

In accordance with articles 78. and 12. of the Law of Association (published in the "Sluzbeni list RS" no.51/09) and articles 9. paragraph 1. point 1 of the Statute of the Lawyers' committee for human rights from December 5th, 2001 the Assembly of the Association of Citizens- the Lawyers' committee for human rights , at its session held on October 6, 2010. in Belgrade, adopted the

S T A T U T E

of

the Association of Citizens

“THE LAWYERS’ COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS “

DOMAIN OF REALIZATION OF FINALITIES

Article 1.

The Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights (Committee) is a professional, voluntary, non-governmental association of citizens, founded for an indefinite time, associated to protect and promote human rights in accordance with the universally accepted civilized standards, international conventions and national law, as well as for establishing and developing institutions of the rule of law, practice of the legal state and transitional justice.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE

Article 2.

The objectives of the Committee are:

- respect, protection and promotion of human rights and freedoms;
- advocating the respect for the principles of the rule of law;
- dissemination of ideas and rising awareness of the need to respect, protect and promote human rights and freedoms;
- harmonization of national constitutions, statutes, laws and regulations with international and European standards and conventions;

- cooperation with national and international associations and organizations that are committed to promoting the ideas and practice of the human rights which are compatible to the objectives that the Committee is committed to;
- realization of other objectives that are of interests in promoting the ideas, practice of protection and promotion of human rights and the rule of law;

MEANS OF REALIZATION

Article 3.

The objectives of the Committee are realized by the following means:

- organizing professional, scientific and consultative conferences, public debates and other meetings with the aim of promoting and developing human rights and raising awareness regarding the need of respecting the ideas and practice of the rule of law;
- organizing public promotions, presentations, seminars, courses and other forms of activities with the aim of promoting and developing human rights and raising awareness regarding the need of respecting the ideas and practice of the rule of law;
- organizing educational programs;
- elaborating projects and reports, documentation, publishing analytical, research and other results of activities related to human rights and the ideas and practice of the legal state and the rule of law;
- publishing books, brochures and other material and realizing other activities related to the dissemination of information related to the prescribed objectives of the Committee, in accordance with the law;
- activating initiatives and campaigns and rendering professional assistance to other organizations, associations and public authorities in analyzing particular legal and other expert issues related to promoting the ideas and practice of the rule of law and the respect of the human rights;
- organizing legal aid to its members and citizens, in accordance with the law;
- initiating legal and other procedures and/or actions before national bodies and bodies of regional and international organizations with the aim of respecting the proclaimed principles of the rule of law, constitutionality and legality and the protection of violated human rights;
- initiating citizens legislative procedure;

- informing the public of the activities and results of the Committee as well as other forms of organizing activity, work (practice) and campaigns regarding the realization of the objectives of the Committee;

ANNOTATION AND SEAT

Article 4.

The annotation of the organization is: *"Komitet pravnika za ljudska prava"*

The annotation of the organization in English is: *The Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights.*

Acronym: JUKOM.

Acronym in English: YUCOM.

The seat of the Committee is in Belgrade.

The Committee is active in the Republic of Serbia.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 5.

Membership to the Committee is open to lawyers and other professionals that are active in the field of human rights, rule of law and transitional justice, as well as to students of the final years of legal studies who are active in the field of protection and promotion of human rights.

Program Board renders decision regarding membership.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS

Article 6.

The rights of a Committee member are:

- to elect members and be elected members to the Committee organs;
- to receive legal protection of the Committee if, due to the member's work or activity in the Committee he/she is exposed to prosecution or intimidation of any kind;

- to take active part in disseminating the ideas of the Committee;
- to assist, in accordance with his/her material possibilities, the Committee in its activities;
- to present critical views and suggestions related to the activity of the Committee;
- Represent the Committee upon approval by the organs of the Committee;

The duties of a Committee member are:

- to respect the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Serbia, proclaimed objectives, the Statute and the decisions of the organs of the Committee, especially in the field of human rights and discrimination;
- to responsibly fulfill tasks and activities designated by the Committee;

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 7.

Membership in the Committee is terminated on the basis of a request for terminating membership.

Membership in the Committee is terminated on the grounds of expulsion in case a member does not comply with the provisions of this Statute or on the basis of committed act of damage to reputation of the Committee. Program Board renders a motivated decision on the expulsion from the membership. A member of the Committee whose membership is terminated can submit a complaint to the Assembly which renders a final decision.

Membership in the Committee terminates (in the case of inactivity of a member) if a member is inactive , if a member does not demonstrate an interest in the work of the Committee for a period longer than six months, if a member does not attend the meetings or does not assist the Committee in its activities.

INTERNAL ORGANISATION

Article 8.

The organs of the Committee are:

- The Assembly;
- The Program Board;
- The Director;
- The Council;

THE ASSEMBLY

Article 9.

The Assembly consists of all individual members of the Committee.

The Assembly regularly meets once a year.

A special session of the Assembly can be convoked at the request of the Program Board, the President as well as upon request of at least one third of members of the Assembly. The initiator of the special session prepares agenda for a discussion.

Every member of the Committee can propose amendments to the meeting agenda which is approved by the members of the Assembly.

SCOPE OF WORK AND JURISDICTION OF THE ASSEMBLY

Article 10.

