

# STATUTE CONSILLU ARMÂNJLORU

## I General disposals

**Art. 1** – *CONSILLU ARMÂNJLORU* (the *Council of Armans*, called in the followings C.A.) is set up as an international non-governmental organization which brings together non-governmental associations of the Armans from the states where they live.

**Art. 2** – The C.A. is expression of the will of its organizations members from Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Republic of Macedonia, Romania and other states where Armans live (Diaspora), well aware of their identity and their common roots, as well as of the fact that they have a common language of Latin origin, that they are a distinct people, with a common history of 2000 years.

**Art. 3** – The C.A. main office is in Voskopoje (Moscopoli), Korce, Albania.

**Art. 4** – The C.A. is set up for undefined period and can be dissolved only according to the provisions of the hereby Statute.

**Art. 5** – The official C.A. name in Arman language is “*CONSILLU ARMÂNJLORU*”.

**Art. 6** – 1. The official C.A. stamp is the **Macedonian sun** with 8 rays, with the name C.A. written in Arman language and in the language of the state where the main office is. The main office shall have also a stamp in Arman language, English and French languages.

2. The C.A.'s flag is white, with the yellow sun having 8 rays.

## II PRINCIPLES

**Art. 7** – C.A. is set up on the basis of the following principles:

1. The Armans are a people with its own distinct identity and conscience, of Latin roots and language, living for more than 2000 years in the country of origin – Macedonia, Tesalia, Epir.

2. The Arman language is the mother tongue of Armans, thus conferring them their own ethnic and linguistic conscience.

3. The common conscience with regard to the culture, language, traditions and faith gives to the Armans their will to assert that are part of the same people – the Arman people.

4. Regardless of the states where are living, the Armans have the right to preserve in the future their identity, having the name of **Armans** or **Macedonarmans**, and all their ethnic and cultural legacy, transmitted from over 2000 years by their ancestors.

5. The Armans have the right to consider themselves part of the Arman people, regardless of the country where they live and of the citizenship they have.

6. The Armans have the duty to defend and to develop their cultural patrimony, and to transmit it to the future generations of Armans.

7. The Armans have the responsibility to make efforts in every community from the states where they live, for being recognized as a distinct people, and having all the rights deserved according to the national and international legislation.

8. The Armans, through their communities, have the duty and the right to take part to the social economic and politic life, and moreover, in the name of their communities, to be represented in the local and central administration of the state in which they are live.

9. C.A. will carry out its activity on the basis of the principle of voluntary cooperation and will act as a link between of the organizations members of C.A., as an instrument of support of cooperation among Armans.

### III C.A.'S OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

**Art. 8** – C.A. has as main objective to obtain the official recognition of the Armans as distinct people of neo-Latin language in every state in which live Armans communities. C.A. will support the Armans communities in order to obtain the status of national minority in the state where they live, and, implicitly, the achieving of all the rights recognized for the people from the national minorities, both by international legislation and by national legislation of each state apart.

**Art. 9** – C.A. intends to contribute to setting up a juridical and institutional frame for ensure the preserving, developing and promoting the Arman language, culture and traditions, as well as the whole Arman specific spirit in every state where Armans live and where they associate themselves in representative organizations.

**Art. 10** – C.A. intends to set up a necessary and durable institutional frame for preserving and asserting the identity elements specific to Armans.

**Art. 11** – C.A. is the representative body of its member associations, at local, regional and international level, having to this effect the competence to cooperate for accomplishing its objectives with the governments of the states of which Armans are citizen, with internal and international authorities, with national and international inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations. In this consensus :

- a.) The Council of the Armans is committed to do everything in its power so as to assure a close rapport with all countries where Armans live.
- b.) The Council of the Armans wishes to be a way of building bridges between the Armans and the people with whom they have been living for centuries.
- c.) The aim of the Council of the Armans is to achieve a greater understanding with all other European minorities in order to safeguard and realize their principles which they share as their common heritage, thus facilitating their progress.
- d.) The Council of the Armans will support the promotion of the bilingualism as an expression of multiculturalism, will support the integration of the marginalized or unprivileged minorities, promoting tolerance to other peoples and minorities.

**Art. 12** – C.A. has the duty and the goal to support the requests of the Armans communities in every Balkan state, which through their activity intend to save and develop the language, customs, and all the cultural values of the Armans.

