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The Executive Statute
Of The Law On

Non-Governmental Societies And Organizations

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Ministry Of Insurance And Social Affairs (Social Affairs Sector)

Decree No. 178 of the year 2002 Date of Issue 23 October 2002

The Minister of Insurance and Social Affairs,

On thoroughly reviewing law No. 42 of the year 1967 concerning the delegation of powers;

Law No. 84 of the year 2002 promulgating the law on Non-Governmental Societies and Organizations;

And Republican Decree No. 271 of the year 2002 delegating us the powers prescribed in articles (49) and (50) of law No. 84 for the year 2002,

DECREES THE FOLLOWING

Article: 1

The provisions of the executive statute of the law on Non-Governmental Societies and Organizations as attached to the present decree shall come into force and all provision contradicting its provisions shall be superseded.

Article: 2

The present decree shall be published in the Egyptian Wakayeh/ Government Bulletin and shall come into force effective the day following the date of its publication.

Minister of Insurance and Social Affairs
Dr Amina Al Gindi

Executive Statute

Of the Law on Non-Governmental Societies And Organizations

Part - 1

General And Transitional Provisions

<u>Chapter - 1</u> "Purport of Administrative Quarter"

Article: 1

Within the context of applying the provisions of the present statute, the Ministry of Social Affairs - in its quality as the administrative quarter defined by the foregoing law No. 84 of the year 2002 in the context of applying its provisions, shall denote the following:

First: Minister of Social Affairs:

In articles:

(7 - 51/3 - 55 - 58/3) of the present statute.

Second: Central Department of Societies and Unions:

In articles:

Third: Social Affairs Directorate:

In articles:

Fourth: Central Department for Social Welfare - or - Central Department for Social Development, according to each case:

In articles:

(112 - 113 - 114) of the present statute.

<u>Chapter – 2</u> <u>Foreign Societies and Organizations Established by</u> a Law or on the Basis of International Conventions

Article: 2

The articles of association of these societies shall apply to the societies established by a law or on the basis of international conventions signed or to be signed by the Arab Republic of Egypt. The provisions of law No. 84 of the year 2002 shall apply where to special provision is prescribed in these articles of association, providing they shall not contradict the laws or international conventions signed by A.R.E.

The same procedures and method prescribed in these articles shall apply in connection with modifying the statutes of these societies. Where no such procedures exist, the provisions of laws or international conventions that established the societies shall apply, and if they do not exist in these laws or conventions, the provisions of law No. 84 of the year 2002 shall apply.

Article: 3

Foreign non-governmental organizations may request permission for themselves to exercise one or more of the activities of nongovernmental societies and organizations in Egypt. The request to exercise such activity shall be submitted to the concerned department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs indicating the following:

- 1- The treaty or convention on which the organization is based in its request for exercising an activity in Egypt.
 - If no previous treaty or convention exists, the organization's request with the data comprised in it shall be considered a

proposal for agreement, to become an agreement upon its approval by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and signing it by the ministry's representative and the representative of the organization.

- 2- Kind of activity the organization requests permission to exercise it in Egypt, the geographical field for its exercise, and the period it will last in exercising it.
- 3- Credits proposed to be appropriated for exercising this activity, and means of their finance.

The following documents shall be attached to the application:

- 1- An approved copy of the organization's statutes;
- 2- An approved copy of the decision of the authority concerned with the organization - according to its statutes - for exercising the proposed activity in Egypt, including the adoption of a center required therefor in Egypt.

Article: 4

The concerned department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - before approving the request and signing the relevant agreement - shall send an adequate statement on the request, the type and period of the activity required to be exercised, the means of its finance, the geographical limits therefor, and adequate information on the applicant foreign organization, to the Ministry of Social Affairs which shall provide its view thereon to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs within fifteen days from the date it receives the foregoing statement.

Article : 5

In case of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs approval of the foreign organization's request, the Ministry shall sign an agreement with it indicating the kind of activity required to be exercised, the means of its finance, its geographical limits, and the period during which the foreign organization is authorized to exercise the activity.

The agreement may take the form of letters exchanged between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the foreign organization.

In all cases, the relevant arrangements shall take place within sixty days from the date of submitting the application duly fulfilled.

Article: 6

Referring the copy of the agreement signed between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the foreign organization to the Ministry of Social Affairs shall be through the concerned department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or through the foreign organization.

The foreign organization which its deal with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs included the acceptance of the exercise of several activities – to require the limitation of the authorization of practicing some of the activities lisenced therefor – and shall request for compeleting the activities remaining during the period of the agreemnt with later lisences.

Article: 7

The Ministry of Social Affairs shall issue the authorization for exercising the required activity to the foreign organization on form No. "1" as attached to the present statute, within a period not exceeding fifteen days from the date it receives the copy of the agreement referred to in the previous article.

<u>Chapter - 3</u> <u>Harmonizing the Situations of Existing</u> Societies, Organizations, Unions and Groups

Article: 8

Harmonizing the situations of non-governmental societies and organizations existing on 6 June 2002 shall be through taking the following steps:

1- The board of the society, or the founder or director of the non-governmental societies and organizations, according to each case,

shall verify its statutes and determine the provisions in it which contradict the provisions of the law and those of the present statute.

The board shall prepare a draft amendment of the statutes provisions comprising a formulation of the new provisions to replace the provisions that should be amended.

- 2- With regard to societies, the board shall call an extraordinary meeting of the general assembly to look into amending the statutes. Following its amendment by the general assembly the statutes shall be considered the statutes of the society.
 - As to non-governmental organizations, the amendment of their statutes shall be through their founder or the one who has the right to introduce such amendment according to the deed of their establishment.
- 3- The board of the society, or the founder or director of the non-governmental societies and organizations, according to each case, shall notify to the concerned administrative quarter the statutes amendment to which the following documents shall be attached:
 - A) The minutes of the society's board meeting during which the draft amendment was proposed, in the formula of its proposal to the general assembly, or the amendment made by the founder of the organization or the one who has the right to introduce the amendment, as prescribed in the deed of its establishment.
 - B) Minutes of the general assembly meeting during which the draft amendment was approved, indicating the articles that were amended.
 - C) Two copies of the statutes after its amendment.

Article: 9

The central societies and their branches that exist before enforcing the provisions of law No. 84 for the year 2002 shall harmonize their situations as indicated in the previous article.

The branch of the non-governmental society or organization may not amend its statutes except with the approval of the society or organization to which it is attached after harmonizing its situations.

The concerned administrative quarter shall mark an annotation of the amendment on the margin of the register in which the society or organization is recorded within at most sixty days from the date it is notified of the amendment and the fulfillment of the notification conditions prescribed in article (8) of the present statute. The administrative quarter shall then notify the fact of its having duly recorded such annotation to the non-governmental society or organization, by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, on form No. "2" as attached to the present statute.

If the prescribed period of sixty days lapses from the date of notifying to the concerned administrative quarter the amendment of the society's or organization's statutes duly fulfilling the documents referred to in article (8) of the present statute - without duly recording the annotation in the relevant register - the amendment shall be considered as actual by dint of the law.

If the concerned administrative quarter considers that the amendments introduced to the statutes comprise no provisions contradicting the law or the present statute, have not removed the contradiction between them, or comprise some provisions contradicting the law or the statute without being within the restrictions prescribed in article (11) of the law, it shall notify the non-governmental society or organization of the causes of its objection by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt. If the amendment that removes the cause of objection is not fulfilled within the period to be determined by the concerned administrative quarter, this quarter shall submit the dispute to the committee prescribed in article (7) of the law. The annotation of the amendment shall not be recorded except according to the result reached by the decision of that committee unless an action is filed in respect thereof, or non-recording the annotation is in execution of a final judicial ruling passed in connection with the amendment dispute.

If the statutes amendment comprises any of the restrictions prescribed in article (11) of the law, the administrative quarter shall refuse marking the amendment annotation by virtue of a substantiated decision to be notified to the society or organization. Challenging that decision shall be filed before the administrative court the way prescribed in article (6) of the law.

The non-governmental societies and organizations that harmonized their situations according to the provisions of law No. 84 of the year 2002 or have been established according to its provisions shall form among themselves the specific and regional unions subject to the provisions of articles (65, 66, 67, and 68) of the foregoing law.

Article: 12

The boards of non-governmental societies and organizations and the specific and regional unions existing at the time of law No. 84 of the year 2002 comes into force, and their executive agencies shall continue to exercise their works pending harmonization of their situations according to the provisions of the previous articles.

The board shall call a meeting of the general assembly for election of a new board of directors according to the provisions of the statutes following its amendment.

Article: 13

All group organized for a defined or non-defined continuous period whose purpose is or whose activity is based on working in the development fields of society without aiming at realizing physical profit, shall adopt the form of a non-government society or organization within one year from the date law No. 84 of the year 2002 comes into force.

If the legal form adopted by this group allows it to have multiple purposes, or if its activity has multiplied within the context of that form, and some of the purposes or activities are exclusively subject to the provision of the previous clause, without the other purposes or activities, this group may then adopt the form of a non-governmental society or organization after relinquishing the exercise of any contradicting activity. It may also seclude the purpose or activity which is considered as part of the purposes or activities of non-governmental societies or organizations, and take steps of establishing a non-governmental society or organization whose purpose shall be to assume such activity.

A group that should adopt the form of a non-governmental society or organization shall be subject to the provisions governing the foundation of societies as prescribed in Part - 1, Chapter - 1 of the law, and the provisions of Part - 2 of the present statute.

Article: 15

Applying the provisions of the two previous articles shall not prejudice the group's mandatory compliance with the legal provisions reorganizing its foundation, the exercise of its activity, and its termination.

Article: 16

The person legally responsible for the group, according to the legal system by virtue of which it is established, shall be the one committed to implement the provisions of the three previous articles.

Article: 17

The Minister of Social Affairs, in consultation with the Minister of Health and Population, shall form a joint committee comprising representatives for the administrative quarters and the Ministry of Health and Population in its quality of the ministry technically concerned with supervising health and population welfare activities, and also representatives of the regional union or the concerned specific unions - if any - or the active societies in health and population fields, in order to study the means of supporting these activities and simplifying the procedures of their work and finance. The Minister of Social Affairs, after consulting the view of the Minister of Health and Population, shall issue a decree concerning the formation and powers of this committee.

The Minister of Social Affairs may form similar joint committees with the other ministries that technically supervise the societies' activities, for joint coordination and cooperation in supporting the concerned non-governmental societies' and organizations' work, reinforcing their potentials, and facilitating their work.

Foundation of Societies

Article: 18

The society's founders are the natural or juridical persons who participate in its inception and sign its statutes. If they had prepared the instrument of its foundation, such instrument shall comprise a determination of the society's purpose and its geographical scope of work and shall also be signed by all founders.

