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**1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 1.1. The human rights non-governmental organization Europe in Law Association (hereinafter: the Organization) is a non-governmental association founded on the basis of common interests of its members with a view to satisfying spiritual and other immaterial needs.
- 1.2. The name of the Organization is:  
"Իրավունքի Եվրոպա միավորում" human rights non-governmental organization, the short version: "Իրավունքի Եվրոպա միավորում," and the acronym: ԻԵՄ:
- 1.3. The Organization functions in accordance with the RA Constitution, the RA international treaties, the RA legislation and this Statute.
- 1.4. The activities of the Organization are based on the principles of lawfulness, openness, voluntary membership, equal rights of members, self-government and collective governance.
- 1.5. The Organization functions in the whole territory of the Republic of Armenia. It may function in foreign States in the manner prescribed by the legislation of these States.
- 1.6. The Organization is granted the status of a legal person from the moment of its registration by the RA Ministry of Justice.
- 1.7. The Organization may have a symbol.
- 1.8. The Organization may have international relations, become a member of international and foreign non-governmental non-commercial organizations, conclude contracts and agreements with them.
- 1.9. The Organization may, in the manner prescribed by the RA legislation, found mass media, disseminate information on its activities by the mass media.
- 1.10. The Organization is located at 101 Bouzand Street, Apt. 4, Yerevan 0002,, Republic of Armenia, telephone: (+37410 500665).
- 1.11. The official web-site of the Organization is: [www.ela.am](http://www.ela.am) (the Organization uses this website with the right-to-use).

**2. FIELD OF ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION**

- 2.1. The activities of the Organization are directed at disseminating and fostering the values uniting the European family – human dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy, rule of law in the States members of the European family, including the Republic of Armenia through law and education.
- 2.2. The main objectives of the Organization are, in the manner prescribed by law, to:
  - 2.2.1. Have an effective role in the dissemination of the values stipulated by the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia and proclaimed universal by advanced States of the European family by developing and introducing common standards;

- 2.2.2. Assist in creating in Europe, including the Republic of Armenia a kind of legal culture in which human dignity is a supreme value and where human rights and fundamental freedoms are respected and protected;
- 2.2.3. Assist in establishing rule of law and consolidating democracy in the State members of the European family, including the Republic of Armenia;
- 2.2.4. Have an active participation in the activities of international and foreign organizations in the States members of the European family, including Armenia that pursue the aim of establishing a rule of law Europe;
- 2.2.5. Contribute to the improvement of the national legislation and law enforcement practice, the conduct of justice reforms in the Republic of Armenia, as well as their approximation to the European standards;
- 2.2.6. Contribute to enhanced legal understanding and legal culture among the state bodies and local self-government, their officials, as well as the public at large through the conduct of professional trainings, organization of conferences, conduct of research, publication of academic works and dissemination of information;
- 2.2.7. Establish contacts and co-operation with Armenian and foreign lawyers, education establishments, non-governmental and other organizations, human rights watchdogs to contribute to the inculcation of the values proclaimed universal by the States members of the European family;
- 2.2.8. Contribute by their activities to the strengthening and consolidation of civil society;
- 2.2.9. Provide legal and other advice to physical and legal persons regarding the subject-matter of its activities.

### **3. RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION**

- 3.1. The Organization enjoys the whole spectrum of rights guaranteed by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia for legal persons, including:
  - 3.1.1. It has a separate property, balance, a seal with its name in Armenian, Russian and English, current and other accounts in banks both in the AMD and other currencies;
  - 3.1.2. May acquire on its behalf proprietary and non-proprietary rights and carry obligations, act as a plaintiff and defendant in the court;
  - 3.1.3. Determine on its own its organizational structure, tasks, objectives and forms of activity;
  - 3.1.4. Disseminate information on its activities;
  - 3.1.5. Organize and conduct peaceful, unarmed assemblies, demonstrations, marches and rallies;
  - 3.1.6. Represent and defend, in the manner prescribed by the RA legislation the rights and lawful interests of its members and itself before other organizations, the court, the bodies of public administration and local self-government;
  - 3.1.7. Co-operate with other non-commercial organizations, including international and foreign non-governmental and non-commercial organizations, as well as with a view to engaging in coordinated activity, representing and protecting common

