

Pursuant to provisions of the Law on non-governmental organizations, in accordance with Article 19 of the Youth Initiative for Human Rights Statute, the NGO Assembly “Youth Initiative for Human Rights - Montenegro” (Official Gazette Montenegro 27/99) adopted amendments of the current Statute, on their session which took place on May 26th, 2009, whereby the new one has been proclaimed:

THE STATUTE OF THE “YOUTH INITIATIVE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS”

General provisions

Article 1

The Non-Governmental Organization “Youth Initiative for Human Rights – Montenegro” (hereinafter referred to as the “Initiative”) is non-governmental organization whose mission shall be to promote universal human rights among citizens of Montenegro.

Article 2

The Statute of the Youth Initiative for Human Rights (hereinafter referred to as the “Initiative”) shall regulate fundamental goals of acting, election of organs and bodies, principles of work, internal organization, rights and duties of members, competences of organs and bodies, and other matters important for the work of the Initiative, as well.

Article 3

Objectives and tasks of the Initiative shall be:

- Introducing citizens the true about the recent war past and changing the social system values
- Developing Montenegro as democratic, civil and responsible society where human rights are respected
- Inciting and strengthening young people capacities to participate in political and public life
- Stimulating media to inform objectively about the recent war past and to promote values of civil society.

Article 4

Full name of the non-governmental organization shall be “Youth Initiative form Human Rights – Montenegro”.

Shorter name of the association shall be the “Initiative”.

Article 5

Registered office of the Initiative shall be in Podgorica.

The Initiative may carry out their activities in other countries.

Article 6

The seal of the Initiative shall be round shaped with the inscription Association “Youth Initiative for Human Rights” written on the edge. “Podgorica” shall be written in the middle.

Article 7

The Initiative has its own logo.

The logo of the Initiative shall represent three stylized white human figures in a white circle on red and black background. Full name of the Initiative has been written in Latin alphabet on Montenegrin, English and Albanian language.

Decision on changes of the Initiative symbol shall be made by the Assembly after the proposal of Programme Director.

Article 8

Programme Director of the Initiative or any person authorized by a Programme Director shall represent the Initiative.

Article 9

The Initiative shall perform their activities exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes in accordance with law.

Asset or property of the Initiative may not be used for private purposes or for purposes of profitable organization, save in those cases prescribed by Article 11 of the Statute.

That restriction shall not be applied to payments for goods and services important for conduction of activities of the Initiative.

Physical persons or groups of physical persons may not have any proprietary interest in the Initiative nor in any goods produced by the Initiative.

Article 10

The Initiative may not participate in campaigns of political parties or in campaigns of candidates for public functions, directly or indirectly.

The Initiative may not be engaged in amending and adopting new laws and the Initiative may not lobby for amending of legislation.

Article 11

The Initiative shall attain their objectives by organizing different public events, seminars and conferences, as well as by publishing activities, in accordance with law.

The Initiative shall cooperate with media, associations of citizens and similar organizations and institutions in the country, region and in the world, in the frame of their activities.

The Initiative may, in the frame of their activities, establish other legal subjects who would deal with specific activities, such as radio and television programme production, publishing and distribution of material, providing services from the area of tourism, and similar.

Those legal subjects may generate profit which shall be used exclusively for attaining objectives of the Initiative.

Representatives of organizations management organs, whose establisher is the Initiative, shall be elected by the Management Board of the Initiative.

Membership of the Initiative

Article 12

Member of the Initiative may be any person who shall adopt goals and the Statute of the Initiative.

Membership of the Initiative may be obtained exclusively from the proposal of at least one member of the Management Board.

Decision on reception in membership shall be made by the Management Board and shall be verified by the Assembly on the first following session.

The Assembly may reject verification of the reception in membership and in that case shall be considered that the person has never been a member of the Initiative.

Membership shall begin on the day of registering in the Book of members, conducted by the Executive Director of the Initiative.

Executive Director of the Initiative shall register a member in the Book of members immediately after decision of the Assembly.

Article 13

Rights of the Initiative member shall be:

- To elect and to be elected in organs and bodies of the Initiative, in accordance with the Statute
- To be informed on activities of the Initiative
- To participate in the work of the organization
- To receive protection in case of endangering their fundamental rights, due to membership in the Initiative and engagement in activities of the Initiative
- To exercise other rights prescribed by the Statute and other general acts of the Initiative.

Article 14

Duties of the Initiative members shall be:

- Respecting the Statute and other general and individual acts of the Initiative
- Advocating for attaining objectives and missions of the Initiative
- Protecting interests, maintain and promoting reputation of the Initiative
- Attending meetings of organs and bodies of the Initiative whose member he/she is.

Article 15

Membership of the Initiative may terminate by way of resignation or exclusion.

If a member wants to leave the Initiative, they shall inform in written form Executive Director who shall delete them from the Book of members.

