

ARAB WOMEN AUTHORITY

Primary law

B- The Law: The statute of the Arab Women authority

C- General Headquarters: The place that the Commission takes as a headquarters to manage its business in one of the Arab countries, according to the cases proposed by the Secretary-General and approved by the Board of Trustees.

D- The Council: The Board of Trustees of the Arab Women Commission is the body to supervise and follow up on the body's work.

F – **The General Secretariat:** The General Secretariat of the Commission and it consists of the Secretary General and his assistants, and it is entrusted with managing the affairs of the administrative and financial body and external relations.

H- Assembly: The general assembly of the body, which is like the general conference of the body, and it consists of unions, associations and non-governmental women's associations that are members of the body and are legally approved in every Arab country.

Article (2) Definition: The Commission is an Arab, non-profit, non-governmental, public benefit organization that works on framing, coordinating and activating joint Arab women's work, non-governmental, and enjoys legal personality and has an independent financial responsibility. It aims to develop the role of Arab women and build their own capabilities to enhance their participation in decision-making bodies and upgrade their positive contribution to public life. Chapter Two ... Goals, Headquarters, and Membership.

- Article (3) Objectives of the authority: Strive to develop the role of Arab women as an active partner in the development process and work to highlight their bright face at all Arab and international levels and document their successes and innovations through the following means and measures:
- 1. Enhancing the participation of Arab women in decision-making bodies, increasing their participation in the labor market, enabling them to work and education opportunities, and eliminating the gender gap.
- 2. Cooperating with all Arab and international organizations and bodies to develop the women's self-capabilities and enable them to obtain training opportunities and equal rights and duties.
- **3.** Launching scientific, developmental, humanitarian and health programs, projects, and initiatives that benefit women and work to publicize the achievements and creations of Arab women in all fields.
- **4.** Preparing reports, research and workshops in coordination and cooperation with scientific centers, universities and all relevant authorities, with the aim of expanding the rates of women's inclusion in development plans and the labor market.
- **5.** Organizing forums and conferences that discuss the best proposals and legal formulas to strengthen the legislative structure protecting women's rights in accordance with relevant international laws and covenants.
- **6.** Preserving the image of Arab women from the distortion and commodity marketing in the media space.
- 7. Seek to motivate women to manage and operate productive, developmental, health, educational and humanitarian projects for women in the least developed countries with a view to raising income sources for them that help them lead a decent life and reduce women's unemployment, especially the micro-income-generating projects.
- Article (4) General Headquarters: The authority is based in the Emirate of Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, as a general headquarters for it. It also takes London as a coordinating headquarters

for its work and initiatives at the international level. The council may transfer the headquarters to any other Arab country according to the requirements of the situation and in accordance with the laws in force.

Article (5) Membership: Membership in the Commission is divided into:

- **A- Authentic membership:** granted to non-governmental Arab women entities accredited in Arab countries that are members of the League of Arab States according to the form of joining prepared and after fulfilling the established requirements. The entity is considered an original member of the commission after a proposal by the Secretary-General and approval by the Council and the Supreme President.
- **B- Honorary membership:** The Supreme President and the Speaker of the Council have the right to grant honorary or honorary membership to organizations or personalities that have provided great services to the Commission according to the membership requirements.
- C- The Secretary-General, after approval by the Supreme Chairperson, may propose granting membership cards of the gold category and the silver category to public figures or prominent women who provide great services to the authority in support of its development initiatives. Membership cards participating in the activities and events of the authority are also granted to female personalities who excel in their field of work or who wish to engage By volunteering for the authority and the terms and conditions prescribed for each category are applied.

