

New Statute in English.

According to Article 18 of the Law on Associations and Foundations of Citizens (*Official Gazette*; September 6th 2002.), the Assembly of the Association of citizens

IMIC- International Multireligious Intercultural Centre, on its session held on 22nd of September 2008 brought the decision and proclaimed its new

STATUTE

I BASIC INFORMATION

Article 1

This statute defines title, address and activities of IMIC- International Multireligious Intercultural Centre. The statute additionally confirms the organization's aims, program goals, conditions for membership, responsibilities of members, mandate, the procedure of decision-making; the availability of resources, transparency, stamp and representation of the organization.

Article 2

The title of the organization is International Multireligious Intercultural Centre 'Zajedno'.

The acronym of the organization is IMIC 'Zajedno'.

The address of the organization is: Obala Kulina Bana 39, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 3

The organization is founded on the territory of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and its activities will be related to the Federation and to the broader territory of the state and the region. It will actively cooperate with similar organizations in the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad.

Article 4

The stamp is of rounded form with the written text International Multireligious Intercultural Centre ZAJEDNO, Sarajevo, in both local and English language.

In the middle of the stamp there are the symbols of David's star, cross, and half-moon representing 3 main monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Article 5

IMIC is legal entity and it has all characteristics, responsibilities and obligations of the legal entity which are further defined by this Statute.

Article 6

The work and activities of IMIC and public and transparent. The internal reports are published, and all reports on work and activities are put at disposal of all members of IMIC. Broader public is regularly informed about the activities of the organization. Media, press conferences, publications, brochures, flyers and journals inform the public about the responsibilities and programs of IMIC. The purpose of organization's activities is aimed at public as well.

II PURPOSE; GOALS AND PROGRAMS OF IMIC

Article 7

Basic goals are:

- Promotion of inter-religious dialogue, human rights, reconciliation, peace and justice.
- Organizing and participation in manifestations related to promotion of inter-religious dialogue.
- Organizing and helping the activities related to inter-religious dialogue, human rights, peace and reconciliation.
- Support to developing reform of education in cooperation with state institutions, local and international institutions and organizations
- Establishing educational centres, in cooperation with educational and cultural institutions, that will offer programs for intercultural, multireligious and civic education, primarily of the youth
- Support to processes of democratization in B&H, improving and respect for human rights, cultural, ethnical, religious and other specificities and differences
- Promotion and support to scientific and research works
- Publishing scientific and research materials for educative and non-commercial goals
- Promotion and encouragement of research and scientific activities of both individuals and scientific-research teams, and cooperation with institutes, universities and similar institutions
- Cooperation with libraries

Article 8

The activities of IMIC are based on accomplishing program goals and undertaking activities with the purpose of accomplishing these goals. They are primarily:

- All activities for accomplishing the program goals
- Organizing exhibitions, symposium and other similar events in accordance with program goals
- Organizing different events (forums, roundtables, lectures, projections, performances and alike)
- Cooperating with other centres in the world and in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Organizing and participation in manifestations dedicated to revival and deepening of inter-religious understanding
- Organizing and helping activities for promotion of dialogue, human rights, reconciliation, peace and justice
- Organizing workshops which have the goal to improve interreligious dialogue, education in the sphere of religion, similar and other subjects, developing culture of reconciliation and human rights, promotion of interculturality and culture in general, also reform of education - Scientific and research activities and work
- Procurement of literature necessary for promotion of multireligiosity, interreligious and intercultural dialogue, and human rights
- Printing the literature necessary for accomplishment of program goals of organization

III CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

Article 9

The member can become anyone who accepts the program goals and aims of IMIC. The member of IMIC can be anyone who is citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina, foreigner who has permanent or temporary residence status in Bosnia and Herzegovina, or legal entity which decides to join the organization voluntarily and in the way proscribed by this Statute. Minors can participate in the activities of organization with permission of one parent or guardian. The Assembly appoints honorary members.

Article 10

The priority to membership will be given to theologians of all three monotheistic religions, people who come from or are engaged in mixed marriages, and their children, but also to all individuals interested in inter-religious dialogue, human rights, reconciliation, justice and peace, culture and education, as well as all experts and researchers in the fields of religion, human rights, rights of women and minorities, scientific and research workers who act, write and research within these topics.