Every member of the Management Board may submit proposal for the exclusion of any member with explanatory report to the Management Board.

Management Board shall make decision on that proposal at the first following session, which shall be verified by the Assembly.

If that decision shall not be verified by the Assembly, a member shall keep their membership in the Initiative and it shall be considered that they have never been deleted from the Book of members.

Organs and bodies of the Initiative

Article 16

Organs of the Initiative shall be:

- Assembly
- Managing Board
- Programme Director
- Executive Director

Mandate of the Initiative organ shall be three years.

After the expiration of mandate, they may be elected again for the same function.

Candidates for the Initiative organs may be all members of the Initiative registered in the Book of members, save in those members who have functions in organs of political parties, executive and legislation authority.

Article 17

For valid decision-making in all organs and bodies of the Initiative, presence of more than a half of members of that organ or body shall be needed, unless otherwise provided by the Statute.

Decisions shall be made by majority of votes, unless otherwise provided by the Statute.

Elections for organs and bodies shall be carried out by rules of public voting, unless the organ which elects decides otherwise.

Article 18

The Assembly of the Initiative is the highest organ of the Initiative.

Assembly shall be composed of the Initiative members registered in the Book of members.

Article 19

Assembly may be regular and extraordinary.

Regular Assembly shall be called by Programme Director, at least once in two years.

Assembly shall be chaired by Presidency consisting of three members elected by the Assembly from the proposal of Programme Director.

If the Assembly does not meet in determined term, organs of the Initiative shall perform regular activities until the session of the Assembly.

Agenda, proposal of decisions and material for regular Assembly shall be prepared by the Managing Board from the proposal of Programme Director.

Each member may require amendments of the agenda at the Assembly on which shall decide the Assembly.

Extraordinary session of the Assembly may be initiated by Programme Director, Managing Board or one third of the of the Assembly members.

Extraordinary session shall be arranged by the Initiative Programme Director not later than twenty days from the day of initiating.

In case the Programme Director rejects to call for the Assembly, it shall be called by Managing Board.

Agenda of the extraordinary Assembly shall be proposed by the person who required the session to be convened.

Article 20

The Assembly of the Initiative shall:

- Adopt the Statute and amendments of the Statute
- Set objectives and define directions of acting of the Initiative
- Appoint and remove from office members of the Managing Board
- Appoint and remove from office the President of the Initiative
- Appoint and remove from office members of Supervision Board
- Consider and adopt the report on work within the period between two sessions of the Assemblies which shall submit the President
- Verify decisions of the Managing Board on reception to membership
- Verify decision on exclusion from membership
- Make decision on termination of work of the Initiative
- Adopt general acts from their competencies
- Decide on all matters fundamental for the work of the Initiative and those authorizations may delegate to other organs of the Initiative.

Article 21

Managing Board shall be the executive organ of the Initiative.

Managing Board shall consist of:

- Programme Director
- Executive Director
- Five members elected by the Assembly.

Managing Board shall meet at least two times a year.

Sessions of the Managing Board shall be called and chaired by the Programme Director.

Sessions of the Managing Board may attend other persons invited by the Managing Board, and whose presence shall be important for activities of the Managing Board.

Article 22

Managing Board shall:

- Enforce decisions of the Assembly
- Appoint Executive Director of the Initiative from a Programme Director proposal
- Issue rulebooks and other acts related to the organization activities
- Make decisions on establishing and abolishing the Initiative bodies after a proposal from the Programme Director

- Make decision on reception and exclusion of the Initiative member
- Make decision on strategic cooperation with other national and international organizations
- Make decision on establishing other legal subjects whose establisher is the Initiative
- Draw up annual agenda
- Submit the report on work to the Assembly
- Consider and adopt financial plan
- Proclaim members of Advisory Board
- Perform other activities between two sessions of the Assembly
- Adopt Rulebook on their activities after the proposal from the President
- Award special recognition to those persons who provide large contribution to work and development of the Initiative, after the proposal from the Programme Director

Article 23

Managing Board shall be chaired by Programme Director.

Executive Director shall take into account enforcement of decisions made by the Managing Board.

Article 24

Programme Director of the Initiative shall:

- Call for and chair sessions of the Managing board
- Manage the work and operations of the Initiative as a whole
- Appoint and remove from office members of Advisory Board
- Provide regional accession to work of the organization
- Propose strategic plan of organization to the Managing Board
- Deal with developing policy of the organization
- Maintain contacts with donors and deal with collection of means for the organization
- Supervise operations of Executive Director
- Appoint the Deputy Director after the proposal from the Executive Director
- Propose opening of regional and local offices to the Managing Board and shall appoint the managers of offices
- Deal with cooperation with other organizations and institutions
- Have right to eliminate, amend or suspend each decision made by Executive Director
- Perform all other operations relevant for undisturbed work of organization
- Call for sessions of each organ and body of the Initiative
- Perform all other activities delegated to them by the Assembly or Managing board.