If all founders are natural persons, each of them shall enjoy full legal capacity, and if one of them is non-Egyptian he shall have a permanent or temporary residence in Egypt besides fulfilling the rest of society's foundation membership conditions. If they are juridical persons, each of them shall have been established or authorized to exercise its activity according to the provisions of Egyptian law.

If any or some of the founders are incompetent or legally incapacitated natural persons, or if any or some of the juridical persons are non-founders according to Egyptian law or unauthorized to exercise the activity in Egypt, he shall be eliminated, and the founding procedures shall be completed if the number of founders after such elimination conforms to the number of founders prescribed in the law.

Article: 19

The representative of the group of founders shall be determined either in the society's foundation instrument, or in its statutes, or after signing the statutes at a meeting to be held by the founders and their choice shall then be recorded in relevant minutes to be signed by them.

Article: 20

The representative of the founders group shall submit to the concerned administrative quarter a request for recording the summary of the society's statutes on form No. (3) as attached to the present statute, to which the following documents shall be attached:

- 1- Two copies of the society's statutes, according to form No. (4) as attached to the present statute, duly signed by all founders. If any of the founders is a juridical person, proof of the juridical person's legal situation and a clear declaration from its legal representative approving the foundation of or participation in founding the society shall be attached to the request.
- 2- Two copies of the lists of founders' names indicating each one's quadruple name (first, middle, grandfather's, and last name), his surname, age, nationality, profession, and home address.
- 3- Declaration from each founder member that no final judgement was issued against him inflicting thereon a penal or detentive penalty, in a misdemeanor of moral turpitude or dishonesty.
- 4- The document determining the representative of the group of founders, in taking foundation procedures according to the provision of article (19) of the present statute.
- 5- Occupancy deed of the society's premises (ownership lease usage allocation) providing the document date shall be authenticated.
- 6- Proof of having deposited an amount of one hundred pounds for account of the Fund for Support of non-governmental societies and organizations or any of its branches.

The founders shall be responsible for the costs required for establishing the society, and for the collateral obligations. Once the society's statutes is recorded in the relevant register, they may then retrieve the costs to be approved by the general assembly following their approval by the Assembly's auditor - if any.

Article: 22

The concerned administrative quarter shall register the date of submitting the request for recording the summary of the statutes after ascertaining its fulfillment according to the provision of article (20) of the present statute. The date registration shall be made on a copy of the request to be delivered to the applicant.

The administrative quarter shall hold a special book for registration of the statutes summaries according to the date and hour of their submission.

Article: 23

The juridical personality of the society shall be established from the date of recording the summary of its statutes in the special register provided therefor with the concerned administrative quarter, or by force of law with the lapse of sixty days from the date of submitting the request for recording the fulfilled summary, whichever is closer.

The concerned administrative quarter shall take procedures of publishing the summary of the society's statutes in the Egyptian Wakayeh / Government Bulletin within sixty days from the date of establishing the society's juridical personality. Publishing the summary shall be free of charge.

Article: 24

The concerned administrative quarter shall refuse, with substantiated decision, the request for registration of the society's summary of statutes if it transpires to it that the society's purposes include the exercise of one of the following activities:

- 1- Forming detachments or military formations, or formations of military nature;
- 2- Threatening national unity, violating public order or morals, or calling for discrimination between citizens on grounds of race, origin, color, language, religion, or creed;
- 3- Any political activity the exercise of which is restricted to political parties according to the Parties Law, and any unionist activity the exercise of which is restricted to unions according to the Unions Law;

4- Targeting the realization of profits or exercising an activity toward that end. Following trade controls for the realization of a yield that contributes to fulfilling the society's purposes shall not be considered an infringing activity.

Article: 25

A political activity the exercise of which is restricted to political parties shall signify the following:

- 1- Undertaking party publicity or advocating the program of one of the parties.
- 2- Contributing to electoral campaigns in support of a candidate in parliamentary representation elections.
- 3- Spending any funds and moneys of the Society to support the activity of one of the parties, or publicize for its candidates.
- 4- Putting forward candidates in the name of the society, in the parliamentary representation elections.

The unionist activity the exercise of which is restricted to unions shall mean the following:

- 1- Claiming specific professionals rights vis-a-vis the employers;
- 2- Granting certificates or permits as required for exercising a certain profession.

Cultural, human, or social activities which the parties or unions may exercise without restricting themselves thereto shall not be considered a prohibited activity in this respect.

Article: 26

The concerned administrative quarter shall notify to the representative of the group of founders, the decision refusing the request for recording the summary of the society's statutes, as issued according to the provision of article (24) of the present statute. The notification shall

be sent by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt within sixty days from the date of submitting the fulfilled request.

Article: 27

Challenging the concerned administrative quarter's decision that refuses the registration of the summary of the society's statutes shall be filed by the representative of the group of founders before the administrative court in a petition to be deposited in the court's clerks within a period not exceeding sixty days from the date the decision refusing the registration request is notified to him.

Article: 28

With the exception of the cases prescribed in article (11) of the law and article (24) of the present statutes, the concerned administrative quarter shall record the summary of the society's statutes in the special register within sixty days from the date the representative of the group of founders submits the registration request duly fulfilled.

The concerned administrative quarter's obligation to record and to establish the society's juridical personality shall not derogate the administrative quarter's right to objecting to what it regards as constituting a violation of the provisions of the law in the society's statutes or in connection with the founders. In this case, the administrative quarter shall notify the causes of its objection to the society by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, to remove the causes of the objection within fifteen (15) days from the date of notification.

If the society fails to remove the causes of the objection within the period defined therefor, the concerned administrative quarter may then submit the matter to the committee prescribed in article (7) of the law.

Article: 29

The formation of the committee prescribed in article (7) of the law shall be through the following steps:

- A) The Ministry of Social Affairs shall carry out a full enumeration of the committees that need to be formed within the context of the jurisdiction of each governorate at the level of the Republic, within a date not exceeding the middle of the month of August, each year.
- B) In light of the foregoing enumeration, the Ministry of Social Affairs shall provide the General Federation of non-governmental societies and organizations with a statement of the committees required to be formed, and request it to designate the representative of the regional union on each committee.
- C) The General Federation of non-governmental societies and organizations shall provide the Ministry of Social Affairs with the names of the regional unions' representatives on the said committees at the level of the republic, within a date of at most the first of September every year.
- D) The Ministry of Social Affairs shall provide the Ministry of Justice with a comprehensive statement of all committees required to be formed, comprising the name of its nominee and that of the regional union's representative as nominated by the General Federation of Societies on each committee, providing the said statement shall reach the Ministry of Justice within a date not exceeding the middle of the month of September every year.
- E) The Ministry of Justice shall request the Courts of Appeal to designate the counselors they decide to nominate for chairing the said committees.
- F) In all the foregoing nominations, there shall be an alternative for each nominee.
- G) Following election of the counselors nominated by the general assemblies of courts of appeal as heads of committee, the Minister of Justice shall issue in the first week of the month of October every year a decision forming the said committees and comprising the names of their counselor heads and members among the representatives of the Ministry of Social Affairs and the regional unions. The decision shall provide for adding to the committee's membership the representative of the concerned society which is party to the dispute, who shall be nominated by its general assembly or board of directors.

H) The committee shall hold its sessions at the location to be determined by decree of the Minister of Justice, under the chairmanship of its head with the presence of the foregoing two members. On examining each dispute, the representative of the society which is party to the dispute shall join the committee's membership after producing to the head of the committee his identification document and the decision of the society's board of directors or its general assembly nominating him as representative of the society on the committee. On terminating the examination of that society's dispute, its representative shall quit his place to the representative of the next society on submitting its dispute to the committee.

In exception to the dates determined in the previous items, the first formation of the said committees shall take place within a date not exceeding the end of the month of December 2002.

Article: 30

The nominees of the concerned administrative quarter shall fulfil the following conditions:

- A) He shall be holder of a university degree or its equivalent;
- B) The grade of his position shall not be lower than grade II;
- C) He shall have no cause affecting his neutrality in respect of the propounded dispute.

Article: 31

The president of the concerned court of appeal shall delegate an adequate number of the court's functionaries to assume the committee's secretarial works.

Article: 32

The committee's secretariat shall prepare a table for recording the disputes according to the dates of their receipt. The name of the concerned society, the party filing the dispute, the merits of the dispute, the ruling passed in it, and the date it is passed shall be recorded in the table.

The dispute shall be raised to the Committee by submitting a duty-free request from the interested parties to its secretariat. The request shall be drawn up in quadruplicate (original and three copies) comprising the name of the association/society, its head office, its activity, and the merits of the dispute in detail, coupled with relevant evidences and support documents, if any.

Article: 34

The Committee's secretariat shall deliver to the applicant a receipt indicating the date of submitting the request and the documents attached thereto. It shall lay the request before the head of the committee, within a week from the date of its submission, to schedule a session for examining the dispute, providing the first session shall be within two weeks from the date the request is laid before him. The secretariat shall also announce the other members of the committee with a copy of the request and the date of the session.

Article: 35

Each party to the dispute may assign a delegate to represent him in submitting its subject to the committee. The two parties shall exchange their viewpoints and state their defense either verbally or in writing.

Article: 36

The committee's convention shall not be valid except with the presence of its head, the representative of the administrative quarter, and the member of the association which is party to the dispute.

Article: 37

The committee's secretary shall record in the minutes of the session the names of its members and the representatives of the parties to the dispute. He shall record in it the facts of the session and the discussions that took place in it, and it shall be signed by the head of committee.

Article: 38

The committee may resort to the assistance of whoever it chooses among people of experience, and it may also call in whoever it considers necessary to summon for hearing his statements in connection with the dispute.

Article: 39

If during examination of the dispute, the two parties reach agreement on terminating it, it shall then be considered conciliation, recorded in the session minutes, and signed by all members of the committee.

Article: 40

The committee's decision in the dispute shall be issued duly substantiated, within sixty days from the date of referring the dispute to it, with the majority of votes. In case of equal voting, the head of the committee shall have the casting vote.

Article: 41

The attendance of the committee's members shall be considered tantamount to notifying the parties to the dispute of the dates set for holding its session, the procedures of its examination, and the decision issued in connection with it.

Article: 42

The committee's decision shall be considered mandatory and enforceable if accepted by the two parties.

The action shall be lodged before the administrative causes court within sixty days from the date of issuing the committee's decision, or the lapse of sixty days from the date of referring the dispute to the committee without settling it.

In all cases, the committee's secretariat shall join the file of the dispute to the action file within a date not exceeding three day from the date of serving notice of the action.

Article: 44

The action shall not be accepted before the competent court except after issue of the disputes examination committee's decisdion, or with the lapse of sixty days from the date of referring the dispute to the committee, without being determined.