Chapter Three /The Authority's organs and departments

Article (6) The Authority shall consist of the following organs and departments as follows: –

- 1. Supreme President
- 2. The General Assembly
- **3.** Chairman of the Board of Trustees
- 4. Board of Trustees
- 5. The Secretary General

- **Article (7) Duties and Powers:** The responsibilities of the agencies, departments and leadership centers in the authority are defined as follows:
- **A- The Supreme Chair:** It is the highest position in the Commission and is chosen by the Board based on the Secretary-General's proposal, and its term is four years, renewable.
- •Representing the commission in international and regional conferences and events to which the authority is invited or is mandated to act on its behalf.
- •Sending congratulatory telegrams to the leaders of Arab and foreign countries and the general secretaries of international organizations on national holidays and events in the name of the commission and delivering the opening speech at the general assembly meetings.
- •Provide honorary medals and shields for the authority to kings, presidents, ministers, leaders of public opinion, directors of international organizations and public figures who have a clear contribution to supporting the cause of women.
- •Presentation of the First Arab Lady Prize for the First Ladies.
- •Presenting the distinguished Arab Women Award.
- •Presentation of the International Women Prize.
- •Granting honorary membership to persons who provide great services for Arab women's issues or those that support the authority's projects in accordance with membership requirements.
- •To send invitations on behalf of the authority to international organizations, bodies and eminent personalities to participate in major events and conferences organized by the authority.
- **B- The General Assembly**: It consists of two representatives from each member entity in the Commission from each country in addition to the

Chairman and members of the Board of Trustees and the Secretary General, and holds an annual meeting at the General Headquarters or in

any other country upon an invitation from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees based on a proposal from the Secretary General.

- A-It takes charge of discussing and approving the agenda of the meeting and submits recommendations to the Board of Trustees and the General Secretariat to develop programs, events and annual plans for the authority.
- **B** Election or renewal of the membership of the Board of Trustees after the end of its scheduled session.
- C Carrying out any amendments to the articles of the system, which requires a written appraisal signed by five members on the proposal, provided that it is submitted to the General Secretariat three months before the date of the regular meeting of the Assembly, and it is discussed and approved.
- General Assembly meetings are chaired by the President of the Board of Trustees, and members of the Supreme Council hear the members at the opening session.
- D-Chairman of the Board of Trustees: He is elected by members of the Board of Trustees from among its members by acclamation or by a simple majority of the personalities that accompanied the work of the commission and provided great services for the issue of women's empowerment and presides over periodic or extraordinary meetings of the council. He prepares the schedule of his meetings in consultation with the Secretary-General and follows up the good regularity of the commission's work and programs and receives reports from the Secretary-General on the administrative situation The financial committee, and proposes to nominate one or more members to the Board of Trustees.
- **E-** Board of Trustees: It consists of 10 to 12 members, women and men, and prominent and well-known personalities in support of women's

issues and believes in the principles and goals of the Commission and its lofty goals.

- •The Assembly elects the members of the Council for a period of five years, renewable.
- •The Council holds an annual meeting to approve the annual plan of the commission, discusses general programs and events, suggests recommendations for developing working methods, approves development projects, and approves the annual budget of the commission.
- •The council has the right to grant the status of an observer member in the membership of the commission to international and regional organizations and the funds supporting the body after approval by the supreme president.
- **F** The Secretary General: It is the first executive position in the authority and represents it in front of all official and unofficial bodies and signs its correspondence and maintains its records and monitors its financial and administrative rights and supervises the proper performance and regularity of the Authority's administrative and financial apparatus in order to achieve its objectives and is chosen by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees after the approval of the Council for a period of five years renewable and takes care of The supreme interests and the application of the Authority's financial and administrative regulations fall within the scope of his powers the following tasks.
- •Submit quarterly reports on the progress of work in the authority, according to the nature of the tasks and achievements and the progress of programs and projects, to the supreme president and president of the Board of Trustees. Selecting his assistants, appointing employees and workers at the authority's headquarters, or ending their services, whether it is at the general headquarters or its affiliated institutions.
- •To suggest any projects, initiatives, or the formation of specialized institutions operating under the authority's deception to the Supreme

President and the Board of Trustees, stating the reasons for them for the purpose of approval by the Council and submitting them to the Supreme President for approval. Chapter Four: F- Organizational, administrative and financial provisions:

Article (8) The Commission includes within its scope a number of institutions, specialized centers, platforms and media outlets within its framework, according to what is written in the established internal regulations.

