



ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΕΝΩΣΗ
για τα ΔΙΚΑΙΩΜΑΤΑ
του ΑΝΘΡΩΠΟΥ

STATUTE

Article 1

NAME AND LOCATION

1. The association “Hellenic League for Human Rights”, founded on 21 December 1953 was registered in the Book of recognized Associations with the Nr. 7449/1954 decision of the Athens Court of First Instance under the name “Hellenic League for Human Rights”.
2. The League’s head office is in Athens.

Article 2

AIMS

The League’s aims are the following:

1. Distribution, defense, and development of the principles that recognize the individual’s and various social bodies’ fundamental rights and freedoms, as well as the protection of the principle of equal treatment regardless of race or nationality, religious or other beliefs, disability, age, sexual orientation, sex, as well as the fight against any other discrimination, according to the directives of the European Union against discrimination and law 3304/05, which implemented said directives to national law. For the completion, extension, and content of these principles, the League takes as guides the following:
 - a) U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights (10 December 1948); the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and protocols (4 November 1950); as well as the terms of the final act of Helsinki, related to the protection of human rights and the other international statements or multilateral agreements incumbent on the Greek state.
 - b) The corresponding provisions of the Greek Constitution related to individual and social rights along with the relevant legislation.
 - c) The European Union directives against discrimination and the law 3304/05, which implemented said directives to national law.
2. Contribution to the defense of the Greek citizens’ freedom against enterprises for its catalysis, according to the Constitution of 9 June 1975, art. 120 par. 4.
3. Moral and legal support in cases of human rights and freedom violations, in Greek or foreign territory, when the facts are confirmed by the League’s Administrative Board, is one of the main priorities of the League.

Article 3

MEANS OF ACTION

1. In order to fulfill its aims, the League utilizes the following means:
 - a) Study of the problems that emerge from ambiguity, interpretation, and application of constitutional/legislative provisions that consolidate human rights in Greece, along with submission of proposals to the competent instruments in order to resolve these problems.
 - b) Public speeches, gatherings, and conferences.
 - c) Cooperation with the daily and periodical press, as well as specific publications.
 - d) Collaboration, cooperation, and permanent connection with domestic, foreign, or international non-governmental organizations and institutions.
 - e) Foundation of League departments with provincial centers, according to art. 15 of the present Statute.

- f) Participation in domestic and international discussions, conferences, and congresses, whose main subject is the protection and accurate formulation of human rights.
- g) Introduction and practice, in front of any Greek or international, political, or administrative court, of any grade and authority, of applications, complaints, appeals, cancellations, interventions, and every legal mean or general judicial aid, on subjects pertaining to the aims of League, i.e. human rights.
2. Statements and proclamations published in the name of the Hellenic League for Human Rights should be based on confirmed information and not in controversial policies.

Article 4

POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE

The League is independent from all political parties and every government; it does not serve any particular political movement or participate in events that promote the aims of a particular party.

Article 5

MEMBERSHIP

1. Eligible members of the League are all individuals with no discrimination regarding any racial, political or other belief, provided that they declare their acceptance of the aims of the association and their desire to contribute to their fulfillment.
2. Whoever wishes to become a member of the League, signs a statement underwritten by at least two members of the League. The registration of the candidate member is accepted by the Administrative Board, in accordance with art. 7 par. 3 of the present Statute.

Article 6

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. A member ends its membership:
 - a) With written resignation
 - b) When, despite twice called by the treasurer, there is a consistent delay for over a year of the payment of the subscription, and the Administrative Board decides the termination for this reason.
 - c) When it is proved that the member has behaved in a way that is incompatible with the aims of the League. The relative decision of the Board is taken with an absolute majority vote, and only after the member is called to provide explanations.
2. The decision related to the deletion can be appealed by the member in the first next general assembly with a written objection announced to the Administrative Board. The general assembly is responsible for the final decision.
3. In the case of resignation or termination the obligation of subscription exists for the entire year.

Article 7

ELECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

1. The Administrative Board governing the League is comprised of nine (9) members. The term of office is two years and lasts until the regular general assembly of its second year.
2. The voting for election of Administrative Board takes place in the regular general assembly of each second year. The vote is secret. A ballot which includes at least twelve (12) names of members who have fulfilled their subscription obligations is provided to the members. The nine members that gather the most votes are elected as regular members of the Board. The next three, are elected as alternate members.
3. The Administrative Board is in quorum provided the presence of five (5) of its members. Decisions are taken based on the majority of present members, with an exception of the deletion of a member, according to art 6 par. 1c, for which is required absolute majority of the body of Administrative Board.

4. Alternate members are called to participate in the meetings at an order of votes gathered, when a regular member announces his or her absence in advance, or if this absence is foreseen as certain.

