

«ASSOCIATION DES PARENTS D'ELÈVES DE L'ECOLE EUROPÉENNE DE BRUXELLES I - UCCLE, SECTION SERVICES» VZW/ASBL

Statutory auditor's report to the general meeting of members for the year ended 31 August 2024

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#### STATUTORY AUDITOR'S REPORT

# TO THE GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF «ASSOCIATION DES PARENTS D'ELÈVES DE L'ECOLE EUROPÉENNE DE BRUXELLES I - UCCLE, SECTION SERVICES» VZW/ASBL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

In the context of the statutory audit of the annual accounts of **«ASSOCIATION DES PARENTS D'ELÈVES DE L'ECOLE EUROPÉENNE DE BRUXELLES I - UCCLE, SECTION SERVICES» VZW/ASBL** ("the Association"), we hereby present our statutory auditor's report. It includes our report on the annual accounts as well as other legal and regulatory requirements. These reports form part of an integrated whole and are indivisible.

We have been appointed as statutory auditor by the general meeting of 6 February 2023, following the proposal formulated by the board of directors. Our mandate expires on the date of the general meeting deliberating on the annual accounts closed on 31 August 2025. We have performed the statutory audit of the annual accounts of **«ASSOCIATION DES PARENTS D'ELÈVES DE L'ECOLE EUROPÉENNE DE BRUXELLES I - UCCLE, SECTION SERVICES» VZW/ASBL** for 2 consecutive years.

#### **REPORT ON THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

#### **Unqualified** opinion

We have audited the annual accounts of the Association, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 August 2024, the profit and loss account for the year then ended and the notes to the annual accounts, characterised by a balance sheet total of 6.245.335 EUR and a profit and loss account showing a positive result for the year of 304.115 EUR.

In our opinion, the annual accounts give a true and fair view of the Association's net equity and financial position as at 31 August 2024, as well as of its results for the year then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting framework applicable in Belgium.

## Basis for the unqualified opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Belgium. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Statutory auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the annual accounts' section in this report. We have complied with all the ethical requirements that are relevant to the audit of annual accounts in Belgium, including those concerning independence.

We have obtained from the board of directors and the Association's officials the explanations and information necessary for performing our audit.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Responsibilities of the board of directors for the annual accounts

The board of directors is responsible for the preparation of annual accounts that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework applicable in Belgium, and for such internal control as the board of directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of annual accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual accounts, the board of directors is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the board of directors either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Statutory auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the annual accounts

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a statutory auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these annual accounts.

In carrying out our audit, we comply with the legal, regulatory and normative framework that applies to the audit of the annual accounts in Belgium. However, a statutory audit does not provide certainty as to the future viability of the Association, nor about the efficiency or effectiveness with which the board of directors conducts the business of the Association. Our responsibilities with regard to the continuity assumption used by the board of directors are described below.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual accounts, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
  opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the board of directors
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the board of directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our statutory auditor's report to the related disclosures in the annual accounts

- or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our statutory auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern;
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual accounts and whether the
  annual accounts represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair
  presentation.

The statutory audit does not provide security about the future viability of the Association, nor about the efficiency or effectiveness of the way the board of directors did or will manage the business of the Association.

We communicate with the board of directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identified during our audit.

#### OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

## Responsibilities of the board of directors

The board of directors is responsible for the preparation and the content of the documents to be deposited in accordance with the legal and regulatory requirements and of the management report, as well as for the compliance with the legal and regulatory requirements regarding bookkeeping, with the Code on Companies and Associations and with the Association's by-laws.

## Responsibilities of the statutory auditor

In the context of our mandate and in accordance with the Belgian standard (Revised in 2020) which is complementary to the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Belgium, it is our responsibility to verify, in all material aspects, certain documents to be deposited in accordance with the legal and regulatory requirements and the management report and compliance with certain provisions of the Code on Companies and Associations and of the Association's by-laws, as well as to report on these elements.

## Aspects related to the management report

In our opinion, after having performed specific procedures in relation to the management report, the management report is consistent with the annual accounts for the same financial year, and it is prepared in accordance with article 3:48 of the Code on Companies and Associations.

In the context of our audit of the annual accounts, we are also responsible for considering, in particular based on the knowledge we have obtained during the audit, whether the management report contains any material misstatement, i.e. any information which is inadequately disclosed or otherwise misleading. Based on the procedures we have performed, there are no material misstatements we have to report to you.

# Statement related to independence

Our audit firm and our network did not provide services which are incompatible with the statutory audit of annual accounts, and we remained independent of the Association during the terms of our mandate.

## Other statements

- Without prejudice to certain formal aspects of minor importance, the accounting records are maintained in accordance with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium.
- There are no transactions undertaken or decisions taken in breach of the by-laws or of Code on Companies and Associations that we have to report to you.

Brussels, 30 January 2025

**«GROUPE AUDIT BELGIUM» BV/SRL** 

Statutory auditor

Regressived by Sophie TUYTTENS
Certified auditor