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INCORPORATION OF A FOUNDATION

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_	ME AND SEAT-	
_	ticle 1.	
1.		oundation is: Stichting Aquaculture Stewardship
2.	The abbreviated as	ame of the Foundation is: ASC.
3.		is its seat in Amsterdam.
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	ticle 2.	
1.	The object of the F farmed fish, shellfis understanding and maintaining and me	oundation is: to promote and quantify responsibly—sh, and crustacea inter alia by furthering the—adoption of responsible aquaculture practices,—onitoring standards for responsible aquaculture that e or that are yet to be developed, in order to reduce

	negative social and environmental impact, and, furthermore, to-
	perform any acts conducive to or relating directly or indirectly to the
	foregoing, all in the broadest sense.
2.	The Foundation shall endeavour to achieve this object by:
۵.	a. managing and maintaining its own label, known as the "ASC————————————————————————————————————
	label";
	 b. creating improvement programmes for responsible aquaculture;
	c. assisting (in the broadest sense of the word) organisations and—
	professionals in implementing the ASC label in various ways,——
	including the provision of information, education, training and———
	support tools.———————————————————————————————————
4.	The Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation.
	IANCIAL RESOURCES
	icle 3
1.	The financial resources of the Foundation comprise any contributions,
	grants, subsidies, gifts and donations received, any assets inherited or
	received as a bequest or legacy and any other income .
2.	The Foundation may accept inheritances only without liability for debts
	beyond the assets inherited (i.e. under benefit of inventory).
GC	VERNING BODIES
	icle 4.
	= Foundation has the following governing bodies:
1.	the Executive Board————————————————————————————————————
2.	the Supervisory Board.
EX	ECUTIVE BOARD————————————————————————————————————
	icle 5
1.	The management of the Foundation, hereinafter also referred to as:
	the 'Executive Board', shall consist of no fewer than one and no more
	than three natural persons. One member of the Executive Board shall
	be appointed as Chief Executive. The Supervisory Board shall-
	determine the number of Executive Board members.
	One of the criteria for eligibility for appointment to the Executive Board
	is that the persons in question have a demonstrable affinity with the
	Foundation's object.
	There must be no family relationships among the majority of the
	Executive Board members. For the purposes of this clause, 'family-
	relationships' means relatives by blood or marriage up to the fourth-
	degree, whereby cohabitation is deemed to be equivalent to marriage.
2.	The Supervisory Board shall appoint the Executive Board members.—
	Before appointing any Executive Board members, the Supervisory—
	Board shall, by a separate resolution, prepare a profile describing the-
	qualifications, skills and/or capacities required of Executive Board-
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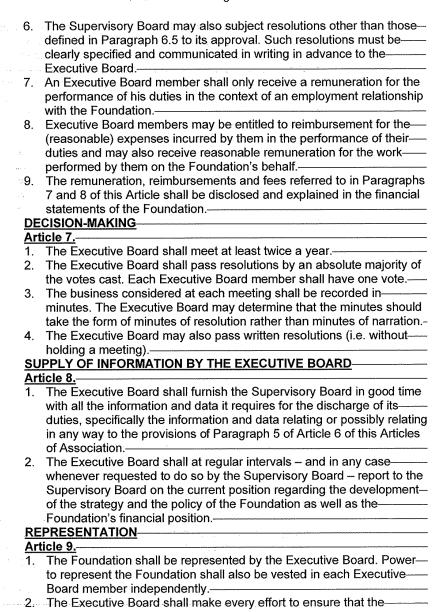
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	members. The terms and conditions of employment of the Executive—Board members shall be determined by the Supervisory Board and—laid down in an employment agreement between the Foundation and—
	the Executive Board member in question.
3.	An Executive Board member shall be appointed for the term set out in the employment agreement between the Foundation and the member in question. If the Executive Board is incomplete, it shall nonetheless—keep its powers.
4.	Executive Board members may be suspended and removed from——
	office by the Supervisory Board at any time. If an Executive Board——
	member is suspended or removed, the Supervisory Board shall follow
	the relevant procedure laid down in the employment agreement
	between the Foundation and the Executive Board member in question.
5.	The Supervisory Board shall consult with the Executive Board about—
	any intended appointment or removal from office of an Executive-
_	Board member.
6.	The suspension of an Executive Board member shall end if the
	Supervisory Board does not pass a resolution, within three months of-
	the start date of the suspension, either to remove the Executive Board
	member in question from office or to lift or continue the suspension.—
7.	A member of the Executive Board shall cease to hold office:
	a. if he dies;
	b. if he steps down;
	c. if he is removed by the Supervisory Board;
	d. by a provision set out in his employment agreement with the
	Foundation;————————————————————————————————————
	e. If he accepts an appointment as a member of the Supervisory—— Board.————————————————————————————————————
8.	If one or more members but not all the members or the only—
Ο.	(remaining member) of the Executive Board are absent or unable to—
	act, the remaining members or the remaining member of the Executive
	Board shall be charged with the entire management of the Foundation.
9.	If all the members or the only (remaining) member of the Executive—
9 .	Board are absent or unable to act, a person appointed to that end by—
	the Supervisory Board shall be charged with the management of the—
	Foundation.
וח	ITIES, POWERS AND REMUNERATION
	ticle 6.—
1.	The Executive Board shall be charged with the management of the
••	Foundation.
	The responsibilities, powers and duties of the Executive Board shall be
	set out in separate regulations.
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2. The Executive Board may delegate one or more of its duties and/orpowers to others; such duties and powers must be clearly specified.— The party exercising such delegated powers shall act in the name of and on the responsibility of the Executive Board .-3. The Executive Board may pass resolutions to conclude agreements on the acquisition, disposal or encumbrance of property subject tocompulsory registration .-The Executive Board may conclude agreements by which the-Foundation binds itself as surety or guarantor or as joint and severaldebtor, warrants performance by a third party or guarantees a thirdparty debt. The Executive Board shall require the prior approval of the-Supervisory Board for resolutions:a. to appoint a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Groupb. to enter into agreements on the acquisition, disposal orencumbrance of property subject to compulsory registration;c. to conclude agreements by which the Foundation binds itself assurety or guarantor or as joint and several debtor, warrantsperformance by a third party or guarantees a third-party debt,to enter into credit and loan agreements;to adopt the budgets and the financial statements; to adopt policy plans for one year or for a range of years, or longto make major changes to policy plans adopted for one year or for a range of years, or to long-term plans;to amend the Articles of Association;to dissolve the Foundation, including the allocation of any surplus on winding-up;to effect a merger of the Foundation;to effect a split-up or split-off of the Foundation; to create a new legal entity and to adopt the Articles of Association of a new legal entity;m. to establish long-term partnerships and alliances with other legalentities, either directly or indirectly, and to terminate suchpartnerships and alliances if these are of major strategicimportance:n. to present a petition for the winding up of the Foundation and to apply for court protection from creditors (moratorium):o. to appoint authorised signatories or otherwise to grant general orlimited power of attorney to represent the Foundation for anunlimited period of time, and to revoke or amend the powersgranted.-