Article: 45

If the action is brought by the concerned administrative quarter, it may request the court summarily to remove the causes of the violation without affecting the association's continuance in exercising its activity, or suspend the association's activity temporarily pending decision in the merits of the action.

Article: 46

The administrative quarter shall annotate the ruling of any judgement or decision to be passed in connection with the association in the margin of the recorded summary of its statutes in the register referred to in article (22) of the present statute.

Article: 47

In case of requesting to review the recorded summary of the association's statutes, the following procedures shall be followed:

- 1- The interested party shall submit a written request indicating the cause of the request to the concerned administrative quarter, on which an annotation shall be added to enable the applicant to review the summary.
- 2- The applicant shall be enabled to review the recorded summary of the statutes, upon submitting his request.
- 3- If the applicant desires to obtain an authenticated copy of the foregoing summary, he shall submit proof of having settled a fee of twenty pounds to the Fund for Support of Non-governmental Associations and Organizations or any of its branches.
- 4- The concerned administrative quarter shall deliver to the applicant a copy of the said recorded summary, duly authenticated, at most on the day following the date of submitting the request.

Purposes, Rights, And Obligations Of The Associations

Article: 48

With the exception of the prohibitions prescribed in article (11) of the law, the Association, following its acquisition of the juridical personality, may carry out any activity that leads to the realization of its purposes in development of society.

Any activities aimed at realizing continuing human development, whether the educational, health, cultural, or social, economic or environmental services, consumer protection, enlightenment as to the constitutional or legal rights, social defense, or human rights, and other such activities shall be considered within the fields of developing the society.

In the cases where the association desires to add new fields that had not been included in its statutes, or work in more than one field of society development fields, it may submit a request to the concerned administrative quarter which shall issue its decision in respect thereof within thirty days from the date of submitting the request, after consulting the view of the concerned federation.

If the activity exercised by the association requires obtaining a permit from another ministry, the association may not exercise that activity, announce it, or allow a third party to exercise it in a place belonging thereto except after obtaining a license for its exercise from the concerned ministry.

If the association exercises any of its activities beyond the limits of the Governorate in which its head office is located, it shall notify the Social Affairs Directorate in the governorate where it exercises that activity, of the kind and period of that activity and those in charge thereof. The functionaries of that Directorate shall exercise the powers prescribed in the law and the present statutes with regard to the activities undertaken within the area of their jurisdiction.

If the association desires to resort to the services of any public civil servant of the state to assist it in performing its mission, it shall submit a request to the department where he is employed.

If the department approves the request, it shall submit it coupled with its view to the concerned minister or governor. The secondment decision shall be issued for one renewable year upon the request of the association.

In all cases, a copy of the concerned minister's or governor's decision shall be sent to the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Article: 50

If the association desires to import tools, machines, equipment, articles, or production materials required for its basic activity it shall submit a request to the Ministry of Social Affairs indicating the description, number and value of the items required to be imported, on form No. '5' as attached to the present statute.

The Minister of Social Affairs shall declare his view in the request within at most fifteen days from the date of its submission. If his view is in approval thereof, he shall refer the request to the Minister of Finance who shall submit it to the prime minister to issue his decision in it.

The Ministry of Social Affairs shall deliver the tax and other duties exemption decision to the association, once it is issued, upon submission of a copy of the bill of lading or a certificate from the transport agent indicating or establishing the shipment or purchase of the items from one of the free zones, according to each case.

Article: 51

The association, in case of receiving from abroad gifts, donations, or aid that is subject to customs taxes or duties, may request to be exempted therefrom by submitting to the Minister of Social Affairs a request indicating the description of the items required to be taxexempted on form No. '6' as attached to the present statute.

If it transpires that the items required to be tax-exempted are necessary for the association's activity, the Minister of Social Affairs shall refer the request, within at most fifteen days from the date of its submission, to the Minister of Finance to submit it to the prime minister.

The association may submit the request for temporary admission of the items required to be tax-exempted, coupled with a declaration from its board of directors undertaking to settle the customs taxes and duties payable thereon in case of refusing the exemption request. In this case, the Ministry of Social Affairs shall request the Ministry of Finance to authorize temporary admission of the objects required to be tax-exempted.

Article: 52

The Minister of Social Affairs, in agreement with the Minister of Finance, shall issue a decision determining the durable items that are prohibited to be disposed of before the lapse of five years from their receipt by the association, unless the customs taxes and duties payable thereon are settled.

Article: 53

The tariff from private telephone subscriptions and calls as prescribed for households shall apply to the associations that are subject to the provisions of the law, with the approval of the concerned administrative quarter, with regard to those connected with realizing the associations' purposes and exercising their activities.

Article: 54

Built realties that are owned by the Association shall be exempted from all real estate taxes. If the association sets about taking possession of built realties or non-built realties that comprise vacant or agricultural lands, acquiring any real right thereon, or mortgaging them, all contracts to which the association is party shall be exempted from the registration and notarization fees as payable by the association.

This exemption shall apply to fees on certifying the signatures.

If the association desires to join, contribute or to be affiliated to a club, society, institution, or organization seated outside the Arab Republic of Egypt and exercising an activity non-conflicting with its purposes, it shall notify the Ministry of Social Affairs thereof.

The notification shall comprise the following data:

- 1- Name, nationality, and head office of the club, society, institution, or organization;
- 2- Its purpose, or its principal activity;
- 3- The country/countries in which it exercises its activity.

The Ministry of Social Affairs shall accept the joining, contribution or to be affiliated, upon its notification. If sixty days have lapsed without a written refusal of it, the society may complete its procedures.

Article : 56

The association shall have the right to receive donations within Egypt from natural persons - Egyptians or foreigners - or from Egyptian juridical persons, whatever the nature of the donated property/fund.

It shall also have the right to receive donations from foreign organizations or bodies authorized to exercise their activities in Egypt, according to the provisions of the agreement signed therewith, as prescribed in articles (3, 4, and 5) of the present statute, providing the association shall notify the concerned administrative quarter of the amount and value of the donation and the donor quarter.

Article: 57

The association may raise donations from the public by adopting the following procedures:

1- Submitting a request to the concerned administrative quarter indicating the activity/activities or project for which the proceeds of donation shall be appropriated, the methods proposed for fund

raising, the period during which it requests authorization for raising the money, and the geographical area for the call to donate funds.

- 2- The concerned administrative quarter shall give its final decision in the request and notify its view to the association within fifteen days from the date it receives the request.
- 3- In case of approval by the concerned administrative quarter, the association shall submit the fund raising receipt books or stamps to that quarter for stamping them with its seal.
- 4- The concerned administrative quarter shall issue an authorization to the association comprising its approval of raising the donations and determining the period and geographical area authorized therefor and the number of receipt books or stamps stamped with its seal.

The association, at the end of the period during which it is authorized to raise donations, shall submit the remaining receipt books or stamps to the concerned administrative quarter to destroy them in the presence of the association's and the concerned administrative quarter's representatives. This procedure shall be recorded in a report to be signed by them and stamped with the seal of the concerned administrative quarter.

The association, within a period not exceeding sixty days from the expiry date of the license period, shall submit to the concerned administrative quarter a final account on the result of prosecuting the license.

It shall not be considered as raising donations if the announcement by any method about the association's purposes or activity results in receiving donations.

Article: 58

The association may receive funds from abroad and may also send funds abroad after obtaining permission therefor from the Minister of Social Affairs, upon a request it submits comprising the following data:

1- The name of the foreign person or quarter or its representative in Egypt, according to each case, the country he belongs to, and his/its head office.

- 2- The activity exercised by the foreign person or quarter, and its purposes.
- 3- Amount of the funds the association desires to obtain or intend to send and the method of receiving or sending them.

A final decision shall be given in the request within sixty days from the date of its submission.

In the cases the association receives funds from abroad - whatever their nature - before obtaining permission from the Minister of Social Affairs - they shall be reserved pending issue of the permission. Reserving the funds shall take place by depositing them in a special account in an approved bank in Egypt, while the in-kind property shall be reserved in the manner befitting its nature.

The association may request their temporary admission with the approval of the Ministry of Social Affairs, in which case the procedures prescribed in article (51) of the present statute shall apply.

The provisions of this article shall not apply in receiving or sending in respect of scientific and technical books, publications and magazines, the subscription to them, and the membership subscriptions.

Article: 59

For consolidation of its financial resources in a way enabling it to realize its social purposes, the association may:

- A) Set up service and productive projects. These projects shall be subject to the laws and decrees reorganizing the activity according to its nature.
- B) Hold ceremonies of all kinds, theatrical, technical, movie, musical and other technical shows, on form "7, and 7/1".
- C) Hold charity fairs of all kinds, whatever the exhibits to be displayed in them.
- D) Hold exhibitions for marketing the items to be displayed in them, whether a technical creation, productive commodities, or others.

E) Hold sporting matches in all games and sporting activities.

The association may re-invest in these projects the surplus of its revenues resulting from the yields of service or productive projects. It may also re-invest these yields or surplus ordinary revenues in fields guaranteeing for it a permanent revenue. In these fields are considered the deposits with postal saving offices, the treasury bonds, the governmental bonds, the investment certificates, the deposit certificates and bonds issued or guaranteed by approved banks, or the deposits accepted by them.

No investment or re-investment of more than (50%) of the annual balance sheet surplus may be carried out in any of the productive or service projects, except with the approval of the general assembly.

In all cases, the association shall be forbidden to enter in financial speculations.

Article: 60

The association shall have the right of enjoying exemption for one party during the year from the tax prescribed in accordance with the provisions of law No. 24 for the year 1999, imposing a tax on entry to theaters, movie houses, and entertainment places, providing it shall submit a request to the concerned administrative quarter at least sixty days before the date of the party, indicating the following:

- A) The human, cultural, social, or sporting purposes for which the party is held to contribute toward these purposes.
- B) The beneficiary or beneficiaries of the party revenues providing a portion of at least (25%) of the total revenues thereof before deducting any costs shall be appropriated for realizing the purposes referred to in the previous clause.
- C) Date and place of holding the party and its program.

The association, at least thirty days before the date of the party, shall submit the tickets prepared for use, to the administrative quarter to stamp them as "tax-free party" on form No. "7/2" as attached to the present statute, coupled with the following:

- 1- A written declaration that the right to hold the party for which taxexemption is requested shall not be assigned or sold to any other person than the beneficiary or beneficiaries as determined in the request, along with undertaking to settle the full tax and its supplements on the basis of the selling prices determined on the sold tickets in case of non-exempting the party from the tax.
- 2- Copy of the contracts concluded toward organizing the party, if any, including contracts for the artists, technicians, and others who participate in giving the party, to which declarations shall be attached, indicating the amount of fees and wages agreed upon with those artists and technicians, or others.

