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Organisational Regulations of the Specialised Committee International Co-operation

of 11 March 2008

Based on Article 18 paragraph 2 of the Organisational Regulations of the National Research Council, the National Research Council issues the following Regulations:

Article 1 Subject

These Regulations govern the organisation and responsibilities of the Specialised Committee International Co-operation (hereinafter "the Specialised Committee").

Article 2 Composition, secretariat

¹ The Specialised Committee is chaired by the President. The Vice President deputises for the President if the latter is absent.

² The Specialised Committee consists of no less than eight and no more than twelve members. At least seven thereof must also be members of the Research Council. The members of the Presiding Board of the Specialised Committee must also be members of the Research Council.¹

³ The Specialised Committee includes at least one member each from the funding divisions I-IV of the SNSF.

⁴ The appointment, responsibilities and composition of the evaluation commissions are regulated by the provisions of the Organisational Regulations of the National Research Council (Art. 20 et seq.).

⁵ The scientific secretariat is run by the Administrative Offices. The scientific officers attend meetings in an advisory function, in particular when matters they are working on are discussed.

¹ Changed based on the decision of the Presiding Board of the National Research Council of 23 March 2021, in force as of 1 April 2021.

Article 3 Responsibilities

Based on the Statutes and the Organisational Regulations of the National Research Council, the Specialised Committee is responsible for the following tasks, in particular:

- a. Deliberating the basic strategic thrust of the SNSF's international involvement;
- b. Development of strategies and funding measures in the individual fields of international co-operation, in particular European research co-operation, general multi- and bilateral co-operation and special programmes;
- c. Examination of all funding schemes with regard to the coherence of the SNSF's international involvement; if necessary, development of strategies to enhance this involvement;
- d. Responsibility for the budget line for international co-operation;
- e. Responsibility for the evaluation of applications within the framework of international programmes;
- f. Appointment of evaluation commissions and assignment of the tasks to be accomplished;
- g. Responsibility for the provision of evaluation services of the SNSF to third parties within the framework of international co-operation;
- h. Preparatory work prior to the election of members of the Specialised Committee and its Presiding Board (Article 18 paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Organisational Regulations of the Research Council; Article 4bis Election Regulations of the Research Council).

Article 4 Exclusive responsibilities of the Specialised Committee

¹ The Specialised Committee is the final decision-making authority with regard to:

- a. ...²
- b. decisions on pre-proposals and invitations to submit research proposals for international research projects ³
- c. the approval of non-recurring grants within the framework of the budget line for international co-operation up to a maximum of CHF 30,000 towards projects of an international nature that are not subject to scientific evaluation.⁴
- d. the ruling on pre-proposals and the invitation to submit full proposals for international research projects.⁵

² It may ask the Presiding Board of the National Research Council to assign programme-specific or general final decision-making authority to the Specialised Committee, its president or to the scientific secretariat (see Article 5).

Article 5 Exclusive responsibilities of the scientific secretariat

¹ The scientific secretariat is the final decision-making authority with regard to:

- a. grants for scientific exchanges made by:
 - research stays of researchers from Switzerland at research institutes abroad;

² Version in accordance with the decision of the Presiding Board of the National Research Council of 14 August 2018.

³ Repealed following the resolution of 14 August 2018 (523rd meeting of the RC Presiding Board), in force as of 1st January 2019.

⁴ Amended following the resolution of 14 January 2009 (427th meeting of the RC Presiding Board), enters into force as of 15 January 2009.

⁵ Amended following the resolution of 14 August 2018 (523rd meeting of the RC Presiding Board), in force as of 1st January 2019.

- research stays of researchers from abroad at Swiss research institutes;
 - participation of researchers from abroad in scientific events in Switzerland;
- b. non-recurring grants within the framework of the budget line for international co-operation up to a maximum of CHF 10,000 towards projects of an international nature that are not subject to scientific evaluation.

² The scientific secretariat reports to the Specialised Committee annually on the decisions made pursuant to paragraph 1.

Article 6 Meetings

¹ The dates of meetings of the Specialised Committee shall be set in accordance with the meetings calendar of the Research Council.

² Depending on the current workload, the Specialised Committee may cancel individual meetings or hold additional meetings on other dates.

Article 7 Entry into force

These Regulations enter into force on 1 April 2008.