1. The COMMISSION FOR THE GEOLOGICAL MAP OF THE WORLD, hereafter called C.G.M.W., is a non-profit international scientific organization. It is a commission of the International Geological Congress and an affiliate of the International Union of Geological Sciences. The International Union of Geological Sciences is an international association which has its legal domicile in Beijing, China; it is a member union of the International Council of Scientific Unions, which also has legal domicile in Paris, France and which is recognized as an "association étrangère" in France (decree of 9 February, 1973).

2. The activity of the C.G.M.W. is scientific, to the exclusion of political, trades union, or religious activities.

3. AIMS. The CGMW is responsible for promoting and coordinating the preparation and publication of solid earth sciences maps of continents, oceans, major regions of the earth, and promoting those of national territories, and for developing cartography in the solid earth sciences. The C.G.M.W. organizes international co-ordination for the study of problems concerning earth science cartography and undertakes bibliographic and cartographic studies necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

4. DOMICILE. The headquarters of the CGMW are 77, rue Claude-Bernard, 75005 Paris, France.

5. MEMBERSHIP. The CGMW has two category members:

   – Statutory members are national organizations responsible for solid earth science mapping of all the countries or territories of the world which adhere to C.G.M.W.

   – Associate members are public or private organizations interested in and supportive of the C.G.M.W.’s work. Associate members are accepted on the recommendation of a Vice-President and with the approval of the Bureau.
6. **FINANCE.** Annual contribution from member countries and associated members are used for the support of continuing activities of the CGMW categories of contributions as stated in the By-laws. The amount of categories is changed on the recommendation of the Bureau and adoption by a simple majority of statutory members present or represented at a Plenary Assembly. The CGMW may accept contributions for scientific work, and legacies.

7. **ADMINISTRATION.**

7.1. Members meet in Plenary Assembly, in which statutory members vote on questions submitted.

7.2. The C.G.M.W. is governed by a Bureau with the following composition: President, Secretary General, Assistant Secretary General, and a Vice-President for each continent or large region of the Earth, and a President and a Secretary (ies) of the thematic Subcommissions.

The Bureau proposes replacements when vacancies occur on the Bureau; replacements are approved by a simple majority at a Plenary Assembly.

The Bureau seeks the co-operation of qualified persons to achieve its aims and may request general convenors, responsible for its maps of continents or major regions, to join in deliberations with the Bureau.

7.3. The Bureau establishes procedures for the good administration of the C.G.M.W. and of its finances. The previous year's balance sheet is distributed to members through the C.G.M.W. Bulletin.

8. **ORGANIZATION.** The CGMW creates as many thematic map Subcommissions as there are thematic map projects. The responsibility of these thematic Subcommissions is world-wide; they organize, in agreement with the continental Vice-Presidents, Editorial Committees to work on specific maps of continents or major regions.

Convenors of thematic maps are appointed by the President, with the concurrence of the continental Vice president and the President of the concerned thematic Subcommission.

Working groups are created to deal with specific problems.
9. MEETINGS. Plenary Assembly meets on the occasion of the International Geological Congress, or on invitation of the Bureau. At least one Plenary Assembly is convened between Congress sessions. The Subcommissions and Editorial Committees meet according to the needs of their projects. Only Bureau members and official delegates participate in meetings; exceptions may be made by the meeting convenor.

10. COPYRIGHT. The CGMW holds the copyright to all material published by it, unless otherwise arranged by specific contract, or as otherwise required by law.

11. DISSOLUTION. In case of dissolution, the Secretary General of the International Union of Geological Sciences, or his representative, is charged with liquidating C.G.M.W.'s assets. Assets shall be transferred to an international organization with similar aims and responsibilities.

12. AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES. Proposed amendments to the statutes must be communicated to members not less than three months in advance of a Plenary Assembly. A two-thirds majority of statutory members present, or represented by proxy, at a Plenary Assembly, or voting by postal ballot, is required for adoption of amendments.

13. BY LAWS. Changes and additions to By-laws are proposed by the Bureau and adopted by the Plenary Assembly by simple majority. By-Laws define points not included in the statutes.

14. In case of dispute, the French text of these statutes is legal and binding.

Paris, 21st February 2014
1. The Bureau entrusts the administration of C.G.M.W.’s finances to the Secretary General and the President.

2. The Bureau may establish a Finance Committee to advise the President and the Secretary General and to audit the annual financial record.

3. Between Plenary Assemblies the Bureau may be consulted and vote by mail.

4. Annual subscriptions of statutory members are presently fixed at:
   - Category I-a: 300 €
   - Category I-b: 600 €
   - Category II: 1,200 €
   - Category III: 3,100 €
   - Category IV: 4,600 €

   Those of associate members are fixed at 1,200 €.

5. C.G.M.W. members are informed of its activities. Associate members receive complimentary copies of CGMW publications.