The concerned administrative quarter shall examine the request, and in case it fulfils the conditions prescribed in the executive statute of law No. 24 of the year 1999, the Ministry of Finance shall be addressed at least two weeks before the date of the party to obtain from the Minister of Finance a decision exempting the party from taxes and take procedures of stamping the tickets prepared for the party with the phrase "tax-free party".

The association shall submit to the concerned administrative quarter a final account on the tax-free party within a period not exceeding two weeks from holding the party, providing the unsold tickets shall be destroyed or cancelled by a committee on which the concerned administrative quarter and the association shall be represented.

The concerned administrative quarter may overlook these dates, if so necessary.

Article : 61

The association shall maintain in its head office the following documents, correspondence, and registers:

- 1- The statutes of the association;
- 2- Membership and subscriptions register indicating the name of each of the founder members or other members, his name, age, nationality, profession, place of work, home address, date he joined the membership, and his phone number;

- 3- Register of board membership movement indicating the date the membership of each member began, and the date and method of its acquisition (by election / unopposed election). The date the membership quality is terminated and the cause of its termination shall be notated in the register;
- 4- General Assembly meetings register;
- 5- Board of Directors meetings and decisions register;
- 6- Revenues and expenditures register;
- 7- Bank-book, cash-book, petty cash-book;
- 8- Register in which all property of the association whether real estates (lands buildings) or movables (vehicles, fittings, equipment, apparatus, ...etc.) are indicated.
- 9- Files for preserving ownership documents and all bills/ invoices, documents, receipts, and correspondence.
- 10- Register of visits.
- 11- Register of donations.

The aforementioned registers shall be according to the forms annexed to this statute.

These registers shall be stamped by the concerned administrative quarter before using them, providing they shall be numbered and stamped with the seal of the association. Unless the statutes of the association comprise a determination of the person responsible for the validity of data of the said registers, the board of directors shall issue a decision determining him. If the said decision is not issued, the board chairman shall himself be responsible for their validity.

The association may also keep other registers or books according to the demands of its activity.

The member requesting access to and reviewal of the association's registers shall submit a written request to its board of directors determining the registers required to be reviewed and the purpose of reviewing them. The board chairman shall take the necessary to respond to his request.

The member's reviewal of the registers may not be delayed for more than twenty four hours, unless a forcible excuse exists to justify the delay.

Article: 63

The Minister of Social Affairs shall issue a decision determining the functionaries who have the right to enter the premises of the association or its branches with the aim of reviewing its registers.

The association shall not allow any of the said functionaries to enter its premises or review its registers except after ascertaining the fulfillment of the following conditions:

- 1- That the functionary holds a special card issued from his place of work allowing him to enter the premises of the associations and their branches with the aim of reviewing their registers.
- 2- That he carries a program of inspection visits approved from his place of work indicating the name of the association or branch, and the purpose and duration of the mission.
- 3- That he signs in the register of visits provided for the purpose at the premises of the association, to the effect that he has reviewed the registers.

The functionary shall submit a report to his place of work on his mission, comprising his remarks on the register entries, and the latter shall examine these remarks and notify the result of examination to the association.

The board chairman of the concerned federation shall issue a decision determining his representatives who have the right to enter the premises of the association or its branches for the purpose of reviewing its registers.

The conditions prescribed in the previous article shall apply in respect of the federation's representative.

Article: 65

The board of directors shall send a copy of the association's annual balance sheet and closing accounts of the ending financial year, the report on the board's activity, the auditor's report - if any, and a copy of the draft budget of the new financial year to each member of the general assembly at his address as recorded in the association's registers, at least eight days before convening the general assembly.

The foregoing may satisfactorily be put up on a special notice board provided for the purpose in a prominent and much-frequented place at the head office of the association where all members may review it. This shall be done at least eight days before convening the general assembly and shall continue to be there pending complete approval of these papers.

Part - 4

Agencies of the Association

<u>Chapter - 1</u> General Assembly

Article: 66

None but the active members may vote on the resolutions of the General Assembly. A full and active member who has not fulfilled his obligations as imposed on him according to the statutes of the association may proceed with fulfilling them until before convening the general assembly at the place and in the way indicated in the invitation to attend the general assembly.

A member of the general assembly may delegate another member in writing to represent him in attending its meeting, and vote on its resolutions according to the rules prescribed in the statutes of the assembly. A member may not deputize for more than one member.

Article: 67

Each of the following shall be concerned with calling a meeting of the general assembly:

- A) The board of the association, by virtue of a decision to be issued during a valid meeting with the ordinary majority of votes.
- B) The one to be mandated in writing by (25%) of the number of members who have the right of attending the general assembly.
- C) The mandatory appointed by decree of the Minister of Social Affairs in case the statutes of the association are void of a provision tackling the situation that results from the inadequacy of the number of board members necessary to hold a valid session.
- D) The concerned administrative quarter if it deems necessary to convene the meeting.

The invitation to attend the general assembly shall be addressed to the member by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt at his address as recorded in the association's registers at least fifteen days before the date of its convention. The place and time of the meeting and the agenda shall be indicated in the invitation to the meeting.

The invitation may be hand-delivered to the member personally against signing in acknowledgement of receipt.

A copy of the papers laid before the general assembly shall be sent to the concerned administrative quarter and the federation joined by the association, at least fifteen days before the convention date.

The federation may assign a delegate to represent it in attending the meeting.

Article: 69

The general assembly meeting shall be considered valid with the attendance of the absolute majority of its active members who have the voting right. If the number of attendees is not completed at the time of the Assembly convention as determined in the invitation, the meeting shall be postponed to another session to be held within the period determined in the statutes of the association, such that it shall not be less than one hour and not exceeding fifteen days. The invitation to the general assembly meeting shall indicate the period of postponement to the second meeting in case the quorum of the first meeting is not fulfilled.

The second meeting shall be valid if not less than ten percent of the total number of active members that have the voting right or twenty members, whichever is lesser, attend it personally. In the first case, the number of members attending personally shall not be less than five members.

Article: 70

The general assembly shall convene at the head office of the association unless the party inviting it to convene decides to hold it in

another place within the same governorate, providing such other place shall be defined in detail in the call for the meeting.

Article: 71

The general assembly may consider other matters than those specified in the agenda, upon the request of any of its members. In this case, the chairman of the general assembly shall put forward for voting the proposal for adding it to the agenda. If the absolute majority of the total number of active members of the general assembly who have the right of voting approve including the proposal in the agenda, it shall then be added to the agenda and put forth for discussion.

Article: 72

The board chairman of the association or the commissioner, according to each case, shall notify the concerned administrative quarter and the concerned federation with a copy of the minutes of the general assembly session within thirty days from the date of its convention.

Article: 73

The general assembly may be invited to convene in an ordinary session whenever necessary for the good process of work in the association. In all cases, it shall be called to convene at least once every year within four months following the end of the association's financial year, to look into the following:

- 1- Approving the balance sheet and closing account for the ending year;
- 2- The board of directors' report on the works of the ending year;
- 3- The auditor's report;
- 4- Electing board members in place of those whose membership is terminated or expired, if there is a place for that;
- 5- Appointing the auditor and determining his remunerations;

6- Such questions as the board shall decide to include in its agenda.

The general assembly's resolutions shall be issued with the absolute majority of the number of attending members.

Article: 74

The extraordinary general assembly shall be concerned with looking into the following:

- 1- Modifying the statutes of the association;
- 2- Dissolving or merging the association in or with others;
- 3- Removing all or some of the board members;
- 4- All that the association's statutes require laying before the extraordinary general assembly.

The extraordinary general assembly's resolutions shall be issued with the absolute majority of the number of active members of the association who have the voting right, unless the statutes prescribe for a bigger majority.

Article: 75

With the exception of electing the association's agencies, a member of the general assembly may not participate in voting if he has personal interest in the propounded resolution.

An interest shall be considered personal if taking or refusing the resolution will result in realizing a direct or indirect physical benefit to the member, or to his spouse, children, or relatives up to the fourth degree.

Chapter - 2 Board of Directors

Article: 76

The statutes of the assembly shall comprise the number of board members, providing it shall be an odd number of not less than five and not exceeding fifteen members.

The group of founders shall appoint the first board of directors. Their decision concerning the appointment of the board of directors shall determine its period for not more than three years beginning from the date of recording the association.

The first board of directors shall call a meeting of the general assembly for electing the new board of directors before expiry of its period.

Article: 77

The general assembly shall be concerned with electing the board members. The period of the first board elected by voting shall be determined at six years.

The elected board of directors shall hold a meeting before the lapse of two years from starting its period, to cast ballot among all board members, and the membership of one third of the members chosen by ballot shall terminate effective the date of holding the re-election.

The board shall call a meeting of the general assembly within at most sixty days from the date of closing the door of nomination for electing new members to replace those whose membership is terminated. This shall not prejudice the right of the latter to nominate themselves for these elections.

The foregoing procedures shall be renewed at the end of the next two years.

On completing the six-year period constituting its term, the board of directors shall call a meeting of the general assembly to elect a wholly new board of directors.

The foregoing procedures shall be followed in respect of all board of directors to be elected by election.

Article: 78

If a board member's place becomes vacant by resignation, decease, or termination of the membership for any reason, he shall be replaced by

the nominee that obtained the highest number of votes in the last valid elections, to complete the remaining term of membership of the member whose place has become vacant.

If the board was chosen in an unopposed election, and the place of one of its members becomes vacant, procedures for electing his replacement shall be taken at the first subsequent meeting of the general assembly.

This shall all take place unless otherwise provided in the statutes of the association.

Article: 79

If the association comprises non-Egyptian members, anyone of them may run for the board membership. If the election results show the success of a number of Egyptians less in their percentage than the ratio of the active Egyptian members to the total number of active members, the Egyptian candidate obtaining the biggest number of votes shall rise followed by the one coming next to him, to replace the last elected member among the foreigners, then the one higher than him until the number of Egyptian board members becomes similar to their ratio to the total number of members contributing to the association.

Fractions, in determining this percentage, shall be reckoned in favor of the Egyptian members.

Article: 80

The statutes of the association shall determine the conditions for nomination to the board membership. In all cases, A candidate running for membership of the board shall be enjoying all his civil rights.

The board of directors shall open the door for nomination to the board membership, for a period of not less than seven days, by virtue of a written invitation to be addressed to all active members of the association at least three days before the date of opening the door for nomination, and announce about that in a prominent place at the premises of the association. This shall all take place unless the statutes prescribe for another method or longer periods. Nomination for the board membership

shall not be accepted except from the association members who have fulfilled their obligations.

Article: 81

The board of directors, on the day following the closure of the nomination door, shall put up a list of the names of nominees running for the board membership in a clear and prominent and well-frequented place at the premises of the association and notify the concerned administrative quarter with the list of nominees within the next three days and at least sixty days before the elections date.