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	interests of the Executive Board or of one or more of its members do—
	not conflict with those of the Foundation.
	If a conflict of interests arises, the Executive Board shall be required to report this to the Supervisory Board.
	4. If the interests of an Executive Board member conflict with those of the
	Foundation, the Foundation shall be represented – subject to prior——
	consultation with the Executive Board – by two members of the
	Supervisory Board acting jointly.
	SUPERVISORY BOARD
	Article 10.
	The Foundation shall have a Supervisory Board.
	 The Supervisory Board shall consist of no fewer than five and no more
	than nine natural persons. An Executive Board member may not be a
	member of the Supervisory Board.
	The Supervisory Board shall keep its powers if it has fewer than five—
	members, without prejudice to the obligation to take measures to—
	supplement its membership as soon as possible.
	The members of the Supervisory Board shall be appointed and may—
	be suspended and removed by the Supervisory Board.
	The Supervisory Board shall appoint a Chair from its number and may
	divide any other duties between its members. The members of the—
	Supervisory Board shall be appointed for a three -year term and shall—
	be eligible for reappointment for a maximum of one further term.
	4. In determining the membership of the Supervisory Board, due account
	shall be taken of several aspects requiring the attention of the
	Supervisory Board, it being understood that the members of the
	Supervisory Board must at least possess general management skills—
	and demonstrate an affinity with the Foundation's object, and that the-
	membership of the Supervisory Board must reflect a balanced—
	representation of areas of expertise and backgrounds. The
	Supervisory Board shall prepare a profile outlining the main areas of—
	expertise and background required of the members of the Supervisory
	Board. When a specific vacancy has to be filled, the Supervisory———
	Board may decide to supplement or specify in greater detail the skills—
	and attributes required for the Supervisory Board position in question.
	The members of the Supervisory Board shall perform their duties———
	independently and shall not be bound by any instructions.————
	5. When a vacancy has to be filled, the Supervisory Board shall inform—
	the Executive Board of the profile and the name, age and profession of
	and any other relevant information on its preferred candidate. The
***	Supervisory Board shall also specify the positions currently or
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	previously held by the person to be appointed, to the extent that these

