

LAW OF TURKMENISTAN
amending and supplementing
the Law of Turkmenistan on Public Associations

I. The following amendments and additions are to be made to the Law of Turkmenistan on Public Associations adopted on 3 May 2014 (Parliamentary Gazette of Turkmenistan, 2014, No. 2, p. 70; 2017, No. 1, p. 15):

1) Article 7(1) is to be amended as follows:

‘1. It is forbidden to establish and operate public associations which aim to forcibly change the constitutional regime of Turkmenistan or which permit violent activities, oppose citizens’ constitutional rights and freedoms, propagandize war, hatred on the basis of skin colour, national or religious enmity or encroach on citizens’ health or morality.’;

2) the following paragraph is to be added to Article 9(2):

‘An international public association can be established if it has a minimum of 50 founders.’;

Article 9(3) is to be amended as follows:

‘3. National public associations can be established if they have a minimum of 50 founders and operate in accordance with the aims of their charters over the whole territory of Turkmenistan.’;

Article 9(4) is to be deleted;

Article 9(5) is to become Article 9(4) and be amended as follows:

‘4. Regional public associations are associations whose activities, in accordance with the aims of their charters, extend over several regional administrative areas of Turkmenistan.’;

Article 9(6) is to become Article 9(5);

the following is to be added as Article 9(6):

‘6. Regional and local public associations can be established if they have a minimum of five founders.’;

3) the following paragraphs are to be added at the beginning of

Article 11(1):

‘The persons who convened the congress (conference) or general meeting that has passed a resolution to establish a public association, to approve its charter and to form its governing, management and internal monitoring/audit bodies are the founders of that public association.

Following State registration of a public association, its founders are members of the public association and are to exercise the rights and obligations of members.’;

in Article 11(4), the word ‘eight’ is to be replaced by the word ‘seven’;

4) in Article 18(1), the words ‘, of whom there must be no fewer than five persons’ are to be deleted;

in Article 18(3) of the text of the Law in the official language of Turkmenistan, the words ‘ýüridik şahs hökmünde hukuklylygy’ are to be replaced by the words ‘ýüridik şahs hökmünde ukyplylygy’;

5) in Article 19(2)4 of the text of the Law in the official language of Turkmenistan, the word ‘gazanmagyň’ is to be replaced by the word ‘edinmegiň’;

in Article 19(2)10 of the text of the Law in the official language of Turkmenistan, the words ‘ýapmagyň’ and ‘ýapylandan’ are to be replaced by the words ‘ýatyrmagyň’ and ‘ýatyrylandan’;

the following paragraph is to be added to Article 19(2):

‘If the public association makes use of association symbols, those symbols are to be specifically described in its charter of public association.’;

6) Article 20(3)1 is to be amended as follows:

‘1) an application signed by all members of the management body of the public association concerned, with their full names, years of birth and residential addresses;’;

in Article 20(3)5 of the text of the Law in the official language of Turkmenistan, the words ‘hasaba alyş’ are to be replaced by the words ‘bellige alyş’;

in Article 20(7) of the text of the Law in the official language of

Turkmenistan, the words ‘hasaba alynmaga’ and ‘hasaba alnandaky’ are to be replaced by the words ‘bellige alynmaga’ and ‘bellige alnandaky’;

7) Article 22(1)6 is to be deleted;

8) the following section is to be added after Article 24(4):

‘4¹. Public associations cannot use as their symbols the symbols of other public associations operating in Turkmenistan and/or the symbols of organizations prohibited from operating.’;

9) in Article 27:

in subparagraph 3, the word ‘reports’ is to be replaced by the word ‘information’;

the following subparagraphs are to be added:

‘7) To ensure that their members have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with documents and decisions taken that involve their rights and interests;

8) To provide their members with information about financial resources received and their use.’;

10) the following is to be added as Article 28(6):

‘6. A public association is responsible for fulfilling its obligations in regard to all property it owns.’.

II. This Law is to come into force from the day of its official publication.

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