Article 8
ELECTION OF THE BOARD

The administrative Board elects with secret vote its President, two Vice-presidents, one Secretary-general, two Deputy Secretaries and one Treasurer, that constitute the Presidium and are responsible for the implementation of the Board's decisions, provided that this implementation has not been assigned or is not the responsibility of another member of the League.

Article 9
OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOARD

1 The Administrative Board sits at least once a month and it is responsible for the decision and implementation of the League's actions. It is also in charge of managing its assets. It is accountable to the general assembly for its actions and the position of the League and submits a report of fiscal management.

2. The report is checked by a three-membered checking Committee, elected for the next two years. This Committee also checks and approves the forthcoming annual budget.

3. The Administrative Board can appoint special committees for the study of certain subjects or the implementation of a special mission. Any League members are judged as responsible could be invited to participate.

4. All decisions of the Board are under the control of the general assembly.

Article 10
OBLIGATIONS OF THE PRESIDIUM

1. The President represents the League in front of every public authority, as well as in front of each public or private legal person, organization or union, signs with the Secretary-general the warrants of income and payments, as well as the proofs of refund, apart from those that are reported in the returns of regular subscriptions of members for which the signature of Treasurer is enough.

2. In case of the President's inconvenience, a Vice-president is called to replace him.

3. In urgent cases the President, after contacting the Vice-presidents and the Secretary-general, as well as other members of Council, provided that it is feasible, can act on his own according to previous decisions or the general policy of the Board, announcing such initiatives in the next meeting.

Article 11
OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. The General-secretary, supported by his deputies, takes care of the correspondence, observes the registration of the League's members and filing, conducts the missions and duties that the Board and the President assigns to him or her and has the general responsibility for the installation, good operation, and maintenance of the League's offices and assets.

2. The administrative Board hires salaried personnel needed for the operation of the permanent offices of the League as well as for general administrative needs, determining the terms of their wages.

Article 12
TREASURER

1. The Treasurer collects the income and oversees the expenses, according to the present Statute and the decisions of the Administrative Board. Each bank withdrawal must first be confirmed by the President and General-secretary.
2. Sums over 20,000 drachmas are deposited in the League's bank account.

Article 13
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. The assembly is convened and gathers in regular meetings once a year in February and in extreme circumstances after a decision of the Board or request by 1/5 of the members that have paid their subscription.
2. The assembly finds itself in quorum if 1/3 of the members that have paid their subscription to the League are present. If a quorum is not achieved on the first announced day, the meeting is repeated in the next fifteen (15) days and it is legal, irrespective of members' presence.
3. The assembly –regular or extraordinary– is responsible for the resolving of any issues in the agenda. The further actions of the Administrative Board is bound to the assembly's decisions.
4. Modification of the present Statute is decided by general assembly. This assembly is considered in quorum if half (1/2) of the members that have paid their subscription are present.

Article 14
INCOME

The income of the League come from:

- a) Members' registration fee.
- b) Members' subscription fee, whose sum and terms of payment for each next year is determined by the Administrative Board.
- c) Donations and bequests.
- d) Fundraisers, lectures, exhibitions, and the sale of the League's bulletin and other printed material.

Article 15
PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS

1. At least five members of the League that reside away from the city of the League's head offices can found in their province a department for the promotion of the League's aims. Decisions related to the foundation of a department are taken by the Administrative Board.
2. The department operates according to an internal regulation, approved by the Administrative Board of the League.
3. Each department is responsible for the registration and subscriptions fees of its members, as well as any other resource that has been approved for it by the Administrative Board of the League or any other person.
4. New members of provincial departments are also proposed by each department according to the terms of their own internal regulation. They are registered and expelled in accordance with the terms of art. 5b and art. 7 par. 3.
5. The members of departments are considered members of the League and have the same rights and obligations. █

Article 16
DISSOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE

1. The dissolution of the League is possible only by decision of the General Assembly, convened by the Administrative Board exclusively to this end or after a relative application by 1/5 of members that have fulfilled their financial obligations. This assembly is considered in quorum if 2/3 of the members that have fulfilled their financial obligations are present, and comes to a decision with a majority vote of 3/4 of present members.

Article 17

TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

1. The term of office of the Administrative Council that has been elected in accordance with the provisions of the 27 April 1977 Statute, in the General Assembly of 1999, will last until the approval of the juridical authority in charge and registration in the relevant books of the new statute, as above.

In the month after the approval and this record, a General Assembly will be convened for the election of an Administrative Council according to the provisions of the new Statute. The above Statute of the Hellenic League for Human Rights was amended and voted by the General Assembly according to the terms of the law and the 27 April 1977 Statute of the “Hellenic League for Human Rights”, in the General Assembly of the League on 17 March 1999, in the lecture hall of the Athens Bar Association.

President

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