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		are relevant to the discharge of the duties of the Supervisory Board—
		member in question.
	6.	The Supervisory Board shall not appoint a member of the Supervisory Board until the Executive Board has expressed or has been given an—
		opportunity to express its opinion on the proposed appointment.
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	٠.	(reasonable) expenses incurred by them in the performance of their—
		duties but may not receive remuneration for the work performed by—
		them on the Foundation's behalf.
	- 8.	The reimbursements and fees referred to in Paragraph 7 of this Article
	٠.٠	shall be disclosed and explained in the financial statements of the
		Foundation.
	e i	IPERVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP: INCOMPATIBILITIES
		ticle 11.
	4	The following may not become members of the Supervisory Board:—
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		to the Foundation in any other way; b. members of the Foundation's Executive Board.
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	2.	Members of the Supervisory Board may not in any way benefit————
		personally, either directly or indirectly, from deliveries to or
	e.	agreements with the Foundation.
		JPERVISORY BOARD: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, SUSPENSION,—— TIREMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT——————————————————————————————————
		ticle 12.
	1.	The Supervisory Board may remove a Supervisory Board member—
	1.	from office if he neglects his duties, for other compelling reasons or in
		case of a significant change in circumstances as a result of which the—
		Foundation cannot reasonably be expected to retain him as a
		Supervisory Board member.
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	2.	The Supervisory Board may suspend a Supervisory Board member;—
		the suspension shall end by operation of law if the Supervisory Board
		does not, within one month of the suspension, remove the Supervisory
•		Board member in question from office for one of the reasons referred—
	2	to in Paragraph 1.
	3.	A member of the Supervisory Board shall retire as soon as he finds—
		himself in a position which is incompatible with membership of the
	4	Supervisory Board as provided in Article 11.
	4.	The members of the Supervisory Board shall retire by rotation, but no
	-	later than four years after their appointment or reappointment.
	5.	The state of the s
** ** ***** ***		a. if he dies;
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	c. if he loses the right to dispose of his property;
	d. on the expiry of his term of office.
su	PERVISORY BOARD: DUTIES AND POWERS
	icle 13
1.	The Supervisory Board shall be charged with the overall supervision of
	the policies and plans pursued by the Executive Board and the general
	running of the Foundation and its associated institutions and/or legal-
	entities. The Supervisory Board shall support the Executive Board in-
	an advisory capacity. In the discharge of its duties, the Supervisory—
	Board shall be guided by the interests of the Foundation and its-
	associated institutions and/or legal entities.
2.	The Supervisory Board shall appoint the Foundation's auditor
3.	The Supervisory Board shall have access to all the premises of the—
	Foundation and the right to inspect all the books and records of the-
	Foundation at any time.
	The Supervisory Board may issue instructions to the Executive Board
	regarding the type of information to be provided and the manner in-
	which, and the frequency with which, information is to be provided.—
4.	The Supervisory Board shall define its activities and all aspects of its-
	functioning in separate regulations.
ME	ETINGS————————————————————————————————————
Art	icle 14
1.	The Supervisory Board shall meet at least three times a year. and——
	furthermore, whenever the Chair or at least two members of the
	Supervisory Board deem such to be appropriate. The meetings of the
	Supervisory Board shall be convened by or on behalf of the Chair,——
	subject to at least seven days' prior notice, not counting the day on-
	which the notice is given and the day of the meeting. In cases of
	urgency shorter notice may be given, which shall be at the discretion—
	of the Chair.
	A member of the Supervisory Board may be represented at the
	meeting by another member of the Supervisory Board holding a
	written proxy.
2.	Each year at least one meeting shall be held to consider the annual—
	report and financial statements and at least one meeting to consider-
	the operational plan and the budget for the next year.
3.	A meeting of the Supervisory Board shall be held within six months of
	the end of each financial year, after the adoption of the annual
	financial statements, to determine whether the Executive Board is——
	discharged from liability for its management in the preceding financial
	year. The Executive Board shall be notified of the resolution on—
	discharge from liability within seven days of the end of the meeting of—