Article 25

Executive Director of the Initiative shall:

- Take into account the enforcement of decisions made by the Initiative
- Be accountable for conduction of all programme and project activities
- Assist the Programme Director in direct leading of work of the Initiative
- Make decisions relevant for regular operations of the Initiative
- Preserve the seal and certify official documents of the Initiative
- Propose candidate for their Deputy
- Dispose of the Initiative property, in accordance with the law, Statute, financial plan and decisions of the Managing Board of the Initiative
- Perform other activities delegated to them by the Assembly, the President or Managing Board.

Deputy of the Executive Director shall replace Executive Director in case of absence or prevention and shall perform other activities delegated by Executive Director or Programme Director.

Article 26

Advisory Board is the body of the Initiative composed of at least five members and persons who have experience and reputation in the area of human rights protection and work of non-governmental organizations.

Members of Advisory Board may not be members of the Initiative.

Members of Advisory Board shall be appointed and removed from office by Programme Director.

Advisory Board shall elect chairman from their areas after the proposal from Programme Director.

Programme Director shall attend sessions of Advisory Board.

Article 27

In accordance with the Initiative needs, Managing Board may form other bodies of the Initiative such as boards, sub-boards, work groups, commissions, forums, panels, and similar.

Programme Director of the Initiative may call for the conference between two sessions of the Assembly which shall attend members of the Assembly and which has programme and advisory character.

Article 28

Matter of accountability of organs and bodies of the Initiative may initiate three members of the Managing Board, Supervisory Board, and one fifth of the Initiative members or Programme Director.

Decision on accountability of organs and bodies shall be made by the organ which elects them.

Manner of work and organizations of the Initiative

Article 29

The Initiative has been organized under programme and territorial principle.

The Initiative may establish their offices in the country and abroad which shall be decided by Managing Board.

All offices of the Initiative shall be responsible for their work and operations to Executive Director, Programme Director and to Managing Board.

Manner of work, communications, competences and organization of all offices, organs and bodies of the Initiative shall be more closely defined by special Rulebook which shall be adopted by the Managing Board after the proposal from the Executive Director.

Article 30

My Initiative is the net of activists in the frame of the Initiative, who may not be members of the Initiative.

Organization, actions and manner of coordination of My Initiative shall be defined by special decision adopted by Managing Board.

Article 31

For performing activities relevant for the Initiative functioning, which requires vocational education, it shall be possible to engage persons who are not members of the Initiative.

Engagement shall be performed in accordance with law.

Programme Director and Executive Director shall decide on engagement.

Article 32

Work of the Initiative is public.

Managing Board of the Initiative shall undertake necessary measures for ensuring the protection of their public work and full informing of members about the work of the association.

The Initiative shall provide their activities in public by:

- Making their sessions public
- Announcements
- Special statements for media
- Press conferences
- Periodic and specific publications.

On reporting from sessions of organs and bodies of the Initiative shall be decided at the very session of those organs and bodies.

Financing

Article 33

The Initiative shall be financed by means of:

- Funds which work in accordance with law
- Membership fees as determined by the Assembly of the Initiative
- Grants
- Voluntary donations of citizens
- Sponsorship
- Revenues generated by performing profitable activities of legal subjects established by the Initiative, as defined by article 11 of the Statute
- Other sources in accordance with law.

Finance management of the Initiative shall be conducted in accordance with regulations and on the basis of the financial plan adopted by Managing Board.

Termination of work of the Initiative

Article 34

Decision on termination of work of the Initiative shall be made by the Assembly by the majority consisted of two third, at the session which shall attend at least half of the Assembly members and on the initiative of Managing Board.

Article 35

In case of termination of work, entire property of the Youth Initiative for Human Rights shall exclusively pass into ownership of some other non-profit organization for their charity activities, which shall be decided by the Assembly of the Initiative.

The property may not become possession of any national authority, institution, profitable organization or enterprise.

Procedure of amendments of the Statute

Article 36

Procedure for adoption of the Statute of the Initiative, as well as the procedure for the Statute amendments, shall initiate Managing Board or Assembly.

Managing Board shall prepare the draft of the Statute or draft of its amendments and refer them to the Assembly for adoption.

The Statute or its amendments shall be adopted if at least two thirds of the present members of the Initiative Assembly vote for them at the session attending more than a half of members of the Assembly.

Article 37

Statute and its amendments shall enter into force on the day of their adoption, unless otherwise provided by the very Statute.

Final provisions

Article 38

The Assembly shall be competent for interpretation of this Statute

Article 39

The old Statute NGO “Youth Initiative for Human Rights”, adopted on July 1, 2006, shall cease to have effect on the day of adoption of this Statute.

The Assembly of the Initiative for Human Rights