If the conditions for nomination are not fulfilled by any of the nominees to the board membership, any interested person and the concerned administrative quarter may, within seven days from displaying the list of nominees or notifying it to the concerned administrative quarter, according to each case, notify to the association the name of the nominee required to be eliminated, and the nomination conditions unfulfilled by him. The association shall notify the involved nominee with the elimination request, and its source and reasons. If he does not relinquish his nomination request within seven days from the date of notification by the association, the concerned administrative quarter and the interested party shall submit the matter to the disputes examination committee prescribed in article (7) of the law within seven days from the lapse of the last date. This committee shall decide the request for elimination of the involved nominee within at most ten days from the date of referring the matter to it.

The administrative quarter and the interested party may file the legal action before the administrative causes court within seven days from issuing the committee's decision or the expiry of the period determined for issuing it.

Article: 82

The board member shall express clearly any personal interest that may be realized as a result of a decision to be taken by the board. In this case he shall be forbidden from attending the session during discussion of the question subject of the decision and from voting on it. An interest shall be considered personal if taking or refusing the decision will result in realizing a direct or indirect physical benefit for the member, his spouse, children, or relatives up to the fourth degree.

Article: 83

Combining the board membership and work with pay in the association shall be disallowed. The board may appoint from among its members or others a director for the association, providing the decision of appointing him shall comprise the administration works he shall be concerned with, and the remuneration payable to him.

Article: 84

Subject to the provisions of the association's statutes, the board of directors shall have all powers necessary for managing the association's affairs and realizing its purposes, particularly the following:

- 1- Electing the board chairman, the deputy chairman, the treasurer, and the general secretary of the association, and determining of the jurisdictions and powers of each of them.
- 2- Preparing the internal regulations for submission to the ordinary general assembly.
- 3- Forming the committees the board considers necessary for the good process of work, and determining the jurisdictions of each of them.
- 4- Appointing the workers required for serving in the association.
- 5- Preparing studies for determination of the service and productive projects required for realizing and executing the purposes of the association.
- 6- Setting up exhibitions, parties, and charity fairs, sporting matches, and campaigns for collecting the authorized donations, and other activities necessary for consolidating the association's financial resources.
- 7- Approving the contracts and agreements to be concluded by the association.

- 8- Determining the amount of the imprest for spending therefrom on daily and ordinary expenses.
- 9- Preparing the closing account of the ending financial year, the draft budget for the new year, and the annual report comprising a statement on the association's activity, its financial situation, and the new projects it reckons carrying out the following year.
- 10- Inviting the general assembly to convene, and implementing its resolutions.
- 11- Discussing the auditor's report, preparing a reply to the remarks contained therein, and submitting them to the general assembly.
- 12- Discussing the remarks of the concerned administrative quarter, preparing a reply thereto, and working on averting them if they comprise violations contradicting with the law, its executive statute, or the association's statutes.
- 13- Informing the administrative quarter of the decisions issued thereby or the resolutions of the general assembly, within the dates prescribed therefor.

Subject to the provisions of the Association's statutes, the board of directors may delegate some of its powers to an executive committee to be formed of the chairman or his deputy, the treasurer, the general secretary, and those the board will elect among the association's members, such that the number of the executive committee's members shall not exceed five members.

Article: 86

The executive committee shall meet once at least every month to review the situation of work in the Association, within the context of its powers. Its meeting shall be valid when attended by at least three members providing they comprise the chairman or his deputy and the treasurer. The committee's decisions shall be recorded in a special

register. They shall be laid before the board of directors to ratify them at the first subsequent meeting.

Article: 87

If the number of the board members is insufficient for its valid meeting, and the statutes is void of a provision treating this situation, the Minister of Social Affairs may appoint among the remaining members or others an authorized mandatory having the powers of the board of directors, with the following conditions:

- 1- There should be a necessity for taking that procedure.
- 2- Consulting the view of the general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations.
- 3- The Issuance of a substantiated decree for appointing the mandatory.

Article: 88

<u>Upon his appointment the mandatory shall carry out the following tasks:</u>

- 1- Reviewing the membership register to determine those who have the right of attending the general assembly;
- 2- Taking the necessary procedures for opening the door of nomination to the board membership according to the provisions of articles (33) and (34) of the law and the provisions of the present statute.
- 3- Determining the date and place of convening the general assembly for electing the board of directors.

He shall call a meeting of the general assembly within sixty days from the date of his appointment for electing a new board of directors.

If the authorized mandatory fails to call a meeting of the general assembly according to the provisions of the previous article, the general assembly shall be considered invited for convention by force of law at 2 p.m. on the first Friday following the lapse of the sixty days, at the head office of the association. In this case, the board chairman or his deputy or the oldest attending member, according to each case, shall be the chairperson of the general assembly.

Article: 90

The authorized mandatory shall deliver to the elected board of the association all documents, papers, property, and assets of the association which he received in virtue of the decision of his appointment.

Dissolving the Associations

Article: 91

The association may, by virtue of a decision of the extraordinary general assembly, be dissolved according to the rules prescribed in its statutes with the majority prescribed for issuing the assembly's resolutions, providing it shall not be less than the absolute majority of the number of the association's members.

The dissolution resolution shall comprise the following:

- 1- Appointing one or more liquidators to assume the liquidation works;
- 2- Determining the liquidation period;
- 3- Determining the remuneration of the liquidator(s).

The dissolution resolution shall be notified to the concerned administrative quarter and the concerned federation within one week from the date of its issue. They shall be provided with copy of the minutes of the general assembly meeting within thirty days from its convention.

Article: 92

The association may be dissolved by virtue of a substantiated decision from the Minister of Social Affairs after consulting the view of the general federation and calling the association to hear its statements in the following cases:

- 1- Disposing of the association's property and appropriating them for other than the purposes it is established for;
- 2- Obtaining funds from a foreign quarter or sending them to a quarter abroad in violation of the provisions of the second clause of article (17) of the law and article (58) of the present statute;
- 3- Committing a gross violation of the law, public order, or morals;

- 4- Joining, or contributing or affiliating to a club, association, institution, or organization with headquarters aboard, in violation of the provisions of article (16) of the law and article (55) of the present statute;
- 5- In case it is established that its virtual purposes aim at or visualize the exercise of one of the activities prohibited in article (11) of the law;
- 6- Collecting donations in violation of the provision of article (17) clause-1 of the law and article (57) of the present statute.

The dissolution resolution shall comprise the appointment of one or more liquidators for a period and with remunerations to be determined in due time.

The Minister of Social Affairs may issue a substantiated decision removing the board of the association, suspending its activity, abolishing the violating activity, or removing the cause of the violation, instead of dissolving the association in the cases referred to in the first clause, and in the following two cases:

- 1- Non-convening the general assembly for two consecutive years or the failure to convene it upon the invitation for its convention in implementation of the provision of article (40) clause-2 of the law.
- 2- The association's failure to modify its statutes and harmonize its situations according to the provisions of the law and the present statute.

Article: 93

Calling the association for hearing its statements shall be through a registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt at the address of the association's head office, in the name of its board chairman, calling him or his delegated assignee to meet with the administrative quarter.

In the invitation letter the administrative quarter's remarks and the date and time determined for hearing the association's statements shall be indicated. Submitting a memorandum with its statement shall do instead of hearing the association's statements.

In the invitation letter it shall be mentioned that the failure of the association's representative to attend at the determined time and place shall be tantamount to a declaration from the association of the validity of the administrative quarter's remarks mentioned in the letter.

Article: 94

The date and content of the resolution issued for dissolving the association, removing its board of directors, or suspending its activity shall be annotated in the Associations Entry Register. An annotation of the ruling passed by the courts in this respect shall also be marked in the register.

Article: 95

All interested party may appeal against the decision issued by the Minister of Social Affairs, before the administrative causes court, without being restricted by the provisions of article (7) of the law.

Any member of the association in respect of which the decision is issued shall be considered an interested party concerning the appeal.

Article: 96

In the cases prescribed in articles (91, 92) of the present statute, if the period determined for liquidation expires without completing it, the period may be extended for another period upon the request of the liquidator or the concerned administrative quarter, by a decision from the general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations. If the liquidation process is not fulfilled during the extension period the concerned administrative quarter shall take over the task of completing the liquidation process.

Article: 97

Once a decision is issued dissolving the association according to the provisions of article (41) of the law, those in charge of its management and its employees shall set out to deliver its liquid and movable funds, real property, and all documents, registers, and papers concerning the association, upon request. Neither they, nor the quarter with which the association's funds and property are deposited and its debtors shall dispose of any of the association's affairs, property, or rights except by virtue of a written order from the liquidator.

The provision of the previous clause shall apply if the association is dissolved by virtue of a decree from the Minister of Social Affairs according to the provisions of article (42) of the law, once the decision becomes final by non-appealing against it before the courts, or by confirming the decision issued for dissolving the association by virtue of a final ruling in case of appealing against it.

Article: 98

Subject to the provision of article (4) of the law, the liquidator, once the liquidation is complete, shall distribute its value according to the provisions prescribed in the statutes of the association. If the statutes is void of a provision regulating the distribution, or if it is practically impossible to apply the prescribed provisions, the liquidator shall deliver the liquidation value to the Fund for Support of Non-Governmental Associations and Organizations, and notify the concerned federation as well as the concerned quarter accordingly.

Article: 99

Prosecutions connected with the liquidation works shall be lodged by or against the liquidator exclusively before the court of first instance within the area of which the head office of the association is seated.

Article: 100

If it transpires to the liquidator that the property of the liquidated association includes a foreign grant authorized by the administrative quarter, he shall follow and apply the conditions prescribed in the agreement or grant concerning the devolution of the property, and shall notify the donor quarter accordingly.

In case no agreement exists with the donor party, or the agreement is void of a provision regulating the devolution of the property, the property and funds shall devolve to the Fund for Support of Non-governmental associations and organizations, or to one of its branches.

Article: 101

Subject to the provision of article (97) of the present statutes, the members of the dissolved association or any person in charge of its management, shall be prohibited to continue its activity or dispose of its property.

Each person is also prohibited to participate in the dissolved association's activity.

Public Benefit/Utility Associations

Article: 102

The provisions of the present statute shall apply to public benefit/utility associations, where no special provision is prescribed in this Part.

Article: 103

The Minister of Social Affairs may, on the basis of the mandate issued by the President of the Republic, issue a decree bestowing the public benefit/utility quality upon the associations which aim at realizing a public benefit on or after their foundation, upon a request to be submitted by the association to the concerned administrative quarter, indicating the justifications for that request and the public benefit the associations will realize or aim at realizing therefrom.

The concerned administrative quarter shall study the request, its justifications, the association's activity, and the public benefit to be realized thereby, and take procedures of issuing the said decision in light of the result of that study.