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	the Supervisory Board.
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	resolutions of the Supervisory Board shall be passed by an absolute—
	majority of the votes cast. Blank votes shall be treated as abstentions.
E	If the votes are equally divided, a new meeting shall be held within two
5.	weeks. If the votes are equally divided again at such a new meeting,—
	lots shall be drawn to decide the matter if the vote was on the
	appointment of persons, and the motion shall be defeated if the vote—
	was on any other matter.
∂6.	The Supervisory Board may pass valid resolutions only if at least fifty—
	per cent of its members are personally present at the meeting, except
	where a larger quorum is required by these Articles of Association as—
1 ·	specified in Article 14.————————————————————————————————————
7.	are present in person at a meeting and if a resolution may not be———
	passed because the meeting is inquorate, a new meeting shall be———
	convened within two weeks; at such new meeting a resolution shall be
	passed on the matter discussed at the first meeting by the majority of—
	valid votes required to pass the resolution in question, where at least—
	fifty per cent of its members are personally present or represented at—
	the meeting.
8.	The Supervisory Board may also pass written resolutions (i.e. without
0.	holding a meeting), provided that the Executive Board is notified———
	accordingly and on condition that the opinion of the members of the
	Supervisory Board is obtained in writing, by telegram, by fax or by———
	electronic means and none of the members of the Supervisory Board
	opposes this method of passing resolutions. The resolution in question
e .	and a specification of the written votes shall be added to the minutes—
	of the first subsequent meeting.
9.	The Executive Board shall attend the meetings of the Supervisory——
	Board, unless the Supervisory Board indicates that it wishes to hold a
	meeting without the Executive Board in attendance and states the—
	reasons for this. The members of the Executive Board shall attend the
	meeting of the Supervisory Board in an advisory and non-voting-
	capacity.————————————————————————————————————
10	. The business considered at the meetings of the Supervisory Board——
	shall be recorded in minutes which shall be signed by the Chair of the
Andrew Control of the	meeting as soon as possible after their approval by the Supervisory—
and the second of the second	Board. The minutes shall also state which members of the Supervisory
	Board were present or represented at the meeting.
	<u>DMMITTEES</u>
<u>Ar</u>	ticle 15.

