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**Art. 8.** The Board of Directors may restrict or prevent the ownership of shares in the Corporation by any person, firm or corporate body, if it appears to the Corporation that such ownership results in a breach of law in Luxembourg or abroad, may make the Corporation subject to tax in a country other than the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg or may otherwise be detrimental to the Corporation.

More specifically, the Corporation may restrict or prevent the ownership of shares in the Corporation by any «U.S. person», as defined hereafter.

For such purposes the Corporation may:

a) decline to issue any share and decline to register any transfer of a share, where it appears to it that such registration or transfer would or might result in beneficial ownership of such share by a person who is precluded from holding shares in the Corporation,

b) at any time require any person whose name is entered in, or any person seeking to register the transfer of shares on, the Register of Shareholders to furnish it with any information, supported by affidavit, which it may consider necessary for the purpose of determining whether or not beneficial ownership of such shareholder's shares rests or will rest in a person who is precluded from holding shares in the Corporation,

c) where it appears to the Corporation that any person, who is precluded from holding shares in the Corporation, either alone or in conjunction with any other person, is a beneficial owner of shares, compulsorily purchase from any such shareholder all shares held by such shareholder or where it appears to the Corporation that one or more persons are the owners of a proportion of the shares in the Corporation which would make the Corporation subject to tax or other regulations of jurisdictions other than Luxembourg, compulsorily redeem all or a proportion of the shares held by such shareholders, as may be necessary, in the following manner:

1) The Corporation shall serve a notice (hereinafter called the «purchase notice») upon the shareholder bearing such shares or appearing in the Register of Shareholders as the owner of the shares to be purchased, specifying the shares to be purchased as aforesaid, the price to be paid for such shares, and the place at which the purchase price in respect of such shares is payable. Any such notice may be served upon such shareholder by posting the same in a prepaid registered envelope addressed to such shareholder at his last address known to or appearing in the books of the Corporation.

The said shareholder shall thereupon forthwith be obliged to deliver to the Corporation the share certificate or certificates, if any, representing the shares specified in the purchase notice. Immediately after the close of business on the date specified in the purchase notice, such shareholder shall cease to be the owner of the shares specified in such notice and, in the case of registered shares, his name shall be removed as the holder of such shares from the Register of Shareholders, and in the case of bearer shares, the certificate(s) representing such shares shall be cancelled in the books of the Corporation;

2) The price at which the shares specified in any purchase notice shall be purchased (herein called «the purchase price») shall be an amount equal to the relevant per share Net Asset Value determined in accordance with Article twenty-three hereof, as at the date of the purchase notice;

3) Payment of the purchase price will be made to the owner of such shares in the currency of the Sub-Fund concerned, except during periods of exchange restrictions, and will be deposited by the Corporation with a bank in Luxembourg or elsewhere (as specified in the purchase notice) for payment to such owner upon surrender of the share certificate or certificates, if issued, representing the shares specified in such notice.

Upon deposit of such price as aforesaid no person interested in the shares specified in such purchase notice shall have any further interest in such shares or any of them, or any claim against the Corporation or its assets in respect thereof, except the right of the shareholder appearing as the owner thereof to receive the price so deposited (without interest) from such bank upon effective surrender of the share certificate or certificates, if issued, as aforesaid;

4) The exercise by the Corporation of the powers conferred by this Article shall not be questioned or invalidated in any case, on the ground that there was insufficient evidence of ownership of shares by any person or that the true ownership of any shares was otherwise than appeared to the Corporation at the date of any purchase notice, provided that in such case the said powers were exercised by the Corporation in good faith and

d) decline to accept the vote of any person who is precluded from holding shares in the Corporation at any meeting of shareholders of the Corporation.

Whenever used in these Articles, the term «U.S. person» shall mean any national, citizen or resident of the United States of America or of any of its territories or possessions or areas subject to its jurisdiction or any person who is normally resident therein (including the estate of any such person or corporations or partnerships created or organised therein).

**Art. 9.** Any regularly constituted meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation shall represent the entire body of shareholders of the Corporation. It shall have the broadest powers to order, carry out or ratify acts relating to the operations of the Corporation.

**Art. 10.** The annual general meeting of shareholders shall be held, in accordance with Luxembourg law, in Luxembourg at the registered office of the Corporation, or at such other place in Luxembourg as may be specified in the notice of meeting, on the second Wednesday of the month of May in each year at 11.30 a.m. and for the first time in 2002. If such day is not a bank business day in Luxembourg, the annual general meeting shall be held on the next following bank business day in Luxembourg. The annual general meeting may be held abroad if, in the absolute and final judgement of the Board of Directors, exceptional circumstances so require.





































































