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DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR LONDON FILM MAKERS CO-OPERATIVE

1. NAME: London Film Makers Co-operative is the name of a voluntary association of persons espousing the Objects and adopting the Regulations hereinafter set forth and is hereinafter referred to as "the Co-operative".

II OBJECTS: Whereas hitherto cinematograph films have for the most part been produced professionally either for commercial exploitation or for sponsors or by amateurs for themselves or fellow enthusiasts the Co-operative is created to promote the use of the film as a medium of artistic expression and to elevate the medium as one of cultural and educational importance. The Co-op will use all means at its disposal to further the foregoing general aim and will in particular endeavour to: a) assist members by providing opportunities and facilities for the production and exhibition of films; b) establish and maintain administrative headquarters in London with permanent secretarial staff; c) organise a film library and issue a catalogue; d) establish contacts with other bodies at home or abroad whose objects are similar to those of the Co-operative; e) organise showings of films by members and other independent film-makers whether British or foreign; f) issue publications and periodicals concerning the activities of the Co-op and on the cinema in general.

III LIMITATION OF OBJECTS: The Co-op shall be non-profit making: any surplus of income over expenditure shall be applied in furthering the objects of the Co-op and shall not be distributed among members.

IV MEMBERSHIP: The Co-operative shall consist of Full Members and Production Members and such other classes of membership as shall from time to time be approved by the members at a General Meeting. Who shall be admitted by election of the Committee subject to the Regulations hereinafter set forth.

V ADMINISTRATION: The business of the Co-op shall be administered by an Committee consisting of a Chairman, an Hon. Treasurer and an Honorary Secretary and such other executive officers as may from time to time be appointed. The committee shall consist of not less than five persons and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

VI REGULATIONS: The affairs of the Co-op shall be regulated as follows: 1) Membership of the Co-op is open on an annual elective basis to all members of the public over the age of sixteen. 2) Members may be elected as Full Members or Production Members at the discretion of the Committee. To be eligible for Full Membership one must have a film in the Co-op film library. Any Committee decision concerning membership applications can be overruled by a majority vote at a General Meeting. 3) The Co-op shall hold a General Meeting at least once a year and a special

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General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee or  
upon a request in writing being made to the Secretary and signed  
by at least one fourth of the General Membership, that is both  
the Full Members and the Production Members.

6) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be at least one third of  
the General Membership. 5) Members shall be given at least 14 days  
notice of a General Meeting. 6) The Full Members shall be responsible  
for the determination of general Co-op policy and shall elect the  
Committee from among the General Membership. The General Membership  
shall control the Co-op's production policy and services.

7) The Committee shall have sole authority to receive moneys make  
disbursements and have the care and custody of and shall administer  
the funds of the Co-op and are empowered to delegate this responsi-  
bility as they may deem necessary to any one of the officers  
of the Committee or to such other persons as they may appoint

8) The Co-op shall have at least two separate accounts, a Distribution  
Account and a General Account. The Full Members shall control the  
moneys of the distribution Account, and the General Membership shall  
control the General Account and Production Account.

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No film - sub. but (ref.?)  
Members elects?*

*(25%)*

*Committee (III) + res (IV) charged  
for prod, union, dist.  
subject to approval etc.*

*law?*

*twice?*

*or petition to/by Committee*

9) The Hon. Treasures shall present to the Annual General Meeting an audited statement of the accounts of the CO-op for the period ending two months prior to the date of the meeting and a copy of such statement shall be sent to all Members at least 14 days prior to the date of the A.G.M. 10) Every application for membership of the Co-op shall be accompanied by such information as the Committee may from time to time prescribe or in particular cases require. *vacant (name)*

11) Members shall pay an annual subscription at such rates as may be fixed by the General Membership and which shall be £4 until further notice. 12) Subscriptions are payable for each year beginning July and ending June 30th following. 13) Notice of resignation of any Member, Full or Production, shall be given in writing to the Membership Secretary of the Co-op.

14) All Members shall be entitled to receive without payment a copy of each publication issued by the Co-op during the year of Membership. Such publications may also be offered for sale to the public at such price as the Committee may determine: 15) Such facilities for film-making as the Co-op may from time to time have at its disposal shall be made available to the Membership. The Co-op shall be entitled to establish rules governing the use of such facilities and to fix hire or other charges to cover the cost of making available film-making equipment or facilities. *15-*

16) The Co-op's FILM Library shall be maintained at its London headquarters or such other place as the Committee may determine and shall primarily but not exclusively consist of films made by members of other CO-op's at home and abroad and other independent film makers. films available from the Library shall be from time to time included in a Catalogue published by the Co-op. 17) Films made by a London Co-op member or the member of any other Co-op at home and abroad must be upon presentation of a positive print, included in the Co-op library.

18) Films in the Co-op's Library shall be available for rental at such rates as the maker shall determine to individual film societies educational and cultural establishments and other non-commercial film users at home and if the maker agrees abroad

19) All prints of films in the Co-op film library shall be provided at the expense of the maker who will retain the ownership thereof and be entitled to reclaim the prints at any time subject only to prior booking arrangements arranged through the Co-op.

20) Film rentals paid to the Co-op shall be credited as to 60% thereof to the maker of the film and 40% to the Co-op to cover its operating expenses and the co-op shall account to the film maker for receipts either on request or quarterly. Exceptions to the 40-60% can only be authorised by full members.

21) Any of foregoing regulations may be amended by a General Meeting of the Co-op. The regulations relating to the Film Library can be changed only by the full Members.

22) All decisions taken by the Committee and the General Membership must be made known to the entire Membership via the newsletter. *minutes*

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VI WINDING UP The Co-op shall not be wound up nor shall this Constitution (other than regulations) be altered except by a resolution of three-quarters of the General Membership present at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. In any event no altering of clause III shall be possible and if the Co-op Shall be wound up its remaining funds shall be devoted to objects similar to those of the co-op.

IV (Regulations)

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