The public benefit/utility quality may also be bestowed on the association upon the request of the concerned administrative quarter, or the general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations, conditional upon the association's approval in both cases.

Once the decision bestowing the public benefit/utility quality on the association is issued, this quality may not be abolished except by virtue of a decree of the Minister of Social Affairs on the basis of the foregoing mandate.

<u>Public Benefit Associations may merge together according to the following procedures:</u>

- 1- The extraordinary general assembly's approval of the merger of these associations.
- 2- Submitting a request to the concerned administrative quarter indicating the justifications for the merger and the evidence of bestowing the public benefit quality on each of the associations requesting the merger.

The concerned administrative quarter shall consult the view of the general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations before giving its approval of the merger and annotating in the associations entry registers.

Article: 105

Associations on which the public benefit quality is not bestowed may merge with public benefit associations, according to the following procedures:

- 1- Approval of the extraordinary assemblies of each association requesting the merger and the public benefit association.
- 2- Notifying the merger approval to the administrative quarter concerned with the resolutions of the extraordinary general assemblies, and requesting a decree for the merger to be issued by the Minister of Social Affairs on the basis of the mandate issued by the President of the Republic along with indicating the justifications for the request.

The concerned administrative quarter shall study the request and consult the view of the general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations. In light thereof procedures of issuing the decision for merger shall be taken and its contents shall be annotated in the association entry registers. (the merger shall not be made except by the issuance of the present decree).

The Minister of Social Affairs may commission certain activities, projects, or programs, or the management of one of the organizations attached to the ministry, to the public benefit/utility associations.

The ministries, local government units, and other agencies and authorities may request the Minister of Social Affairs to approve commissioning some of its projects, activities, or programs, or the management of one of its organizations to any public benefit/utility association, providing the request shall comprise the following:

- 1- Detailed description of the components, aims, and purposes of the institution, project, or program desired to be entrusted to the public benefit/utility association.
- 2- Justifications of choosing the association to which the project or program is required to be entrusted.

Article: 107

The Ministry of Social Affairs shall, in the cases referred to in the previous article, obtain the approval of the association to which the works are required to be entrusted, before their entrustment to it.

In all cases, the entrustment decision shall be issued by the Minister of Social affairs.

Article: 108

The concerned administrative quarter shall have the right of controlling the associations in their execution of the works entrusted thereto, whether they are attached to the Ministry of Social Affairs or to any other quarter.

Subject to the provision of article (63) of the present statute, the Minister of Social Affairs shall issue a decree appointing and determining the inspectors who shall have the right to examine the works of the public benefit/utility associations, including the projects entrusted thereto, and ascertain that the laws, regulations and the statutes of the Association are duly complied with.

In case gross mistakes are made by the public benefit/utility association, affecting the realization of its purposes, the exercise of its activities, or its execution of the programs or projects entrusted to it, the Minister of Social Affairs may take one of the following procedures:

- A) Suspending temporarily the activity of the project entrusted to the association pending removal of the violation;
- B) Withdrawing the project entrusted to the association whichever is the quarter owning the project;
- C) Discharging the association's board of directors and appointing an authorized mandatory after consulting the view of the general federation of non-governmental organizations.

Article: 110

The authorized mandatory appointed according to item (C) of the previous article shall call a meeting of the general assembly within at most three months from the date of his appointment for election of a new board of directors.

Inviting the general assembly to convene shall be done by virtue of a registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt to be addressed to the members at their home address, providing the invitation letter shall be signed by the authorized mandatory and comprise the reasons of the convention. The invitation shall be addressed at least fifteen days before the convention date.

If the general assembly is not invited within the said period it shall be considered invited to convene by virtue of the law at 2 p.m. on the first Friday following the expiry of the three months period, at the head office of the association, providing the meeting shall be chaired by the oldest member.

Accommodation Houses

Article: 111

Any place provided for full accommodation of a category of people in need of social, health, rehabilitation, educational, or pedagogic care, in the different stages of age, like the welfare houses for children deprived of their families' care and attention, the juveniles and those exposed to delinquency and perversion, and the aged; also the male and female expatriates house, houses for of those sick with chronic diseases, the handicapped, the invalids, the mentally retarded, and others shall be considered an accommodation house in accordance with the provisions of article (54) of law No. 84/2002.

Article: 112

Any non-governmental association or organization establishing, or to which is attached an accommodation houses shall submit a request to the concerned administrative quarter to authorize it to exercise the activity according to form no. "18", as attached to the present statute, comprising the following data and documents:

- 1- Kind of the organization or house, the purpose of its establishment, the age categories it services, and the scope of its work.
- 2- Detailed description of the building and a determination of the locations appropriated for the different services, the area of the place and buildings set up on it, and a statement on whether it is leased or owned and the relevant deed.
- 3- Certificate from the authority concerned with housing affairs and utilities, confirming the validity of the location and its facilities and their soundness.
- 4- Certificate of worthiness of the place from the health point of view, and a certificate of fulfilling the industrial safety requirements.
- 5- The internal regulations.

The concerned administrative quarter shall decide the request within thirty days from the date of submitting the request duly fulfilled.

The concerned administrative quarter shall keep a unified register for recording the organizations and associations authorized to provide accommodation.

Article: 113

The concerned administrative quarter shall examine the works of accommodation houses and ascertain the fulfillment of the authorization conditions. The organization or association to which the house is attached shall put up the license issued to it at a prominent place in the house, and shall provide the concerned administrative quarter as well as the concerned federation with a report on its activity every six months.

Article: 114

If the association or organization to which the accommodation house is attached infringes the license conditions, the concerned administrative quarter may cancel the authorization after serving a warning on it demanding removal of the causes of violation, and expiry of the period determined by it to the association or organization without removal of these causes.

Non-governmental Organizations

Article: 115

The provisions of the present statute shall apply to the non-governmental organizations where no special provision is prescribed in this Part.

Article: 116

The non-governmental organization shall be established by appropriating a property for a specified or unspecified period for the realization of a non-profit purpose. The appropriated property shall be sufficient and suitable for realizing the purposes of the non-governmental organization.

The property may be a realty or movable asset.

The allocation concerning the realty shall specifically apply to:

- A) Total ownership of the realty with all its attributes.
- B) One of the attributes of the ownership right in using, exploiting, or the right of disposing of the nude ownership.
- C) Rights of the realty user, whichever is the legal deed, like a deed of gift, legacy, or others.
- D) Lessee's rights on the realty within the limits of the provisions legally prescribed in the terms of the lease contract, such that non of these rights shall exceed the legal tenancy period, or the agreement, according to each case.

The allocation concerning the movable asset shall specifically apply to:

A) Moneys, including the yields of investing and exploiting the realties or movables;

B) Movable values such as the bonds, stocks, shares, securities or commercial papers in general, the investment and deposit certificates, and the treasury bonds and debentures, or the yield of any of these values whether Egyptian or foreign;

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C) Movables of all kinds such as jewels, books, machinery, tools, furniture, ships, yachts, and boats of all kinds, airplanes, cars, vehicles, etc.

Article: 117

A provision may be prescribed in the articles of assiciation of the non-governmental organization, or the like regulations, that the allocation shall apply to the proceeds of the yield of selling a realty or a movable asset, the method of fulfilling that sale, and its timing. If the statutes or the like regulations do not comprise the method of sale, the board of trustees shall be concerned with determining it. If it does not comprise a timing for sale, the sale shall be considered mandatory upon submitting the request for recording the statutes or the like regulations, or removing the last obstacle in the way of its sale, whichever is nearer.

Article: 118

The activities in which the non-governmental organization aims at working may be assumed in several scopes so long as these total activities comply with the purposes of developing the society and are not aimed at realizing physical profit.

The articles of association or like regulations shall comprise a statement of these activities and the purpose the non-governmental organization aims at realizing.

The non-governmental organization shall be prohibited to comprise within its purposes the exercise of any of the activities prohibited in article (11) of the law. The provisions of articles (24, 25) of the present statute shall apply in this respect.

The non-governmental organization may be established by one person. It may also be established by more than one natural or juridical person or both together.

If the founder is a natural person - Egyptian or foreigner - he/she shall be enjoying his/her full legal capacity according to the provisions of his/her nationality law.

However, if the founder is a juridical person, whatever its nationality, it shall be fulfilling all conditions of its foundation and of the exercise of its activity, according to the legal system under which it is established.

Article: 120

Establishing the non-governmental organization shall be through any of the following legal dispositions:

- 1) The articles of association to be set by the founder(s) in which shall be indicated the name, quality, home address, nationality of each of them, the share each founder has contributed to the foundation of the non-governmental organization, and the place and date of signing these articles of association, providing they shall be signed by all the founders.
- Official deed to be issued by the founder(s) comprising an express elucidation of their determination to appropriate the property for establishing the non-governmental organization, and the legal title thereof which allows them to effect such appropriation concerning the allocated property.
- 3) A will registered according the provisions of the State Law and in which the testacy has been recorded, comprising the name of the testator, his quality, nationality and his ground for directing by the will that the property subject of the testament be appropriated for establishing a non-governmental organization.

In all cases, the articles of association, the official deed, or the will for establishing the non-governmental organization shall comprise the following data:

- A) Name of the organization, its geographical field of work, and its head office in the Arab Republic of Egypt.
- B) The purpose the organization is established for its realization.

- C) A detailed statement of the property appropriated for realizing the purposes of the organization subject to the provision of article (116) of the present statute.
- D) Organizing the management of the organization, including the method of appointing the chairman and members of the board of trustees, and that of appointing the manager.
- E) Period of the Board of Trustees, the method of board membership renewal, and the way of filling the places becoming vacant on the board.

The founders may establish the organization according to the articles of association Form no. (19) as attached to the present statute.

Article: 122

If the organization is established by virtue of an official deed, its founder may renounce and substitute that deed by another official deed during the period between issuing the deed by virtue of which it is established and prior to completing the procedures of registering the non-governmental organization.

Renouncing the deed may be confined to part of the appropriated property, in which case the non-governmental organization shall be registered on the basis of its exclusive possession of the property remaining appropriated for it after eliminating the part renounced by the founder(s).

If establishing the non-governmental organization is by virtue of a will, the legator may submit to the administrative quarter a request for recording the summary of the will, in which case the administrative quarter may advise the legator that the conditions of recording the summary of the will shall have to be fulfilled, or inform him of the necessary modification to be made in the will in order to complete its registration. In all cases, the summary of the articles of assoiation shall not be recorded, nor shall the organization gain the juridical personality except after execution of the will, unless the legator had renounced it before his decease.

If the legator had not renounced the will before his death, and the administrative quarter had explained that the will could be recorded, or the will had been modified to fulfill the conditions of recording its summary, the administrative quarter may record it within sixty days from the date it is notified of the execution of the will, without need for submitting a new request.