Article (9) Financial Authority Resources: The Authority's resources consist of unconditional financial and in-kind grants and gifts that are provided by governments or public bodies, personalities and businessmen, and the financial returns obtained from the Commission's investments directed to achieving its objectives in addition to the contributions or unconditional contributions provided by members.

Article (10) The Board of Trustees at its annual meeting shall approve the annual budget of the Authority, which is proposed by the President of the Council and submitted by the Secretary-General and includes projects funded by the Authority from its account or through cooperation with other donor bodies and organizations that have the same goals and objectives.

Article (11) The authority has the right to own land, real estate, production means, and equipment related to its development goals, and it has the right to invest some of its facilities in order to provide resources that are used to serve the agency's programs and projects and develop them according to the approved financial and administrative regulations.

Article (12) The Secretary-General signs all the papers, documents and contracts of the Financial Commission before the official and non-official departments, opening accounts in banks, preserving their properties and ensuring the smooth running and regularity of their work, and he has the right to invite the Board of Trustees to an emergency meeting in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees when necessary, and he may also authorize part of His powers are

granted to any other person working within the scope of the authority according to a signed and stamped authorization.

Article (13) The Secretary-General chooses one or more banks to open the Commission's accounts and deposit its funds in the approved official banks. He maintains all bank statements, notes books and the like on financial papers in order to maintain the transparency of the work and provide copies thereof to the Board of Trustees upon request.

Article (14) A financial committee shall be formed to supervise the items of spending the annual budget from the chairman of the council and the membership of three members of the council and a licensed financial accountant. The annual financial report shall be prepared transparently, and a copy of it shall be submitted to the Supreme President and all members of the Board of Trustees and members of the General Assembly.

Article (15) The General Secretariat apparatus maintains a record and a documented file of all the authority's properties, including lands, real estate, buildings, or production units belonging to the authority, and the original copies of them can be deposited in one of the approved bank vaults.

Article (16) Real estate properties and investment projects affiliated with the authority are not disposed of, whether by sale, lease or assignment, except with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Article (17) In the event that the member entity fails to attend the meetings of the General Assembly for two consecutive times without a legitimate excuse, a proposal from the General Secretariat is submitted to the Council to suspend its membership in the Commission.

Article (18) The Commission shall publish its decisions, the recommendations of the Assembly and the Council, the regulations organizing the work, the projects implemented, and all its decisions and activities on the Authority's official website on the international internet, in order to enhance the principle of transparency and integrity in public work.

Article (19) Preserving the image of Arab women is clear from any negative mutilation or exploitation that would weaken her position and role in society

Article(20) The effective contribution to the process of sustainable development, preserving the environment and dedicating civilizational dialogue between peoples as a basic principle for promoting world peace.

Article (21) In the event that the Commission dissolves its entity for any reason, this shall be done through the decision of the Board of Trustees with a two-thirds majority and the approval of the General Assembly and the Supreme President, and in this case all the property of the Commission and its fixed and liquid assets devolve to the Women's Development Fund for the purpose of distributing it to development and charitable societies and institutions working within the scope of women's work under the supervision Financial Committee.

Article (22) In the event of the desire to merge the commission with another entity that has the same goals and principles, then the same procedures followed in Article Nineteen of this Bylaw shall be followed.

Article (23) This system is printed in three original copies in Arabic, English and French languages and placed on the authority's official website on the international internet. Copies of it are distributed to all members and Arab and international organizations and organizations related to the subject of women.

Article (24) This system was written out of twenty-four articles and was approved at the first meeting of the General Assembly of the Commission.

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