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**BASIC LAW NO. 25 OF 1992 DATED APRIL 2ND 1992 SUPPLEMENTING LAW NO. 154
OF 1959 DATED NOVEMBER 7TH 1959 ON ASSOCIATIONS¹**

In the name of the people

Upon ratification of the Parliament

The President of the Republic issues the following basic law:

ARTICLE 1:

Article 1 of law No. 154 of 1959 dated on November 7th 1959 on associations shall be supplemented by the following paragraphs:

Associations, by activity and purposes, shall be categorized as follows:

- Women associations;
- Sports associations;
- Scientific associations;
- Cultural and arts associations;
- Charity, emergency and social associations;
- Development associations;
- Amicable associations; and
- Associations of public interest.

The category of the association shall be indicated within the statement presented by its founders and also within the advertisement in the official gazette of the Republic provided for in articles 3 and 4 herein.

Associations of public interest may not turn down the involvement of any person who commits to its principles and resolutions unless if such person has been denied his/her political and civil rights or has exercised acts and practices contradicting with the association's objectives. In case of disputes over the involvement rights, the applicant may file a suit in the court of first instance whose scope of competency covers the association premises.

¹ Preparatory works

The Parliament deliberations and ratification in its session of March 24th 1992

ARTICLE 2:

The following paragraph has been added to article 2 of the law No. 154 of 1959 dated November 7th 1959 on associations:

The directors of associations of public interest shall not be bearers of tasks and responsibilities within the central setups of political parties. These provisions apply to the managing body as well as the divisions, branches, detached entities and subsidiary groups indicated in article 6 (bis) of this law.

ARTICLE 3:

Associations that are legally existent upon this law entry into force shall abide by its provisions within a month of its entry into effect. In case of noncompliance, the association shall be deemed statutorily dissolved.

The Minister of Interior may classify the associations upon entry into effect and shall notify the association of such classification which can be challenged as per the procedures indicated in the article on abuse of power in law No. 40 of 1972 dated June 1st 1972 on the administrative court.

This law shall be published in the Republic of Tunisia's official gazette and shall be applied as a State act.

Tunis April 2nd 1972

Zine El-Abidine Bin Ali

President of the Republic