Article: 124

The founder of the organization, the chairman of the board of trustees, or the person appointed for executing the will shall submit the request for recording the non-governmental organization on Form no. (20) as annexed to the present statute. The following shall be attached to the request:

First:

Two copies of the non-governmental organization's articles of association, duly signed by the founder(s) and fulfilling the data referred to in article (120) item (1) of the present statute, or two copies of the official deed of establishing the non-governmental organization duly certified, as true copies of the original, by the quarter before which the former deed was notarized or where it was registered, or two copies of the will instituting the non-governmental organization, duly certified as true copies of the registered original will.

If the founder or one of the founders is a juridical person, the request shall be accompanied with evidence establishing the legal situation of the juridical person, and an express declaration signed by its legal representative approving the foundation or contribution to the foundation of the non-governmental organization.

Second:

Deed of occupancy of the Organization's head office.

Third:

Proof of depositing the amount of one hundred Egyptian pounds for account of the Fund for Support of Non-Governmental Associations and Organizations, or one of its branches.

Article: 125

The founders of the non-governmental organization or its founders by virtue of an official deed shall be responsible for the costs of its establishment. If it is established by virtue of a will the execution of which is entrusted to some person, the executor of the will, after recording the non-governmental organization, may recover the expenses he sustained in connection with the will for establishing the nongovernmental organization.

The remittance of the expenses shall be made by a decision of the board of trustees within the limits of the actual costs to be approved by the board up to and not exceeding (2%) of the value of the property appropriated for the non-governmental organization.

Article: 126

The concerned administrative quarter shall write down the date of submitting the request for recording the summary of the articles of association, the official deed, or the will, after ascertaining that it fulfils the conditions and terms prescribed in articles (120, 121) of the present statute. Recording the date of submitting the request shall be on a copy thereof to be delivered to the applicant.

The administrative quarter shall keep a special register for listing the requests for recording the summary of the articles of association, the official deeds, or the will establishing the non-governmental organization, according to the date and hour of submitting each of them.

Article: 127

The juridical personality of the non-governmental organization shall be established effective the day after recording its articles of association or the documents standing therefor, or by force of law with the lapse of sixty days from the date of recording them, whichever is nearer.

The administrative quarter shall take procedures of publishing, free of charge, the summary of the articles of association of the organization or the documents standing therefor in the Egyptian Wakayeh/Government Bulletin, within sixty days from the date of establishing the organization's juridical personality.

Article: 128

The board of trustees shall elect the representative of the non-governmental organization on the committee prescribed in article (7) of the law.

The provisions of article (29) of the present statute shall apply with the exception of the provision prescribed in the previous clause.

Article: 129

Each non-governmental organization shall have a board of trustees formed of an odd number of not less than three and not exceeding fifteen members one of whom shall be elected as chairman.

The chairman and members of the board of trustees may be among the founders or others.

Article: 130

The founder(s) of the non-governmental organization shall be concerned with appointing the board of trustees. The articles of

association shall provide for the period of the board, the method of board membership renewal, if any, and the way of appointing a replacement substituting the member whose place becomes vacant for any reason before expiry of his appointment period.

If the articles of association of the organization, the official deed, or the will does not comprise the method of appointing the board of trustees and its period, the concerned administrative quarter shall appoint a board of trustees from experts in the fields of the activity determined for the non-governmental organization as well as among the public figures concerned with non-governmental work. It shall also appoint a replacement of the member whose place becomes vacant and shall notify the appointment to the general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations.

As regards the term of the board in this case, it shall be determined at sessions of six years each, with the exception of the first board of trustees the term of which shall not exceed three years.

The board of trustees, in its second term, shall draw lots among all its members every two years, such that the membership of one third of the members picked out by the lots shall terminate. The board may renew the membership of those whose membership is terminated by drawing the lots, or appoint new members in their stead according to the needs and interests of the non-governmental organization.

In all cases, the board of trustees shall notify the concerned administrative quarter and the general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations of completing its formation and of all change introduced in it.

Article: 131

In case one or more places become vacant on the board of trustees, and it is practically impossible to appoint a replacement thereof in the manner indicated in the articles of association, the concerned administrative quarter shall assume the process of appointment from among people of expertise in the fields of the non-governmental organization's activity, or among public figures concerned with non-governmental works, and notify the general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations of that appointment.

The board of trustees shall assume the management of the non-governmental organization, and shall have all jurisdictions of the board of directors and the general assembly of associations, with the exception of modifying the original purpose of the non-governmental organization as determined in the articles of association, or in whatever stands therefor.

The board of trustees shall assume these powers according to the provisions of the articles of association or whatever stands therefor.

The board of trustees may appoint a director for the non-governmental organization who shall have the powers to be prescribed in his appointment decision.

Article: 133

The chairman of the board of trustees shall represent the non-governmental organization before the court and vis-a-vis third parties.

Article: 134

The non-governmental organization may increase its capital by appropriating additional property/properties for realizing the same purposes as determined in its articles of association or whatever stands therefor. If the increase is provided by the founder(s) or by the heirs of the legator in case of the will, increasing the capital shall be through appropriating the property and recording it in the registers of the non-governmental organization after notifying the administrative quarter with a detailed statement of the allocated additional property, subject to the provisions of article (116) of the present statute.

Article: 135

In case of increasing the capital of the non-governmental organization by appropriating additional property / properties from non-founders, or other than the heirs of the legator in case of the will, the non-governmental organization shall submit to the Minister of Social

Affairs a request for approval thereof, in zwhich the following shall be indicated:

- 1) Name of the natural or juridical person providing the property, the home address and nationality thereof, and his/its share in the provided property. In case of the juridical person, evidence shall be submitted establishing its legal situation, and a declaration signed by his/its legal representative approving the appropriation of the property and the contribution to the non-governmental organization.
- 2) The conditions set by the provider of the property/properties, if any.

The concerned administrative quarter shall provide its view to the non-governmental organization within a period not exceeding sixty days from the date of submitting the request duly fulfilled. The expiry of that period without objection from the administrative quarter shall be considered as approval of the request.

Article: 136

The provisions of the previous article shall not derogate the right of the non-governmental organization to receiving donations or raising them from the public, and consolidating its financial resources according to the provisions of articles (56, 57, 58, 59, and 60) of the present statute.

The non-governmental organization shall also enjoy all privileges and exemptions prescribed for the non-governmental associations in the law and the provisions of the present statute.

Article: 137

The board of trustees shall convene at least twice a year at the invitation of its chairman. It shall also meet within four months from the end of the financial year to consider approving the balance sheet and closing account of the non-governmental organization for the ending year, the report on the activity and the auditor's report as well as the draft budget for the new financial year.

A copy of these papers shall be sent to the concerned administrative quarter and the concerned federation at least fifteen days before the date of the meeting.

The non-governmental organization may content itself with preparing a periodical statement of the revenues, expenses, and aspects of spending instead of the annual balance sheet if the nature of its property justify that.

The non-governmental organization shall in this case submit a request for obtaining the concerned administrative quarter's approval providing it shall indicate its justifications.

Article: 139

If it is impossible for the non-governmental organization to continue performing its mission or realizing its purposes as determined in its articles of association or in whatever stands therefor, the organization may then be dissolved by virtue of a decision of the founder(s) appropriating the majority of the organization's capital, unless a bigger percentage is prescribed in the articles of association or in whatever documents standing therefor. In case no founders exist, the decision for dissolution shall be taken with the approval of the absolute majority of the number of the board of trustees members.

The founders of the board of trustees shall in this case notify the concerned administrative quarter at least thirty days before taking the dissolution decision.

Taking the dissolution decision shall be subject to the provisions of Part-5 of the present statute. The proceeds of the dissolution shall devolve to the Fund for Support of Non-Governmental Associations and Organizations or one of its branches, unless a text is provided in the Organization's articles of association or in whatever stands therefor, concerning the devolution of that property.

The non-governmental organization may be merged with another organization according to the following conditions:

- 1- A request from the founder(s) appropriating the majority of the organization's capital, unless a text is prescribed in the articles of association or in whatever stands therefor providing for a bigger percentage. In case the founders do not exist, the decision for merger shall be taken with the absolute majority of the number of the board of trustees members.
- 2- Approval of the founders or the board of trustees of the organization with which the merger is requested.
- 3- Notifying the concerned administrative quarter of the merger request comprising the approval of the founders or the board of trustees, according to each case.
- 4- The administrative quarter shall issue the merger decision within thirty days from the date of notifying the request to it.

Article: 141

The non-governmental organization may be dissolved by a substantiated decision from the Minister of Social Affairs, after consulting the general federation and calling the organization to hear its statements in case serious evidences are provided establishing the organization's exercise of one of the activities prohibited in article (11) of the law.

The dissolution decision shall comprise appointing one or more liquidators for a period and with charges to be determined. The Minister of Social Affairs may content himself with issuing a substantiated decision discharging the board of trustees, suspending the organization's activity, canceling the violating activity, or removing the cause of the violation instead of dissolving the organization.

Any interested party may appeal against the decision issued by the Minister of Social Affairs before the administrative causes court.

according to the procedures and dates determined therefor, without being restricted by the provisions of article (7) of the law.

Any member of the organization's board of trustees, or any of its founders shall be considered as interested party in respect of the appeal.

Article: 142

The provision of article (100) shall be followed concerning the procedures the liquidator shall apply in dissolving the organization with the existence of a foreign grant within its property.

Article: 143

Calling the organization for hearing its statements shall be with a registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt forwarded at the address of the organization's head office, in the name of the chairman of the board of trustees or the founder, according to each case, inviting him or his delegated assignee to meet with the administrative quarter.

The letter addressing the invitation shall indicate the administrative quarter's remarks and the date and place determined for hearing the organization's statements, specifying that the failure of the organization's representative to attend at the time and place determined therefor shall be considered tantamount to a declaration by the organization of the validity of the remarks set forth in the administrative quarter's letter.

The non-governmental organization may submit a memorandum replying to the administrative quarter's remarks, instead of hearing the organization's statements.

Specific and Regional Federations

<u>Chapter - 1</u> <u>Specific Federations</u>

Article: 144

The non-governmental associations and organizations may establish among themselves specific federations having the juridical personality.

Article: 145

The specific federation shall be formed of the non-governmental associations and organizations exercising or financing a common activity in a specific field.

The activity shall be considered a common activity if it stands on realizing a purpose(s) which are themselves those comprised in the articles of association of the associations desiring to form the federation, or authorized to be added after founding the associations.

If non-governmental organizations wish to form a specific federation, participate with other associations in forming it, or join an already existing specific federation, their purposes shall match with each other and agree with the purposes of the associations participating with them, subject to the provisions of article (118) of the present statute.