**Art. 13** – C.A. intends to ensure the organization and harmonization of the requests of the Arman associations members of the C.A. in order to achieve at this level a certain coherence for ensure the obtaining thus by the Armans of all the community, social, politic, economic and cultural rights deserved.

**Art. 14** – C.A. intends to achieve the participative status within the Council of Europe for being involved in the elaboration process of the politics and programs of the Council of Europe

regarding the protection of human rights and especially of the persons belonging to national minorities.

**Art. 15** – C.A. intends to establish a better cooperation not only between Arman and institutions with which they are in contact, but also between the Arman living in the countries of the Balkan Peninsula and who are members of the C.A., in order to ensure a strong cohesion between the Arman communities in all the countries where they live.

**Art. 16** – C.A. intends to accomplish all the approaches necessary for obtaining the support of the states where the Arman live, in order to improve the general frame on each of the following levels: school, church, mass-media and the local and central administration.

**Art. 17** – C.A. will have as objective the achieving of the right to learn the Arman language in school, college and university, of the right to have church institutions with the church service in Arman language, of the right to translate into the Arman language the religious books, as well as of the right to have access to a mass-media in Arman language (TV, radio, newspapers and magazines, books publishing).

**Art. 18** – For achieving this objective, the C.A. will support the Arman organizations at national level, will submit requests and will represent every organization member of the C.A. at international level for the official recognition of the Arman.

**Art. 19** – (1) In order to obtain these objectives, C.A. will act on the following directions:

(a) supporting the Arman communities from each state for achieving the status of “national minority” or of “constitutive people” of the national state where the Arman are native;

(b) obtaining by all Arman associations of their legitimate right by Constitution and the laws of the State in which they are living, in accordance with the international legislation regarding the rights and freedoms recognized for the small nations which live dispersed in more than one state (transregional nations);

(c) acting to gain the support of all the Balkan states where live Arman for:

**School**

- training teaching personnel and books for learning the Arman language
- teaching Arman in schools, colleges and universities;

**Church**

- creating for all the Balkan Arman of the church institution with church service in Arman, so that their faith to be kept in the third millennium;
- translating of church books in Arman

**Mass-media**

- the right for all Arman and their associations to be informed in Arman language in mass-media (TV, radio, newspapers, books publishing);

**Local and central administration**

- the Arman have the right to participate to the social, economic and politic life, and moreover, to the local and central administration of the state in which they are live.

**d)** setting up and developing of Arman institutions which could help to the realizing and carrying out the social and cultural activities, thus facilitating the connections, the dialogue and understanding between Arman

**e)** organizing of cultural centers, of libraries, museums, and theaters in communities where Arman live;

**f)** organizing congresses, symposiums or other manifestations with scientifically, cultural, artistic character for supporting the spiritual values of Arman people

g) knowing the history of Armans and of their contribution to the forming of the national states in the Balkans;

h) knowing the personalities of Arman roots and their fight for freedom, equal rights , Christian faith and democracy in the Balkans;

(i) attracting funds, donations, subscriptions, sponsorships, dues, for the C.A. and Arman communities activity;

(j) setting up funding projects, national or European, with the goal of supporting, maintaining and developing of the culture, the language and traditions of the national minorities;

(k) supporting for setting up the programs in collaboration with associations having similar objective in other countries or at regional, European and international level for founding the cultural and social activities of Arman communities.

(l) collaborating with universities and of scientific research in order to achieve the goals and other statutory objectives.

(m) for accomplishing all the objectives and activities provided by the Statute, C.A. shall have its own budget and patrimony

#### **IV C.A.'s Membership**

**Art. 20** – Member of C.A. can be only Arman organizations/associations which gather the Armans at national level and have legal status according to the laws of the State in which are registered. The organizations which are willing to become members of C.A. have to agree with its Statute and with all its provisions and to commit to respect it.

Moreover, each organization member of C.A. have the obligation of harmonizing its own Statute with C.A. Statute.

Each organization member of C.A. has to due quarterly, so that the C.A. activity could be carried out according to the provisions of the Statute.

**Art 21** – The quality of C.A. member can be gained as a confirmation from the C.A. Executive Board, as a specific request from the interested organization. The quality as a C.A. member is unassignable.

**Art. 22** – The organizations which expressed their will to be members and signed the constitutive protocol of C.A. have the quality of founding members.

The organizations which will become members after the establishment of C.A. have the quality of non-founder members and have the same rights and obligations as the founding members.

