

AUROVILLE FOUNDATION
Auroville Foundation Bhavan
Administrative Area, Auroville – 605101.

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Dated: 7th March 2008

STANDING ORDER No.1/2008

Subject: **Constitution of L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE**

Whereas Section 16(1) read together with Section 17 (e) of the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988 and Subsection 5(1) (b) of the Auroville Foundation Rules, 1997 empowers the Governing Board to constitute committees for efficient discharge of its duties and performance of its functions, and also prepare, in consultation with the Residents' Assembly, the master plan for the international cultural township of Auroville (hereinafter referred to as "Auroville Township") and ensure its development as planned.

Whereas the Governing Board's resolution, adopted in its 32nd Meeting, empowers the Chairman to exercise all powers and perform all functions of the Governing Board on its behalf; and

Now, therefore, the Governing Board constitutes the committee, under Section 16 (1) *ibid*, for the purpose of (1) planning, developing and building the Auroville Township as also to plan and develop its socio-economic fabric subject to the following conditions:

1. The committee shall be known by the name "L'Avenir d'Auroville – Auroville's Future" given by the Mother.
2. L'Avenir d'Auroville (hereinafter referred to as "L'Avenir") shall consist of a maximum of 12 members nominated by the Governing Board in consultation with the Residents' Assembly through the Working Committee; The composition of the L'Avenir and any changes therein shall be notified through Office Order(s) by Secretary, on behalf of the Governing Board, from time to time,
3. (A) The term of a member of L'Avenir shall be 2 years from the date of notification. A member shall be eligible for re-nomination for a

maximum of two terms in succession and for subsequent nomination on the same terms after a lapse of 4 terms from the last one; and

(B) A member shall cease to be on L'Avenir: (1) if he/she is continuously absent from Auroville for more than six months; (2) if he/she resigns in writing and the resignation, recommended by L'Avenir, is accepted by the Governing Board ; (3) if the Governing Board, on the recommendation of L'Avenir, for good and sufficient reasons to be recorded in writing, removes a member; and (4) the Governing Board, *suo motu*, removes a member for good and sufficient reasons to be recorded in writing;

(C) In the casual vacancy caused by any reason, the Governing Board, in consultation with the Residents' Assembly through Working Committee, may co-opt a member in the vacancy caused for the remaining period of the term

4. L'Avenir shall secure the approval of appropriate town and country planning authorities of the State and Central Governments for the Master Plan of Auroville Township as prepared by the Governing Board in consultation with the Resident's Assembly and approved by the Government of India in the Ministry of Human Resource Development;
5. L'Avenir shall ensure that Auroville Township is planned, developed and built generally according to the "Galaxy Concept" approved by the Mother and the Master Plan approved by the authorities mentioned in Para 2 above;
6. The Governing Board, in consultation with L'Avenir, may (a) constitute an advisory committee of up to 5 experts in relevant disciplines, selected from within and outside the country, to advise L'Avenir on the matters referred to it; and (b) determine the terms and conditions of its functioning;
7. (a) L'Avenir shall be accountable to the Governing Board, through Secretary, Auroville Foundation, and shall submit to it a faithful and true account of its activities and the statement of its income and expenditure as decided by it from time to time: and

- (b) L'Avenir shall also submit a faithful and true account of its activities to the Residents' Assembly, through the Working Committee, as decided from time to time.
8. The Governing Board shall empower L'Avenir, *inter alia*, with the following powers and functions:
- (a) Finalise and approve Auroville's detailed plans in every respect in accordance with a plan of delegated authority agreed to by L'Avenir and the Governing Board;
 - (b) Approve all budgets, estimates, planning schedules, expenditure schedules and work completion schedules;
 - (c) Raise funds, with the Governing Board's approval, for planning, developing and building Auroville Township including the consolidation of land required for the purpose; the funds so raised shall be deposited in the Auroville Unity Fund and earmarked for L'Avenir, and disbursed in accordance with the Fund's approved procedures;
 - (d) Liaise with the concerned Central, State and local government agencies;
 - (e) Secure the services of town planners, urban designers, engineers, architects, contractors, consultants, advisors and such other experts and professionals from within and outside Auroville as may be necessary from time to time and on such terms and conditions as may be decided by the Governing Board in consultation with L'Avenir;
 - (f) Constitute such working groups, project teams and other resource groups as may be necessary from time to time on such terms and conditions as may be decided by L'Avenir;
9. L'Avenir shall determine its internal management and financial procedures in conformity with the provisions of the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988 and the Auroville Foundation Rules, 1997 subject to the approval of the Governing Board.

10. From the date of constitution of L'Avenir, the unit "Auroville's Future" constituted by the Residents Assembly and approved by Secretary shall cease to exist and function, and its liabilities and assets shall be transferred to, and vest in, L'Avenir.

This Standing Order issues with the approval of Chairman, Auroville Foundation and shall come into force with immediate effect.

(M.Ramaswamy)
Secretary, Auroville Foundation

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1. Chairman, Auroville Foundation
2. Chair, International Advisory Council, Auroville Foundation
3. All Members of the Governing Board, Auroville Foundation
4. Director (INC), Ministry of HRD. Government of India
5. Finance & Administration Officer, Auroville Foundation
6. All the Members of L'Avenir d'Auroville
7. Auroville Working Committee
8. Auroville Unity Fund
9. Auroville Funds & Assets Management Committee