Article: 146

A single specific federation may be formed at the level of the Republic. Specific federations may also be established for the same activity at the level of each governorate, providing the number of members of each of these federations shall not be less than ten of the non-governmental associations and organizations operating within the bounds of the governorate.

<u>Chapter - 2</u> Regional Federations

Article: 147

The non-governmental associations and organizations may establish among themselves a single regional federation in each governorate, having the juridical personality.

Article: 148

The regional federation shall be formed of the non-governmental associations and organizations lying within the bounds of the governorate, whatever their activity, whether those participating in its foundation or the ones that joined it after its establishment.

Article: 149

The participation of a non-governmental association or organization in a specific federation at the level of the governorate or the level of the Republic shall not deter its right to participate in forming or joining a regional federation in the same governorate.

Article: 150

If the non-governmental association or organization exercises its activity in more than one governorate, its right to participate in forming a regional federation or joining the federation already existing shall be restricted to the governorate within the circle of which lies the head office of the non-governmental association or organization.

Chapter - 3 Foundation of Specific and Regional Federations

Article: 151

If a group of non-governmental associations or organizations or both together wish to form a specific or regional federation, a group of founders shall be formed of this group vested with the power to take procedures of founding the required federation, subject to the provisions of article (20) of the present statute.

Article: 152

The founders shall set for the specific or regional federation articles of association in respect of which the provisions of associations' articles of association shall be followed such that they shall not contradict the nature of the federation.

Article: 153

In the rules and procedures of its foundation and dissolution, the federation shall be subject to the provisions on founding and dissolving the associations prescribed in the law and in the provisions of the present statute.

Article: 154

Joining an existing specific or regional federation shall be through a request to be submitted by the non-governmental association or organization desiring to join the federation's membership, once it fulfills the following conditions:

- 1- The non-governmental association or organization shall have completed the conditions of its establishment legally and acquired the juridical personality.
- 2- It shall have fulfilled the conditions prescribed in the articles of association of the federation.

3- A decision approving the request for joining the federation shall be issued from the board of the association or the board of trustees of the non-governmental organization, according to each case.

Article: 155

The federation shall not refuse the request submitted for its membership by the non-governmental association or organization if the conditions of joining its membership are fulfilled thereby.

<u>Chapter - 4</u> <u>Powers of Specific or Regional Federations</u>

Article: 156

The specific or regional federation shall be concerned with the following:

- 1- Preparing a database and providing adequate information on the non-governmental associations and organizations operating in the fields of its activity, including the studies and researches it is concerned with as well as the local and international conferences connected with its activity.
- 2- Working on publishing a directory with lists of the associations enrolled in the specific and regional field to acquaint the citizens therewith and urge them to contribute to and participate in their activities.
- 3- Carrying out the necessary social researches in the field of the federation's activity or the scope of its geographical bounds, and participating in the general social researches assumed by the general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations.
- 4- Coordinating the efforts between the federations' member nongovernmental associations and organizations to ensure their integration.
- 5- Evaluating the services performed by the non-governmental associations and organizations in light of society's needs and the

- potentials and available resources of those non-governmental associations and organizations.
- 6- Organizing technical and administrative preparation and training programs for the employees and members of the non-governmental associations and organizations.
- 7- Studying the non-governmental associations and organizations finance problems and striving to solve them.

General Federation of Non-Governmental Associations and Organizations

Article: 157

A general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations shall be established, having a juridical personality and seated in the city of Cairo.

Article: 158

The general federation shall comprise in its membership the non-governmental associations and organizations, and the specific and regional federations.

Article: 159

The board of the general federation shall be formed of thirty members, including nineteen members to be elected from the non-governmental associations and organizations. The President of the Republic shall issue a decree appointing the board chairman and ten members among those concerned with social affairs.

Article: 160

The general federation board members referred to in the previous article shall be elected in the annual conference to be held according to the provision of article (166) of the present statute.

Article: 161

The term of the general federation's board of directors shall run for three years beginning from the date of issuing the Republican decree concerning the appointment of the board chairman and the appointed members. If an appointed member's place becomes vacant, another member shall be appointed in his stead, and if an elected member's place becomes vacant, the member obtaining the highest number of votes in the last carried out elections shall be raised.

Article: 162

The board of the general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations shall set its internal regulations, indicating the federation's agencies, the method of its administration, its committees, and the rules governing the organization of work in it.

A decree by the Minister of Social Affairs shall be issued concerning the said internal regulations.

Article: 163

The board of the general federation may appoint a director among its members, or from other non-members. The decision appointing the director shall comprise a determination of his competences.

Article: 164

The Ministry of Social Affairs shall be notified with a copy of the minutes of the general federation board's meetings within thirty days from the meeting date.

Article: 165

The general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations shall be concerned with the following:

- 1- Setting a general visualization of the role of the general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations in implementing the development programs.
- 2- Carrying out the necessary studies for the provision of the finance necessary for non-governmental associations and organizations to

develop their resources, undertaking contacts with home and foreign quarters whereby to assist in the provision of grants and aid, and offering consultation to them on means of consolidating their financial potentials.

- 3- Reorganizing technical and administrative preparation and training programs for the employees and members of the non-governmental associations and organizations in coordination with the specific and regional federations and the non-governmental associations and organizations.
- 4- Declaring the view in the request for dissolving the non-governmental associations and organizations according to articles (42 and 63) of the law.
- 5- Extending the period of liquidating the associations in the way indicated in article (43) of the law.
- 6- Nominating the regional federations' representatives for membership of the committees prescribed in article (7) of the law.
- 7- Electing five members of the non-governmental associations and organizations for the board membership of the Fund for Support of Non-Governmental Associations and Organizations.

Article : 166

The general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations shall hold an annual general conference to which shall be invited the board chairmen of the non-governmental associations and organizations, and of the specific and regional federations who shall have the right of electing the general federation's elected board members.

Personalities concerned with social affairs may be invited to attend that conference for studying the questions referred to it by its technical committees, the specific and regional federations, or the nongovernmental associations and organizations.

The general conference shall be held annually within five months from the end of the federation's financial year. The invitation to attend the conference shall be addressed by its board chairman at least one month before the date determined for its convention. The conference agenda and program shall be attached to the invitation letter.

Article: 168

The board of the general federation shall notify the Ministry of Social Affairs of the following:

- 1- The date and time of holding the conference, and its agenda and program, at least one month before the date of its convention.
- 2- A copy of the resolutions and recommendations of the general Conference, within one month from the date of its convention.

Fund For Support of the Non-Governmental Associations and Organizations

Article: 169

The Fund established at the Ministry of Social Affairs for support of Non-Governmental Associations and Organizations aims at supporting the non-governmental associations and organizations established according to the provisions of the law.

Article: 170

The management of the Fund shall be assumed by a board of directors formed of (13) members under the Minister of Social Affairs, with the membership of each of:

- 1- Five members of the non-governmental associations and organizations fulfilling the conditions prescribed in article (73) of the law, providing each of them shall represent a different specific activity, and comprising among them one representative of the non-governmental associations and organizations for Upper Egypt, another for Lower Egypt, and a third for the public benefit/utility associations, to be elected by the board of the general federation of non-governmental associations and organizations.
- 2- Three heads of central departments at the Ministry of Social Affairs to be elected by the Minister of Social Affairs.
- 3- Four public personalities concerned with social affairs to be elected by the Minister of Social Affairs.

The Minister of Social Affairs shall issue a decree concerning the formation of the board of directors, the system of work in it, and the formation of its technical secretariat.

The Fund's board term shall run for three years. The board member may be re-elected for another period(s) with the same previous procedures.

The board of the general federation shall send to the Ministry of Social Affairs a list of the names of nominees elected by it for membership of the Fund's board of directors, within thirty days from the date of notifying the general federation of the request for names of the nominees.

Article: 172

The board of the Fund shall be the quarter governing its affairs, and, in addition to the tasks prescribed in article (74) of the law, it shall also be concerned with the following:

- 1- Approving the internal regulations of the Fund.
- 2- Approving the draft annual budget and the closing account of the Fund.
- 3- Looking into the periodical reports submitted on the progress of work in the Fund and its financial position.
- 4- Looking into all questions the Minister of Social Affairs considers putting forward which lie within the fund's competencies.

Article: 173

The Fund, toward realizing its purposes and developing its resources, may institute service and productive projects, and hold charity festivals, bazaars, fairs, and sporting contests. It may entrust these projects or activities to one of the non-governmental associations or organizations for account of the Fund.

Article: 174

The Fund's resources - in addition to those prescribed in article (75) of the Fund - shall in particular be formed of the following:

- A) Proceeds of fees of recording the summaries of non-governmental associations and organizations systems in the way prescribed in articles (20 124) of the present statute, and the proceeds of fees of granting copies and recording the summaries of those systems that are prescribed in article (47) of the present statute.
- B) Proceeds of the resources appropriated by laws no. 10 for the year 1922, no. 93 for the year 1973, no.159 for the year 1981, and any other law, as well as the provisions of the present statute.
- C) Proceeds of the additional duties imposed for the sake of charity works by virtue of law no. 63 of the year 1942.
- D) Yield of service or productive projects, or charity festivals, bazaars, fairs, and sporting contests the Fund will hold with the aim of developing its resources.

The board of the Fund may appoint a director for managing the Fund, upon his nomination by the Minister of Social Affairs. The internal regulations of the Fund shall determine the powers of the Fund's director.

Article: 176

The Minister of Social Affairs shall issue a decree concerning the internal regulations of the Fund, comprising the Fund's agencies, departments, sections, and the reorganization of work in it. The decree shall also determine the powers of the Fund's director and the rest of other competencies.

Article: 177

The Fund shall have a special budget. Its financial year shall begin with the beginning of the state's financial year and end with it. The Fund's surplus shall be carried forward from one year to another.

The Fund's resources shall be appropriated for spending therefrom toward realizing its purposes, particularly the following:

- A) Offering support and aid to non-governmental associations and organizations established according to the provisions of the law.
- B) Issuing publications to enable the donors at home and abroad to determine the amount of their contributions.
- C) Preparing and publishing an annual directory indicating the nongovernmental associations and organizations, and the specific and regional federations they belong to, to enable the citizens to contribute to them and participate in voluntary social work.
- D) Establishing service and productive projects and holding charity festivals, bazaars, fairs, exhibitions, and sporting contests with the aim of developing the Fund's resources.

Article: 179

A special account shall be opened in the name of the Fund with an approved bank, in which shall be deposited all receipts of the Fund. An account may also be opened in foreign currency, in which shall be deposited the recourses the Fund may receive in foreign currencies. The internal regulations of the Fund shall regulate the rules and procedures of spending therefrom.

Article: 180

The Fund's accounts shall be subject to the Central Audit Agency's control. Those assuming work in it shall submit all the documents and registers required therefor.

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