The associations which have similar or identical objectives with those of C.A. can have the quality of upholder members, and shall due quarterly and bring other capital in kind.

**Art. 23** – Each member organization shall elect 8 (eight) delegates in C.A., for a period of 3 (three) years.

**Art. 24** – 1 The C.A.'s members have the following rights:

- a) to elect and to be elected, with open ore secret vote, after case, in governing body, or administration C.A. bodies, with the exceptions revealed in hereby Statute;
- b) to participate to the C.A. activity, to bring forward proposals, to consult the balance sheet, to be informed with regard of the activity of the C.A.'s governing body.

2. The upholders can participate to the C.A. activity and meetings, without voting.

**Art. 25** – The C.A. members have the following obligations:

- a) to respect the provisions of the hereby statute and the decisions of the C.A. Executive Board;
- b) to act in order to grow the C.A. prestige;

- c) to due;
- d) not to develop actions, by their nature, to harm the goals on the C.A. interest;

**Art. 26** – 1. The quality of member of C.A., and that of delegate, as well as the upholder quality or the honorific member can be lost:

- a) on written request of its organization, communicated to the President of the C.A.. The request of the organization shall be approved by the General Assembly of the organization which submitted the request;
  - b) as losing the civil rights or death, and other similar circumstances regarding the delegates in C.A. of the member organizations ;
  - c) by expelling, as follows:
    - when produce moral and financial to C.A.;
    - engaging in activities which run counter the hereby statute, and the decisions of the C.A. governing and control bodies;
    - sentencing of penal law which is incompatible with the C.A. delegate's quality, upholder quality or honorific member;
  - d) by taking back the quality of member for unaccomplishing the activities provided by the Statute.
2. The suspension is the quality of member for hose provided by the alin. 1 (b and c) can be done by the governing body of C.A..

**Art. 27** – 1. Expel or suspension is established by C.A. Executive Board and will be communicated in written with arguments for those implied, in 7 days after the decision.

2. The member expelled can make a written appeal, in 15 days time after receiving the communication.

3. Expelling or suspension decided by the C.A. Executive Board have to be approved by the General Assembly of C.A..

4. The decision of General Assembly of C.A. is final.

5. Losing the C.A. member quality don't give the right to claim the given contributions on C.A.'s patrimony and don't exonerate of liability the person regarding the possible damages brought to C.A..

6. Regarding the art. 26, letter c, third line, the C.A. Executive Board can decide the suspension from the member position of the member in trial, starting with the criminal pursue until the final and irrevocably judge decision.

## **V C.A.'s boards and administration**

**Art. 28** – C.A.'s boards are the following:

- a.) firstly, General Assembly
- b.) secondly, C.A's Executive Board
- c.) thirdly, Board of Censors

**Art. 29** – 1 C.A.'s main governing board is the General Assembly.

2 The General Assembly consists of all the member organizations, represented by elected delegates from the board of each organization from the States where are those registered. To the General Assembly take part mandatory all the members elected by the organizations.

3 The delegates are elected for a 3 years , in the same period of time as the C.A. Executive Board.

4 The number of the delegates is determinated to 8 (eight) persons, equal for each organization.

**Art. 30** – 1. The General Assembly meets once a year, in the first quarter, in common meeting and whenever needs, in extraordinary meetings.

2. The General Assembly common meeting call is made in written by the President of the C.A., through the Executive Board, at least 20 days before the date established. The call has to include the day , hour and place of the General Assembly, as well as daily order.

3. The C.A.'s General Assembly extraordinary meeting call is at least 7 days before the meeting as a call from the president of the C.A. Executive Board for more then a half of the C.A. Executive Board or at least for a tierce of delegate members of the General Assembly.

**Art. 31** – 1. The C.A.'s General Assembly is statutory and can work if there are with more then half from the total number of members of the General Assembly.

2. If in the first call they are not statutory met in number is set up a new day, after 24 hours waiting, the call being realized by any way. On the second call, the General Assembly is statutory only for a tenth from the total number of members of the General Assembly.

3. The C.A.'s General Assembly meetings are lead by the President of the C.A. Executive Board, or, in his absence will be replaced by his law substitute. The debates and decisions are registered in a special book by the elected General Assembly's Secretary and will be certified by the President's signature and stamp and two other nominated delegates. In the President's absence, his substitute will sign.

