

THE ACT ON ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS
IN ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS AND POLITICAL
PARTIES WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR THE TERRITORY OF THE
SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

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I. BASIC PROVISIONS

Article 1.

Citizens may freely and voluntarily relate and associate and with that aim establish associations, social organizations and political organizations (hereinafter: organizations) for the territory of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The organization for territory of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in para.1 of this article means the form of association and organization, the program aims and tasks of which, as well as membership and activities, are open to citizens and organizations from the whole territory of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and for free establishment of its organizational forms units in the territory of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Head office of organization can be located in any place in the territory of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Article 2.

It is prohibited to establish organizations the program and statutory objectives of which and methods of their fulfillment are aimed at: violent destruction of the constitutional system; endangering the territorial integrity and independence of the country; violation of freedoms and human rights and rights of citizens guaranteed by the Constitution of the SFRY; inflammation of national, race and religious hatred and intolerance.

Article 3.

In its activities, organization is observe the Constitution and laws.

All organizations are equal and have equal legal protection.

The work of organization is public. Only exceptionally organization can exclude public, in cases established by its statute or other corresponding act.

Organization shall make possible inspections by competent authorities of activities in achieving its objectives and tasks and inspection of acquisition and of utilization of recourses with the limits necessary to secure constitutionality and legality.

Article 4.

Political organization shall have, apart from statute, a defined program orientation, i.e. a program.

Article 7.

Provisions of this Act apply as appropriate on associations of organizations and other forms of association.

Article 8.

Organization may not join an international organization and association which act contrary to Article 2 of this Act.

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Article 9.

Political organization can be established by at least one hundred citizens, and association of citizens and social organization – at least 10 citizens, eligible to vote.

Article 10.

Organization is established at the assembly of founding members, at which a decision on the establishment and the statute is made.

Decision on the establishment contains:

- 1) name of the founder;
- 2) name of organization;
- 3) head office;
- 4) objectives and tasks;
- 5) name of authorized person who will deal with registration;

Political organization, apart from an act mentioned in para.1of this Article, at the assembly of founding members decides on its program orientation, i.e. a program.

III. REGISTRATION OF ORGANIZATION

Article 11.

There is a registry of organizations.

In case of amendments and modifications of a statute, organization shall notify the organ mentioned in Article 11 of this Act within 30 days of the date of amendments and modifications and submit amendments and modifications of a statute and minutes of the meeting at which amendments and modifications were adopted.

Political organization shall act in accordance with the procedure stipulated in para.1of this Article also with regard to amendments and modifications of its program orientation, i.e. a programme.

Article 16

In the registry of organizations the following entries are made: name, head office, aims and forms of internal organization, membership in international organizations and names of those international organizations, and if there is no business premises – address of a person who represents organization.

Organization shall notify the organ mentioned in Article 11 of this Act about the change of any facts which are entered in the registry, within 30 days of the date of that change.

Article 17.

The official in charge of the Federal organ for justice and administration will stipulate procedure of and forms for the registry.

IV. TERMINATION OF ORGANIZATION

Article 18.

Organization is terminated:

- 1) by the decision of the organ determined in the statute of organization;
- 2) if number of members is reduced below minimum required for its establishment;
- 3) if work of organization is prohibited for reasons stipulated in Article 20 of this Act;
- 4) if it is established that organization ceased its activities for the period exceeding one year.

Circumstances mentioned in para.1, point 4 of this Article are determined by the decision of the organ mentioned in Article 11 of this Act, which must have an explanation. Subsequently, organization shall be de-registered.

Article 19.

Person representing shall notify the organ mentioned in Article 11 of this Act about the termination of organization in cases mentioned in Article 18,

- 2) if political organization receives recourses for fulfillment of its political objectives and tasks from abroad, from foreign legal and natural persons, as well as from anonymous contributions (Article 5, para.2);
- 3) if within 30 days of its establishment it does not submit an application for registration (Article 5, para.3);
- 4) if it begins work before registration (Article 11, para.5);
- 5) if within 30 days of the date of joining an international organization it does not inform competent organ (Article 12);
- 6) if within 30 days of the date of important changes for organization it does not inform the competent organ (Article 16);

For acts mentioned in para.1 of this Article responsible official of organization will also be fined for offence between 1,000 and 10,000 Dinars.

Article 23.

Representative of organization will be fined for offence between Din. 1,000 and 10,000 if he does not inform the organ mentioned in Article 11, para.2 of this Act about the decision on termination of organization, or the fact that the number of members has been reduced below the number required by law, within 15 days of the date of its termination or reduction in membership, for the purpose of de-registration of organization (Article 18, para.1 and Article 19).

Article 24.

Together with the fine for the offence mentioned in Article 22, para.1, point 2), of this Act, the offender will be also punished by a protective measure of confiscation of recourses acquired from abroad.

VI. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 25.

The existing associations, social organizations, unions and political parties shall bring into accord their general regulations with the provisions of this Act within six months from the date of entry into force of this Act.

Article 26.

The official mentioned in Article 17 of this Act shall make a regulation mentioned in that Article within 30 days of the date of entry into force of this Act.