# Security Transparency Consortium Membership Regulations

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#### Chapter 1 General rules

(Objectives)

Article 1 Objectives of this regulation is to define the necessary matters concerning members of the "Security Transparency Consortium (hereinafter referred to as the "Consortium")".

(Definition of terms)

Article 2 A corporaion that owns a majority of its own voting rights is called a parent corporaion.

2 A corporaion in which it owns a majority of voting rights is called a subsidiary.

3 The parent corporaion and subsidiaries together are referred to as affiliated corporaion.

#### Chapter 2 Membership

#### (Member)

Article 3 Members shall be corporations, companies, organizations that support objectives and activities of the Consortium, or experts, etc. who are recognized by the president of the Consortium to contribute to its activities.

2 The types of membership are as follows.

(i) Corporate members: Members of corporations, companies, and organizations that support the objectives of the Consortium.

(ii) Individual members: Members are experts and others who are recognized by the steering committee to contribute to its activities.

#### (Membership)

Article 4 A person who wishes to become a member shall fill out the necessary information on the separately specified application form for membership, agree to the pledges contained in the application form for membership, and submit it to the Consortium president. After receiving the application form for membership at the secretariat, it will be reviewed by the steering committee and approved, allowing you to become a member.

2 If the member representative or contact person is changed, a separately specified change notification shall be promptly submitted to the Consortium chairman.

3. If the name of the corporation, company, organization, etc. to which a member belongs changes, a separate notification of change shall be promptly submitted to the Consortium president.

#### (Membership examination)

Article 5 When the steering committee receives an application for membership from a person wishing to become a member, it will examine it according to the following criteria and decide whether or not to admit the applicant.

2 If a corporation, company, organization, or individual who supports objectives and activities of the Consortium is recognized as contributing to its activities.

3. The applicant's affiliation or the applicant himself/herself does not fall under any anti-social forces or has any connections with anti-social forces.

4 The applicant's affiliation or the applicant himself/herself does not fall under any of the countries in Group D of export control list regulations/catch-all regulations. Or have no connection to those countries.

5 The applicant must not engage in activities that violate public order and morals.

6 If the preceding paragraphs 2-5 are not met, membership will not be permitted. Even if the preceding paragraphs 2-5 are met, membership may be rejected at the discretion of the steering committee, taking into account the world situation or the situation of the corporation, company, or organization in question.

## **Chapter 3 Membership Fees**

(Membership fee)

Article 6 In principle, the Consortium shall not collect membership fees.

## Chapter 4 Member's Rights and Obligations

(Member's rights)

Article 7 Members have the following rights in addition to those stipulated in other regulations. (i) Belong to working group and be able to participate in activities of that working group.

(ii) Members can belong to working group, express their opinions, and participate in resolutions. (iii) A person can belong to multiple working groups. There are no restrictions on when you can belong to working group (if you wish to join working group midway through, please apply to the chief examiner of working group).

(iv) You can withdraw from working group you belong to. There is no time limit for withdrawing from working group (if you wish to withdraw, please apply to the chief examiner of working group).

(Disclosure of information to affiliated companies)

Article 8 Members may disclose information on the status of the Consortium's activities and information obtained through the Consortium's activities to their affiliated companies to the extent necessary for objectives of the Consortium.

2 The member shall obtain prior approval from the steering committee for each recipient of information to be disclosed to the affiliate concerned.

3 The member shall impose on the affiliated companies the same obligations as those stipulated in the "Document Management Regulations".

(Member's obligations)

Article 9 Members are obligated to exercise their rights stipulated in Article 7 in good faith and

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cooperate with the operations of the Consortium in order to achieve objectives of the Consortium. 2 Members shall be responsible for activities of the steering committee, working group, and other Consortiums.

We must not engage in any conduct that may restrict or impede fair and free market competition. 3 Members must not engage in activities that violate public order and morals.

4 Members belong to some kind of working group and contribute to activities to achieve the objectives of the consortium. Specifically, they will carry out the work assigned by the chief examiner of working group.

5 Members must not disclose confidential documents stipulated in the "Document Management Regulations" to third parties outside the consortium. The handling of confidential documents shall be stipulated in the relevant regulations.

6 Members shall comply with the pledges in application form for membership agreed to at the time of membership.

# **Chapter 5 Loss of Qualification**

#### (Withdrawal)

Article 10 Members may withdraw from the Consortium at their discretion. If you wish to withdraw from membership, please submit a separately specified withdrawal application form to the Consortium president at least one month in advance.

2 In addition to the cases set forth in the preceding paragraph, members may withdraw from membership for the following reasons.

(i) When the member dies or is declared missing.

(ii) When the corporation, company, or organization to which the member belongs is dissolved.

(iii) When the member is expelled from the Consortium.

# (Expulsion)

Article 11 If members fall under any of the following items, the member may be expelled by resolution of the steering committee.

(i) When there is an act that damages the reputation of the Consortium or violates objectives of the Consortium.

(ii) When you violate your obligations as a member.

(iii) When a member does not participate in any working group activities and does not engage in any substantive activities. Specifically, 12 consecutive absences from working group participation will be considered as not engaging in any substantive activities.

(iv) When the member and the member's affiliation no longer meet the standards set forth in Article 5.

(v) When the corporation, company, or organization to which the member belongs is dissolved.

2 The relevant member shall be given an opportunity to make an explanation before the resolution by the steering committee as stipulated in Article 11.

#### Chapter 6 Management

(Membership list)

Article 12 The Consortium will create a list that includes names, affiliations, addresses of affiliations, email addresses, mailing lists, and responsible persons of members.

2 The secretariat will manage the list.

3 Personal information of members listed in the list will not be used beyond the intended purpose and will be managed appropriately.

# **Chapter 7 Supplementary Provisions**

#### (Enforcement)

Article 13 This regulation will come into effect from September 21, 2023, the date of establishment of the Consortium.

(Revised/Abolished)

Article 14 Revised or abolished of this regulation shall be made by resolution of the steering committee.