4. All the C.A.'s organization members have the right to be represented in the General Assembly by their elected delegates. Each delegate has the right for one vote.

**Art. 32** – The representation mandate for the General Assembly is assigned by the organization from which the delegate come from, by signing the minute of meeting of the organization's Executive Board by the president and the delegates who take part to the Assembly.

**Art. 33** – The C.A.'s General Assembly has the competences:

- a) to modify the Statute of C.A.;
- b) to set the strategy for accomplishing the general C.A. objectives;
- c) to choose and revoke the C.A.'s Executive Board members and to confirm their positions;
- d) to choose and revoke, by law, the Board of Censors members, according to the laws of the State in which C.A. is registered;
- e) to approve the C.A.'s programs of activity;
- f) to provide criteria as well as the amount of dues toy pay by each organization member of C.A.
- g) to approve the incomes and expenses budget and C.A.'s annual balances, on C.A. Executive Board proposal and according to the Board of Censors report;
- h) to approve, after case, the way and the amount of remuneration for members who work for C.A.;
- i) to confirm affiliates of C.A. to other regional and international institutions;
- j) to confirm the C.A. Executive Board decision regarding the activities in play for abroad offices opened;
- k) to approve the changing of the office address of C.A.
- l) to set up, by law, of commercial companies;
- m) to approve the C.A.'s dissolution and liquidation, as well as to establish the destination of remaining goods after liquidation;
- n) to approve the granting of the title of "honor membership" of C.A., on the Executive Board proposal;
- o) to exert any other kind of duties necessary to achieve the C.A.'s objectives.

**Art. 34** – The decisions will be adopted for the votes of one more than half on the delegate's number called for the C.A.'s General Assembly.

In cases as those provided by the art. 33 lit a) and l) the decision will be adopted for a two tierce of the delegates numbers registered for the General Assembly, being also necessary the mandate given by each organization member for this decision.

**Art. 35** – 1. Next to C.A.'s General Assembly, as the decision was made, can be set up a "Trusty Committee"

2. The members of this Trusty Committee will be well-known personalities who can contribute in promoting the objectives among the Arman people and other people, for a better recognition of the C.A.. To the meetings of the C.A.'s Trusty Committee can participate as guests the delegates from regional and international associations or abroad personalities.

**Art. 36** – 1. The Executive Board has the duty to secure the execution of C.A.'s General Assembly decisions and to work according to the provisions of the hereby statute and to its own internal operation rules.

2. The board is set up of four members from each organization member of C.A, but no more than 21 persons elected C.A.'s General Assembly.

3. The members of the Executive Board elect among them:

- a President and a vice-president from each organization member of C.A

- a general secretary from the same organization as the president and one secretary from each organization member of C.A..

4. The Board is statutory in the presence of at least 1/3 of its members.

5. The Board meets regularly one per quarter or as many times is necessary.

6. The Board call is made in written by the President of C.A. two weeks before the meeting, or if it is impossible the call is made by the vice-president named by the Board as his substitute, starting with the first meeting of the Board. The call shall contain information regarding the date, hour and place of the meeting and the daily order.

If after the call the meeting isn't statutory, then after 24 hours of waiting a new call will be made by any ways. To the second call, the Board works with the at least 1/3 of its members, but in this tierce shall be present the president or the vice-president as its substitute, as well as one member from at least three communities.

**Art. 37** – The competences of the Executive Board are the following:

a.) reports to the C.A.'s General Assembly about the activity done in a year, exerts the financial report (incomes and expenses) for the previous, the project for incomes and expenses and the project for C.A.'s programs for the following year;

b.) concludes legal documents in the name of C.A.;

c.) approves the organization chart, personnel politics, organization sheets, payments of the employees;

d.) empowers the president and the general secretary of the Executive Board to exert the attributes from lit. b), c), g);

e.) confirms the requests of becoming a C.A.'s member or its upholder and propose to whom will be given the honor title as a member;

f.) proposes the Trusty Committee;

g.) proposes for approval or approves programs of investments and reports to the General Assembly over the situation of the projects/programs of investments within C.A.;

h.) approves the internal operation rules;

i.) guides the activity of every organization, member of C.A.;

j.) approves the C.A. affiliation to others regional, national and international organizations takes the decision for confirmation to the first meeting after the General Assembly;

- k.) to approve the written reports presented by the President of the C.A. or by its substitutes members;
- l.) can approve proposals for the change of main office of the C.A.;
- m.) has other competences related to the achievement of the C.A.'s objectives.