Article 11

The rights and responsibilities of the members are:

To be elected for various functions/posts in IMIC

To be involved in all activities
To protect the name and honour of IMIC
To give opinions and assessment on the work and activities/projects of IMIC
To give proposals on how to improve the work and activities
To make assignments given to them by organization
To pay membership
To find the resources of projects
To participate in projects' implementation

Article 12

The membership will be finished if:

- Member wants to leave the organisation
- Directorate decides that the membership will be terminated. If Directorate brings the decision on exclusion of member, every member has a right to appeal before IMIC Assembly.

IV STRUCTURE AND AUTHORITIES

Article 13

The main authorities of IMIC are

General Assembly
Directorate (that plays the role of the Steering Committee)
Monitoring Committee

The mandate of these authorities is 4 years with the possibility of extension.
The function of each member of these authorities can be terminated if he or she does not comply to his or her duties, and according to the Law and this Statute.

Article 14

The General Assembly of IMIC meets once a year and it has the highest authorities in the organization. On the request of Directorate or at least 10 (ten) members of IMIC, a special Assembly can be called into session.

Article 15

The General Assembly is composed of all members of IMIC, with the same voting right, and it can work and decide when more than one half of all members is present. The Assembly of IMIC cannot be discharged, since it consists of all members of IMIC.

Article 16

For the realization of the concrete thematic units and assignments, the General Assembly and the Directorate can form working groups, expert teams, and commissions whose work will be defined in scope and time by the decisions on formation.

Article 17

The work of the General Assembly consists of:

- Bringing, changing and adoption of the Statute
- Appointing and discharging the members of the Directorate and Monitoring Committee
- Appointing the person who represents the organization
- Adopting Annual working plan and Financial plan of IMIC, no later than December, each year.
- Adopting the reports of Monitoring Committee and other reports relevant and significant for organization
- Deciding on alliance with other associations and organizations, unions, merging with them or secession from them, transformation and termination of the work and other changes in status of the association
- Discussion of other issues related to the work and activities of IMIC
- Adoption the Annual Report on Work-Activities and Annual Financial report, by the end of the month of March, at the latest, in current year, for the previous year

Article 18

The Annual action plan and Financial plan is made by Working group appointed by Directorate, and they are adopted upon recommendation from Directorate, by IMIC Assembly, in December each year, at the latest, for the following year.

Annual Report on activities and Financial report is also made by Working group appointed by Directorate, and both are adopted by IMIC Assembly upon recommendation from Directorate, in the month of March in current year, at the latest, for the previous year.

Article 19

The General Assembly brings all decisions by voting, simply by majority of members who vote. In order for the General Assembly to decide, quorum has to be present, and quorum is established by 10 members of the Assembly. When decisions related to status of the association are brought, one half of all members of association have to be present, and voting is done by qualified majority.

Article 20

The General Assembly is called in session and presided by President of Assembly. The president of the Assembly has four years mandate. Assembly can be called in session upon recommendation from director or 10 members of the Assembly (10 members of IMIC in fact). The President of the Assembly prepares the sessions of the Assembly in cooperation with Director and Directorate. The President of the Assembly signs all decisions of the Assembly and cares about their implementation, together with the Director of the association.

Article 21

Directorate is executive authority of the organization and the highest authority between two sessions of General Assembly.

Article 22

Directorate of IMIC has at least 3 (three) and can have the maximum of 9 (nine) members. They are elected by the General Assembly for the mandate of four years. The most common composition of the Directorate is 4 representatives of 4 main religions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Islam, Catholicism, Orthodoxy and Judaism)

Every member of Directorate can be chosen several times for the same function. This means that the mandate of members of Directorate can be prolonged. Directorate can only be discharged by the decision of the Assembly. Every member of Directorate can be discharged after the proposal made by either Director or Monitoring Committee, and Director can only be discharged on the proposal of Monitoring Committee. Every member of Directorate has right to appeal to the Assembly against these decisions, and Director can appeal to both the assembly and Directorate.

Director of Directorate –Director of IMIC has his Deputy

The decisions of the Directorate are made by votes of more than one half of the members of Directorate

Director of the Directorate calls into session and presides on meetings of Directorate.

Special session of Directorate can be initiated by Director of IMIC or by Monitoring Committee.

Directorate is responsible for its work to the General Assembly.

Directorate brings decisions about individual activities and work according to the Annual Working Plan

Directorate prepares the sessions of the Assembly

Directorate implements policy, conclusions and other decisions which were brought by the Assembly

Directorate decides on execution of the financial plan, brings decisions on membership fee, about exclusion and termination of membership, approves contracts and agreements and does other work, as it is envisaged by this Statute.