- interests, create unions with these organizations and become a member of the unions created by them, preserving its autonomy and its status of a legal person;
- 3.1.8. Found, in the manner prescribed by its organization, separate sub-divisions – branches and representations, as well as institutions;
  - 3.1.9. Found commercial organizations or become a member of such organizations;
  - 3.2. The Organization has the following obligations:
    - 3.2.1. Maintain a register of its members;
    - 3.2.2. Do filing and accounting in the manner prescribed by the RA legislation;
    - 3.2.3. Submit the reports of its activities and use of property for the approval of the Assembly at least once in two years;
    - 3.2.4. Upon the demand of any physical person, enable him/her to get familiarized with the Statute of the Organization within a reasonable time;
    - 3.2.5. Upon the justified demand of the authorized public administration body in the area of justice in the Republic of Armenia and within a reasonable time provide it with the copies of decisions of the supreme and other bodies of the Organization, other documents on the activities of the Organization, permit the representatives of these bodies be present at the Assembly of the Organization;
    - 3.2.6. Within one month following the adoption of decisions on founding or dissolving the separate sub-division, apply to the state registration body for registering or de-registering it in the manner prescribed by law;
    - 3.2.7. The organization and its officials are liable For any illicit activity in the manner prescribed by law.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION, PROCEDURE FOR BECOMING A MEMBER OR LEAVING THE ORGANIZATION**

- 4.1. Any lawyer or person interested in human rights having reached the age of 18 who is engaged in civic activism, accepts the Statute of the Organization, contributes by its activities to the attainment of the objectives of the Organization and pays the admission fee (if envisaged) may become a member of the Organization.
- 4.2. Anybody who wishes to become a member of the Organization submits a written application to the President of the Organization and written recommendations by 2 members of the Organization by paying the admission fee, the size and manner of payment of which is determined by the Board (or by the Assembly in case the Board is not formed yet).
- 4.3. Any member of the Organization may terminate his/her membership of the Organisation on the basis of a written application or by the decision of the Board on dismissing him/her from the Organization for failure to fulfill or inadequately fulfill the obligations set by this Statute or by the labor agreement concluded with the Organization, or for failure to fulfill or inadequate or dishonest fulfillment of the tasks assigned by the governing bodies of the Organization, or for breach of the Organisation’s Code of Conduct.
- 4.4. The members of the Organization pay a membership fee the amount and procedure of payment of which is determined by the Board of the Organization (or by the Assembly in case the Board is not formed yet).
- 4.5. The founders of the Organization are considered as members of the Organization.

## **5. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION**

- 5.1. The member of the Organization has a right to:**
- 5.1.1. Elect and be elected to the governing bodies of the Organization;
  - 5.1.2. Submit recommendations, comments and practical programmes for the consideration of the governing bodies with a view to improving the activities and programmes of the Organization;
  - 5.1.3. Benefit from the legal, financial, technical, informational and other support of the Organization only for fulfilling the objectives and tasks of the Organization; or for fulfillment of the obligations set by the labor agreement concluded with the Organization, or by legislation or this Statute; or for proper fulfillment of the tasks assigned to them by the governing body of the Organization;
  - 5.1.4. Obtain exhaustive information on the activities of the Organization;
  - 5.1.5. Participate in the events organized by the Organization;
  - 5.1.6. Submit written complaints against the decisions of the bodies of the Organization;
  - 5.1.7. Leave the Organization without any obstacles;
- 5.2. The member of the Organization must:**
- 5.2.1. Participate and assist in the activities of the Organization;
  - 5.2.2. Fulfill the requirements of the Statute of the Organization and the decisions of the governing bodies of the Organization; keep the disciplinary rules of the organization;
  - 5.2.3. By his/her conduct and activities contribute to enhanced reputation of the Organization;
  - 5.2.4. Pay the admission and membership fees (if applicable):
- 5.3. The Assembly and Board of the Organization may take incentives (envisaged in the disciplinary rules of the Organization) in regard to the members of the Organization. The Assembly and the Board of the Organization may impose sanctions on the member breaking the provisions of the law, this Statute and the disciplinary rules, including dismissal from the Organization.

## **6. STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE OF ESTABLISHING ITS SEPARATE SUB-DIVISIONS**

- 6.1. The governing bodies of the Organization are the Board and/or the President.
- 6.2. The highest body of the Organization is the Assembly, which has the right to final solution of any matter related to the activities of the Organization.
- 6.3. The control over the activities of the Organization is exercised by the Assembly of the Organization.
- 6.4. Apart from the Assembly, the remaining governing bodies of the Organization are elected and any member of the Organization may be nominated and elected to them.
- 6.5. The Assembly of the Organization is convened once in two years by the Board or the President in the manner and timeframe set by the latter. The Assembly of the Organization may be regular or ad hoc.