1. The Executive Board may establish and disband one or severalcommittees. The Executive Board shall define the duties and powers of the committees.-The members of the committees shall be appointed and may beremoved by the Executive Board.-The establishment or disbandment of a committee and theappointment or removal of a committee member shall require the prior approval in writing of the Supervisory Board .-STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP-Article 16. The Foundation shall have an advisory body, named the 'Stakeholder Advisory Group', to support the Executive Board and the Supervisory— Board of the Foundation. The members of the Stakeholder Advisory-Group are expected to endorse and promote the Foundation's object.— 2. The Stakeholder Advisory Group shall offer solicited and unsolicitedadvice to the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board in thosefields that are relevant to the activities of the Foundation. 3. The duties of the Stakeholder Advisory Group also include: a. to monitor and give advice on the achievement of the Foundation's object in general and to give advice on the Foundation's courseand operational programme in particular;b. to keep abreast of societal and environmental developments thatare relevant to the functioning of the Foundation in general, and to maintain the commitment of the corporate sector, public sectorauthorities and knowledge institutions in particular;-4. The Executive Board and the Supervisory Board may choose not tofollow any advice given by the Stakeholder Advisory Group. In thatcase, the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board shall notify the-Stakeholder Advisory Group accordingly in writing, stating the-The members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group shall be appointedand may be suspended and removed by the Supervisory Board. Amember of the Stakeholder Advisory Group may not be a member ofthe Executive Board or the Supervisory Board of the Foundation.-6. The Supervisory Board of the Foundation may only appointrepresentatives of legal entities under private or public law that aredemonstrably involved in responsible aquaculture in the broadestsense of the word as members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group. 7. The Supervisory Board may adopt regulations imposing additional-

requirements that must be satisfied by members of the Stakeholder-

8. The Chair of the Stakeholder Advisory Group shall be appointed to-

Advisory Group.

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		office as such by the Supervisory Board.
	9.	The members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group shall be appointed—
		as such by the Supervisory Board for a two-year term, except as—
		otherwise determined in the appointment decision. The term of office—
		mentioned in this Paragraph may be varied only by the unanimous—
		agreement of all the members of the Supervisory Board. A member of
		the Stakeholder Advisory Group may be reappointed once.
		A member of the Stakeholder Advisory Group shall also cease to———
		hold office: a. if he can no longer be regarded as a representative of a legal———
		 a. if he can no longer be regarded as a representative of a legal——— entity under private or public law that is demonstrably involved in—
		responsible aquaculture in the broadest sense of the word;
	*	b. if he dies;c. on account of a significant change in circumstances as a result of
		which the Foundation cannot reasonably be expected to retain him
		as a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Group Board.
	10	The Stakeholder Advisory Group as such shall meet once per year. In
	10.	addition, the Stakeholder Advisory Group (or a delegation of the
		Stakeholder Advisory Group) shall met with the Supervisory Board (or
		a delegation of the Supervisory Board) at least once per year. Joint—
		meetings shall be presided over by the Chair of the Supervisory———
		Board.
	11	The Executive Board may not amend this Article without the consent—
		of the Stakeholder Advisory Group.
	SU	PPORT OFFICE/SECRETARIAT
		ticle 17.
	1.	The Executive Board may establish a Support Office with a Secretariat
		and/or other support staff.
	2.	The Executive Board shall determine the terms and conditions of———
		employment and the duties of secretarial and other staff members and
		may lay these down in regulations.
		SPUTES
	<u>Ar</u>	ticle 18.
	1.	The Foundation shall have a Disputes Committee.
	2.	The Disputes Committee shall consist of no fewer than three natural—
		persons. The Disputes Committee shall keep its powers if it has fewer
$(x,y) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x \leq 1\}$		than three members, without prejudice to the obligation to take-
		measures to supplement its membership as soon as possible.
	3.	The members of the Disputes Committee shall be appointed and may
		be suspended and removed by the Supervisory Board.
- Amilia 1900 -	4.	The Disputes Committee shall have authority to determine disputes—
	200	between one or more members of the Executive Board, the

