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The Statute of Iranian Cultural Heritage Associations

Article 1- Definition:

Cultural heritage association (hereafter called association) is a national-cultural non-profit making institution, affiliated with the Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization, which, on the basis of necessity and by reckoning of the Organization shall be established in province centers, cities, towns, districts, and villages, or for museums and historical monuments.

Note 1- Each association shall be named after the place, the site of historical monument, or the museum where it has been established.

Note 2- The Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization shall be called Organization In the present statute.

Article 2- Aim:

Attracting tangible and intangible support and all-out collaboration of the community concerning research, conservation, revitalization, presentation and education in the fields related to the national cultural heritage.

Article 3- The duties and authorities of associations:

1-Acquaintance with the rules and regulations provided for research, conservation and revitalization, presentation and training of the national cultural heritage, and paving the ground for the community to be acquainted with them as well.

2-Discussing and examining cultural and social issues, and providing consultative opinion for ideal implementation of programs on research, conservation and revitalization, presentation and education concerning the cultural heritage of the pertinent area of authority, with respect to the local requirements and facilities and submitting the prepared proposals in this regard to the Organization.

3-Endeavoring to identify and introduce the unknown aspects of the local cultural heritage;

4-Encouraging and promoting the community to respect and protect the cultural heritage.

5-Deliberating on, and finding practical ways to prevent any illegal actions such as clandestine excavations, destruction of historical monuments, trade in the cultural properties, and

submitting the prepared proposals in this regard to the Organization.

6-Examining the ways for summoning tangible and intangible support of the community, and submitting the prepared proposals in this regard to the Organization.

7-Cooperating with expert commissions and inspectors delegated by the Organization;

8-Cooperating with local institutions and organs, and summoning their full-scale support for realizing the aims of the association.

9-Submitting proposal for expenditure items out of financial revenues of the association to the Organization and expending them according to the regulations, which shall be enforceable after being approved by each association and confirmed by the Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization.

10- Carrying out the other duties, referred by the Organization within the scope of the pertinent regulations.

Article 4- Revenues of association:

A-Contributions by the people and financial aids from private and public sectors, and the Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization.

B-The revenue derived from the activities of the association, carried out within the specified extent of the regulations of the present Statute, and confirmed by the Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization.

Article 5- Members:

In each province center, city, town, district, and village, the cultural heritage association shall be composed of the following members:

A-The members of an association in provinces capital cities:

1-Governor general (chairman of the association);

2-General manager of the general department for cultural heritage in province (secretary of the association);

3-Mayor of the province capital city;

4-President of the university, or the head of the center for high education in the province;

5-General director of the provincial administration of justice;

6-Head of the Islamic council of the province;

7-General manager of department for culture and Islamic guidance in the province;

8-General manager of department for housing and urban development in the province;

9-General manager of department for endowments and charity affairs in the province;

10- General manager of department for education in the province;

11- Manager of broadcasting center in the province;

12- General manager of department for environment protection;

13- 5 interested experts and authorities in the field of cultural heritage, recommended by general manager of the general department for cultural heritage in province, and approved by the members.

B-The members of the association in cities and towns:

1-Governor (chairman);

2-The authority responsible for cultural heritage of the city (secretary);

3-Mayor;

4-Head of the city Islamic council

5-Head of the Education Department

6-Head of the Department for Culture and Islamic Guidance

7-4 interested experts and authorities in the field of cultural heritage, recommended by the authority responsible for cultural heritage of city or town, and approved by the members.

C-The members of the associations in districts:

1-District governor (chairman);

2-Representative of Cultural Heritage Organization (secretary);

3-Head of the district Islamic council;

4-The Authority responsible for education of the district;

5-3 trusted local experts and authorities, recommended by the representative of Cultural Heritage Organization, and approved by the members.

D-The members of the associations in rural districts:

1-Rural district governor (chairman);

2-Representative of Cultural Heritage Organization (secretary);

3-Head of the rural district Islamic council;

4-3 interested and trusted local experts and authorities, recommended by the representative of Cultural Heritage Organization, and approved by the members.

E-The members of the associations in villages:

1-Head of the Islamic council (chairman);

2-Representative of Cultural Heritage Organization (secretary);

3-Director of the local department for education;

4-3 trusted local experts and authorities, recommended by the representative of Cultural Heritage Organization, and approved by the Organization.

F-The members of the associations for museums or historical monuments (interested in the museum or the monument):

1-The manager of department for cultural heritage, whose area of authority covers the museum or the monument (chairman);

2-Manager of the museum or the monument (secretary);

3-3 interested experts and authorities in the field of cultural heritage, recommended by the manager of general department for cultural heritage, and approved by the Organization.

Article 6- Conditions for membership and holding the associations' sessions:

1-The council membership term shall be 3 years.

2-In case the association confirms the re-assigning of the trusted local experts and authorities, their memberships shall be automatically extended for the next term, and shall not need issuing another official notice.

3-The secretary of association shall be responsible to establish the link between the association and the Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization.

4-The association shall appoint one of its members as the deputy chairman, and another one as the accountant.

5-The membership in the associations shall be honorary.

6-Ordinary sessions of the associations shall be held once in 3 months, and the extra-ordinary sessions shall be held on the proposal of the secretary, upon the confirmation and invitation of the chairman.

7-The meetings of the association shall be in session should more than half of the members are present, and the decisions shall be final by the majority vote of the attendants.

8-The membership of the trusted experts and authorities in associations of provinces capital cities, museums located in the provinces capital cities, and the museums under the authority of general departments shall be issued by Head of the Organization; and the membership of the trusted experts in associations of provinces, districts, villages, and other museums and monuments shall be issued by manager of general department for cultural heritage in the province.

9-According to the authorization of the Head of the Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization, the revenues of each association shall be deposited with the nearest bank, and in the name of the association. Any payment must be co-signed by the accountant and the local representative of Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization, with the purpose of implementing the Organization approved programs.

The present Statute, including 6 Articles, was approved by the Council of the Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization, during its session held on sep 25, 1994 and shall be enforced by the Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization upon approval.