**Art. 38** – 1 The Executive Board can decide only in the meetings attended by the members according to the Statute.

2 In the meetings of the C.A.'s Executive Board the decisions are taken with the votes of the half and one of the members being present, and in cases of equal votes the President's vote will decide or, in his absence, the vote of his substitute.

3. In emergency circumstances, the Executive Board can decide without meeting but the President shall prove in written the sending to the Board's members the reason for which he/she asks such a vote and deadline of sending the members' votes.

4. When the president cannot work or the position is free, his substitute has the duty to fulfill the president's duties, but no longer than 6 months, after that the General Assembly shall meet.

**Art. 39** – The Board can decide to invite to his meetings delegates of the associations from the State in which has its office or from abroad, as guests, but without right to vote.

**Art. 40** – (1) The quality of member of the Executive Board can be lost as provided by the art. 26 alin. 1 lit. a), b) and c).

(2) If loosing the quality of member of the Executive Board, it shall be started the election procedure according to the C.A.'s Statute.

## **VI Board of Censors**

**Art. 41** – 1. The internal financial control to the C.A.'s level is done by a Board of Censors

The Board of Censors is set up by 3-7 persons, members of the C.A., but at least one of them has to be authorized as accountant or expert by law, according to the laws of the State in which the financial control is done.

The Board of Censors members shall have higher education, and not to be related until the grade of cousin-german with the Executive Board members.

2. Board of Censors members elect among their members a President.

3. Board of Censors has the following rights:

- a) to control once in 6 months the way in which the C.A.'s patrimony is administrated.
- b) to do the report and present it to the General Assembly.
- c) to participate to C.A.'s Executive board, but having no right to vote.
- d) to fulfill all the other assigned charges by the General Assembly.

4. Board of Censors members can receive a payment for their competences, payment which will be considered by the General Assembly.

## **VII Incomes and patrimony**

**Art. 42** – 1. C.A.'s incomes come from:

- a) dues of its members;
- b) interests coming from bank deposits;
- c) profit of the C.A.'s companies;
- d) resources coming from state budgets or from European funds;
- e) donations, sponsors, bounds;
- f) branches contribution to C.A., as by their Statute;
- g) other contributions;

h) other incomes;

2. All incomes will be used for fulfilling the C.A.'s objectives.

**Art. 43** – 1 When the C.A. was set up, the initial C.A.'s patrimony was the amount of 20000, in Euro, brought by its founders.

2 The initial patrimony shall complete with donations, incomes, sponsorships, bounds, according to the art. 42 as well as with other incomes including movable and immovable goods, and others.

3 The financial C.A.'s operations are available with two signatures: C.A.'s president signature or his substitute vice-president, for the first signature, and general secretary of C.A. for the second signature.

### **VIII C.A.'s dissolution and liquidation**

**Art. 44** – 1 The C.A.'s dissolution will be as by laws of the State in which is registered.

2 As by C.A.'s dissolution the patrimony sharing and liquidation will be as laws of the State in which is registered.

3 As by C.A.'s dissolution, the goods and the remaining amounts by liquidation are shared only between organizations members of C.A., in equal amount with their contribution to the C.A.'s patrimony.

### **IX Final Disposals**

**Art. 45** – The C.A. has its own stamp and the Arman song called “Părinteasca Dimândari”.

**Art. 46** – The modification and the completion of the C.A.'s statute will be in written and fulfilling its conditions of found and law form.

**Art. 47** – The provisions of the hereby statute of the C.A., adopted by the C.A.'s General Assembly in day 21, month October, year 2005, shall have effect on the date of the registration, according to the laws in which C.A. is registered.

The General Assembly has unanimously empowered for the registration and the authentication of the hereby statute of the C.A. and of the minute of meeting to the public notary and Court, Mr. Arbeni Lena – Member of the Executive Board of C.A.

### **X Statute amendments**

**Art. 48** – Amendments to this Statute may be adopted only in accordance with Art. 33, paragraph (a), and Art. 34, at the C.A.'s General Assembly, and will be mentioned in this Art. 48, by paragraphs, beginning with paragraph (a) :

a) - the General Assembly of C.A. adopted at its meeting, on 2-nd May 2009, the amendments to the Art. 11 of Statute, by the paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d);