6.6. A regular Assembly of the Organization is convened with joint meeting of its members or remotely by usage of telecommunications; or by exchanging documents, which allow determining precisely that the document was submitted by the author mentioned in it. The participants of the regular Assembly must be notified of the Assembly's agenda, time and venue with an ordered letter or with usage of means of telecommunication or otherwise, using methods not prohibited by law in order to obtain proof on proper notification; using technical means: video/audio typing equipments, photos, copying or other equipments. The participants of the regular Assembly must be notified no later than within 14 calendar days. An ad hoc Assembly may be convened upon the substantiated decision of at least 1/3 of the general number of its members no later than within 14 calendar days by the President of the Organisation or upon the decision of the President of the Organisation. The participants of the regular Assembly must be notified of the Assembly's agenda, time and venue in the manner envisaged for notification of the regular Assembly, but no later than within 3 calendar days prior to the extraordinary Assembly. The ad hoc Assemblies are convened according the agenda of its initiator, which, may be, however, changed during the Assembly.

**6.7. The Assembly of the Organization:**

6.7.1. Approves the Statute of the Organization, makes amendments to it and (or) approves the new Statute;

6.7.2. Determines the number of the Board members of the Organization, elects the Board members, changes the composition of the Board, terminates ahead of time the powers of the Board members or makes a decision not to create a Board, in case of which the obligations of the Board are fulfilled by the President of the Organization);

6.7.3. Elects the President, Vice-President and Secretary-in-Charge for the Organization for a period of two years and terminates their powers ahead of time. The President of the Organization is ex officio the Chairperson of the Board;

6.7.4. Discusses and approves the reports of the Board and President of the Organization, approves the reports of the organizational activity and use of property;

6.7.5. Adopts decisions on the reorganization and dissolution of the Organization, approves the handover act or distributive balance of the Organization except for reorganization and dissolution by the decision of the Court;

6.7.6. The Assembly may discuss questions and adopt decisions if more than a half of the Organization members take part in it. At the time of discussion of motions decisions are adopted by a simple majority of all the members of the Organization;

6.7.7. Any decision of the Assembly adopted with a breach of law, Organization's Statute or the procedure prescribed by the decisions of the governing bodies or having violated the rights and lawful interests of the Organization or its members may be annulled by the court on the basis of an application of a member of the Organization. Such an application may be submitted within a 60-day period starting from the date when the member of the Organization learnt or had to learn about the adoption of this decision if no other thing is prescribed by law;

**6.8. The Board of the Organization:**

6.5.1.

6.8.1. The Board of the Organization is elected by the Assembly for a period of two years.

- 6.8.2. Is deemed to be the governing body of the Organization in the period between the Assemblies of the Organization;
- 6.8.3. Discusses and adopts decisions on all matters related to the activities of the Organization excluding the matters that are within the competence of the Assembly of the Organization and its President;
- 6.8.4. Prepares the Assemblies of the Organization, submits recommendations to the Assembly on matters within its competence;
- 6.8.5. Adopts decisions on founding and dissolving the separate subdivisions of the Organization – branches, representations, as well as institutions, commissions, working groups, approves their Statutes, regulations and procedures which may not contradict this Statute, appoints and dismisses their heads, gives powers of attorney to the heads of representations and branches;
- 6.8.6. Founds commercial organizations and participates in such organizations;
- 6.8.7. Recruits and dismisses the members of the Organization, applies incentives and sanctions to them (envisaged by the disciplinary rules of the organization);
- 6.8.8. Sets the procedure, amounts and forms of the payment of membership fees by the members of the Organization;
- 6.8.9. Disposes the property of the organization, determines the procedure and amount of remuneration of the governing bodies of the Organization.
- 6.8.10. The Board may discuss questions and adopt decisions if more than 2/3 of all its members take part in its session. When discussing motions decisions are adopted by the 2/3 of the votes of the Board members. When the votes are equal, the vote of the President is decisive.
- 6.8.11. The Board convenes its regular sessions once in six months. An extraordinary session of the Board may be convened upon the substantiated written demand of at least 1/3 of the Board members by the President of the Organization or directly by the President of the Organization no later than within 7 calendar days.