The Assembly:

- adopts the Statute of the Committee and decides on amendments to the Statute of the Committee;
- adopts the Plan and program of work;

- adopts other general acts of the Committee;
 - adopts the Statute amendments and renders decision regarding the termination of the Committee in accordance with law;
 - examines and adopts the financial plan and annual financial report, work report, program plan and the final financial report of the Committee;
 - deliberates and renders decisions on general issue regarding the realization of the objectives of the Committee;
 - elects and dismisses the President of the Committee;
 - elects and dismisses the members of the Executive Board of the Committee;
 - approves the election of the Council members;
 - renders decision regarding the membership of the Committee in unions and other national and international associations;
 - realizes other activity of interest related to the objectives of the Committee;
-
- The sessions of the Assembly can be held only in a presence of at least half of a total number of members;
-
- the Assembly decides by a majority of the votes of members present;

THE PROGRAM BOARD

Article 11.

The Program Board is an organ of the Committee. Members of the Program Board are experts in the field of human rights.

The Program Board has at least three and at most five members.

The members of the Program Board are elected for the period of two years and they can be re-elected in the same function.

Director of the Committee is the member of the Program Board by virtue of his/her office and cannot be a chairman of the Program board.

The chairman of the Program Board presides over sessions of the Program Board.

The Program Board renders decisions at the sessions of the Program Board by majority vote of the present members.

Sessions may be carried out by electronic means (internet) and via telephone, if the majority of members agrees.

SCOPE OF WORK AND JURISDICTION OF THE PROGRAM BOARD

Article 12.

The Program Board:

- manages the activities of the Committee between two sessions of the Assembly and supervises the realization of the objectives of the Committee;
- discusses and adopts projects and designates the person responsible for the project;
- realizes general activity of the Committee;
- entrusts special tasks to individual members of the Committee;
- elects members of the Council;
- adopts financial decisions;
- prepares work plan, program plan and final report proposals for the Assembly;
- decides upon a motion for amending the Statute, upon its own initiative, or upon initiative of at least 5 (five) members of the Committee and elaborates statute amendment proposal, subject to approval by the Assembly;
- decides upon membership of the Committee in other national and international associations and other organizations;
- realizes other activity of interest related to the realization of the objectives, projects and activities of the Committee;

DIRECTOR

Article 13.

The Director of the Committee represents, and is legal representative of the Committee.

The Director of the Committee supervises the legality and regularity of the activity of the Committee.

The Director is elected for a period of four years.

The Director of the Committee is member of the Program Board by virtue of office.

The Director is responsible for the realization of the decisions of the organs of the Committee and executes other activities prescribed by the Statute.

The Director represents the Committee in legal procedures and has financial authority related to the means and property of the Committee and can delegate this authority to another person.

The Director is obliged to convene the Assembly within ten days either upon its own or upon initiative of at least one third of the members of the Assembly.

The Director of the Committee is responsible for his/her work to the Assembly of the Committee.

The Director submits work report to the Assembly of the Committee. If the work paper prepared by the Director is not approved by the Assembly, Director will be dismissed.

The Director of the Committee is assisted, and in cases of absents, is represented by a person that he/she designates.

THE COUNCIL

Article 14.

The Council of the Committee is an advisory organ of the Committee.

Members of the Council are eminent experts in the field of human rights and experts from other fields of expertise related to the goals of the Committee.

The Council advises (gives suggestions and opinions) to the other organs of the Committee for a successful realization of the programs of the Committee and identifies strategic goals, aimed at development of new programs, in accordance with the defined goals of the Committee.

ACCESSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC

Article 15.

The activity of the Committee is public. The Program board regularly informs members of the Committee and the public about the activities and work of the Committee directly, or through publications and statements, web site as well as through other respective ways.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Article 16.

The Committee may seek membership to other national and international associations and other organizations that are active in the field of respect, protection and promotion of the rule of law and democracy.

ACQUISITION AND UTILIZATION OF MEANS

Article 17.

The Committee acquires means from contributions of its members, voluntary donations, gifts, donations, projects, assistance of organizations and individuals, as well as from its own income realized through publications and other activities related to the realization of its objectives, in accordance with law.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES FOR PROFIT

Article 18.

The Committee collects funds by performing economic activity – book publishing (code 58.11).

The Committee starts this activity after the registration into the economic entities register (public register).

The income realized through activity described in paragraph 1 of this article, can be used solely to accomplish the purposes of the Committee, including general expenses and expenses of financing determined projects of the Committee.

TERMINATION

Article 19.

The Committee terminates its activity if the conditions for the realization of the objectives of the Committee cease to exist.

The decision regarding termination of the Committee is rendered by the Assembly.

The Committee terminates its activity in other cases provided by law.

In case of termination, the property of the Committee will be transferred to a national, non-profit legal entity founded for the purpose of the realization of the same or similar objectives, namely the Assembly shall decide upon the decision regarding the termination to which entity the property will be transferred to.

SEAL

Article 20.

The Committee has a round-shaped seal with the inscription in Serbian and English language: "Komitet pravnika za ljudska prava"- "Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights". Acronym "YUCOM", logo of the organization and the seat of the Committee with the inscription in Serbian and English language : "Beograd"- "Belgrade".

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 21.

All other questions not regulated by this statute, will be regulated by provisions of the Law of the association (Sl. Glasnik RS no. 51/09)

ENTRY INTO FORCE

Article 22.

The Statute of the Committee enters into legal force on the day it is adopted by the Assembly and will be in affect as of the day the Committee is entered into the register.