Directorate prepares and proposes the draft for the modifications of Statute and other acts which brought by this Statute

Directorate submits Annual working plan and Financial plan (no later than in December each year), and Annual Report on activities and Financial report (by the month of March at the latest in the current year for the previous year) for adoption by the Assembly and it nominates Working groups for making these plans and reports

-Directorate handles all issues related to the property of the association

Article 23

Directorate meets at least four times in a year.

Directorate can make decisions when more that one half of all members of Directorate is present.

V ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION

Article 24

Director of IMIC represents and advocates the interests of IMIC in the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad without limitations.

Director of IMIC is replaced by his Deputy, and when Director is absent, his Deputy has the same responsibilities and mission.

Director of IMIC can give written permission in order to authorize other persons/members to advocate the interests of the organization and to represent it.

Director of IMIC

- Approves the financial spending
- Participates in preparation of Assembly sessions with help of Directorate and President of the Assembly
- Implements policy, conclusions and other decisions brought by the Assembly
- Submits annual and periodical reports on his activities to the Assembly for adoption

Article 25

The Monitoring Committee is composed of 3 (three) members and it is appointed by special decision of the Assembly. Director and members of Directorate cannot be the members of Monitoring Committee because it monitors their work and reports to Assembly.

The responsibilities of Monitoring Committee comprise control of the work and activities of IMIC, as well as control of usage of material and technical resources of IMIC, also insight in the work of financial apparatus, monitoring projects, work of Directorate and Director. Monitoring

Committee can suggest recalling the members of Directorate or Director. Each member of the Directorate can appeal before the Assembly, and Director can appeal to the Assembly and Directorate.

Article 26

Director of IMIC is chosen by General Assembly of IMIC and he is also presiding over the Directorate.

Director of IMIC is chosen for the period of 4 (four) years with the possibility of re-election. Director of IMIC has Vice-president of IMIC as his replacement.

Article 27

IMIC forms groups for specific activities and projects, and for some study visits and seminars. Those specific groups can be *ad hoc* groups; commissions and working groups.

VI THE WAY OF GAINING, USING AND DISPOSING WITH THE RESOURCES OF IMIC

Article 28

The financial resources necessary for work and activities of IMIC are gathered from:

- Membership
- Voluntary contributions and presents of physical and legal entities
- Donations
- Sponsors
- Budgetary resources
- Resources from interest rates, dividends, capital incomes, rents, honoraria and similar resources from passive earnings
- Other payments in accordance with the Law

Article 29

IMIC has its bank account and Treasurer who keeps Treasurer's books and who is responsible for legality of all financial transactions.

Article 30

IMIC freely disposes with its financial resources according to organization's financial plan and decisions made by General Assembly.

All financial resources gathered by IMIC will be exclusively spent on financing its program goals and program activities of IMIC. Monitoring targeted usage and spending of association's resources is done by Directorate and Director of the association or other authorised person.

Article 31

Member of the association cannot vote on issues related to property in which he, his marital partner or relative (up to third bend relatives) appears as interested party. Members of the association's authorities have duties to secure that all legal activities of the organization are concluded on the basis of the real market value or conditions that are favourable for association.

VII COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Article 32

IMIC is open for cooperation with all similar and alike religious and public organizations, societies and movements which have similar or same program goals and which are based in the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina or elsewhere in the world.

VIII CLOSING THE ORGANIZATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ITS PROPERTY

Article 33

IMIC can associate with other associations and organizations, can secess from them and transform in accordance with conditions and procedure envisaged by the law, and according to the decision of qualified majority in the Assembly, in presence of one half of all memebers of the Assembly. Therefore, IMIC is for now, member of European movement which gathers about 90 organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

IMIC will be closed and its work and activities terminated:

- In cases as it is defined by Law
- By the decision of two thirds of the members in General Assembly
- If the number of organization's members becomes lower than 30 (thirty).

Article 34

If the organization IMIC is closed and if its work and activities are terminated General Assembly will bring the decision on the distribution of its property within the period of 90 days.

Article 35

The General Assembly of IMIC can bring the decision on stopping all activities of the organization for a certain period of time.

IX FINAL REMARKS

Article 36

This Statute is in force when adopted by General Assembly of IMIC.

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