## **6.9. The President of the Organization:**

- 6.9.1. The President of the Organization is elected by the Assembly for a period of two years.
- 6.9.1. Manages the activities of the Board and is the governing body of the Organization between the sessions of the Board of the Organization, carries out the regular financial activities of the Organization;
- 6.9.2. Ensures the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of adopted by the Assembly and the Board of the Organization, adopts decisions and signs decrees, orders and other relevant documents within the scope of its competence;
- 6.9.3. Approves the staffing list, pay rates and staff regulations of the Organization which must not contradict this Statute;
- 6.9.4. Recruits and dismisses the staff and contractual employees of the Organization;
- 6.9.5. Submits a report to the Assembly of the Organization on the activities of the Board and himself/herself;
- 6.9.6. Adopts decisions on all matters of the organization except for the matters conferred on the Assembly and Board of the Organization;

6.9.7. Acts without a power of attorney on behalf of the Organization, issues powers of attorney, opens accounting, current and other accounts in banking institutions, conducts negotiations on behalf of the Organization, concludes contracts and agreements, signs the documents adopted by the Assembly and Board of the Organization;

6.9.9. Chairs the sessions of the Assembly and Board of the Organization, may entrust the chairing of the sessions of the Assembly and Board of the Organization to another member of the Organization whose candidacy will be approved by the majority of the members who participate in the session, invites and convenes the regular and extraordinary sessions of the Assembly and Board of the Organization whose candidacy will be approved by the majority of the members who participate in the session, invites and convenes the regular and ad hoc sessions of the Assembly and Board of the Organization;

6.9.10. May delegate certain powers conferred on the President of the Organization to the Vice-President, Secretary-in-Charge and members of the Organization's Board;

6.9.11. Adopts decisions on the acquisition, possession, use and disposal of property for the organization regardless of the type and size of this property;

6.9.12. Approves the annual plans and programs of the main events and activities and secures their implementation;

6.9.13. Sets the procedure and terms for maintaining the registry of the members of the Organization, as well as the procedure for applying incentives and sanctions to the members of the Organization;

6.9.14. Exercises other powers conferred on him/her by the Assembly and Board of the Organization.

If the period of the President's office prescribed by law or this Statute or the decision of the Assembly is over then he/she continues to implement the obligations and exercise the powers of the President as an acting president until the election of a new President.

#### **6.10. The Vice President of the Organization:**

6.10.1. Exercises specific powers conferred on him/her by the President of the Organization;

6.10.2. Upon the assignment of the President of the Organization and in his/her absence discharges the latter's responsibilities.

#### **6.11. The Secretary-in-Charge of the Organization:**

6.11.1. Draws the minutes of the sessions of the Assembly and the Board;

6.11.2. Signs the minutes of the Assembly and the Board;

6.11.3. Exercises separate powers conferred on him/her by the President of the Organization.

### **7. THE PROPERTY OF THE ORGANIZATION, THE SOURCES OF ITS GENERATION AND THE PROCEDURE FOR ITS USE**

7.1. The property of the Organization is owned by the Organization.

7.2. Any object of the right to property not prohibited by the RA legislation may belong to the Organization by the right to property. The Organization uses the property owned by the Organization with a view to fulfilling the objectives and tasks assigned to it by its Statute. No member of the Organization may have a share in it.



7.3. The material and monetary resources of the Organization are generated from admission fees, membership fees, grants and donations of economic entities, local, foreign and international organizations, individuals, as well as other sources not prohibited by the RA legislation.

## **8. REORGANIZATION AND DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION**

8.1. The Organization may be reorganized and dissolved by the decision of the Assembly or the court in cases and in the manner prescribed by the RA legislation.

8.2. In case of adopting a decision on dissolution of the organization the Supreme Council organizes a commission of dissolution and establishes the rules and the time of the dissolution with the agreement of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia.

8.3. In case of adopting a decision on dissolution the dissolution commission following the grant of the claims of creditors in the manner prescribed by the RA legislation and making the relevant payments uses the remainder of the property, in the manner prescribed by the body having adopted the decision on dissolution, to fulfill the objectives and tasks assigned by the Statute of the Organization, and, if this is impossible, it is transferred to the state budget. In case of a dispute, the matter is resolved by the court.

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