- Supervisory Board and the Stakeholder Advisory Group.-
- The Executive Board shall submit the dispute to the Disputes
 Committee which shall make a binding decision on the dispute within—four weeks.
- The manner in which a party to a dispute is heard, notice is given of a decision of the Disputes Committee and a sanction is implemented shall be set out in standing orders—

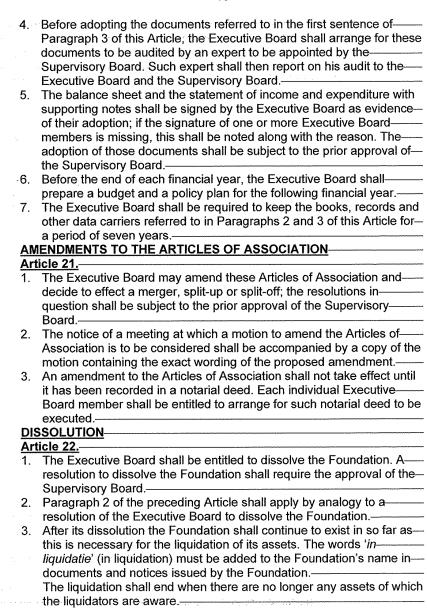
REGULATIONS AND STANDING ORDERS-Article 19.

- The Executive Board may adopt one or more sets of regulations and standing orders to provide for matters that require further regulation.—
- 3. Regulations and standing orders may be adopted, amended or—repealed only with the prior approval of the Supervisory Board.—
- The provisions of Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 21 shall apply by analogy to a resolution to adopt, amend or repeal regulations or standing orders.

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-Article 20.

- 2. The Executive Board shall be required to keep such records of the—
 Foundation's financial position and of everything relating to the—
 activities of the Foundation, in a manner appropriate to those activities, and to keep the corresponding books, records and other data carriers in such a manner as to ensure that the Foundation's rights and—
 obligations can be ascertained at any time, with the proviso that the—
 source of receipts and the destination of payments must be readily—
 traceable and that it must be clear what obligations have been—
 assumed on behalf of the Foundation and by whom and when they—
 have been assumed.—
- 3. Within six months of the end of each financial year, the Executive—Board shall prepare and put down on paper a balance sheet and a—statement of income and expenditure of the Foundation with—supporting notes. In addition, the Executive Board shall prepare a—report describing to what extent the goals, activities and strategies set out in the policy plan for the year in question have been achieved,—carried out or implemented.

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4. 5.		be the liquidator of the Foundation's assets. use any surplus on winding up to support a		
Ο.	cause corresponding as far as possible with the object of the			
		Board shall ensure that the cause to which		
		is contributed is a cause for the common—		
	good.			
6.				
	dissolved Foundation shall	, for a period of seven years, remain in the-		
		pinted to that end by the Executive Board.—		
-	IAL PROVISION———			
	ticle 23.			
		ide in all cases not provided for by the law—		
	these Articles of Association			
	ANSITIONAL PROVISION	***************************************		
	dorogation of the foregoing	the first members of the Supervisory Board		
	d the Executive Board are a			
	IAL DECLARATION	opolitied by this deed.		
		aring declared, in implementation of Article—		
		ted as the Foundation's first Chief————		
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-	Pieris Georgiou Hajipieris,	Details obtainable from notary.		
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		nced by one (1) non-notarial instrument——		
		which shall be attached to this deed.———		
	NCLUDING STATEMENT			
The	e person appearing is knowr	n to me, civil law notary.————		

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Furthermore, I, civil law notary, have stated and explained the sum and—substance of this deed to the person appearing and advised him of the—consequences ensuing from the contents of the deed.— The person appearing declared that he had taken note of the contents of—this deed and that he agreed to those contents. The person appearing—also expressly declared that he agreed with a partial reading of the deed.—Immediately after this deed had been read out in part, it was signed by the person appearing and by me, civil law notary.— This deed was executed in Utrecht on the day and in the year first above—written.—
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