read and agree to comply with them.

Adherent Member Associations (Article 1.3) must:

- apply to the Executive Office of Make Mothers Matter, whose decision - acceptance or refusal - must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the nearest General Assembly
- pay the annual membership fee as soon as their application has been accepted and duly notified

Article 9 – Membership fee

All adherent members pay MMM an annual fee depending on the category of membership to which they belong and their resources. The amount of the fees is approved by the Bureau of MMM's Board of Directors. The Internal Regulations specify the amounts of membership fees for each category of membership and allow the Executive Committee to waive this scale on a case-by-case basis and with justified reasons.

Article 12 - The Use of Reference to MMM by its Members and the Limits thereof

12.2. A member of an MMM General Member Association may express an opinion or position in the name of MMM only when expressly commissioned in writing to do so by the MMM Executive Office.

12.3. No member of MMM may use any MMM reference (including visuals such as the MMM logo) to put forward opinions contrary to the values and positions held by MMM.

12.4 It is expressly forbidden for any member of MMM to use for personal or professional ends all work and materials of any kind derived from or developed for MMM, for an MMM Delegation or for an MMM National Association, such as:

- informational or awareness-raising materials and programmes
- publications and other visual materials