

CONSTITUTION

1. An Association is being founded in Nicosia under the name of The New-Cyprus Association that will be referred to in the present Constitution as the "Association".

OBJECTIVES

- 2.(a) The promulgation of ideas and the creation of such conditions that feelings of love for their land and loyalty for the Republic of Cyprus will be enhanced in all Cypriots irrespective of ethnic origin.
- (b) The rapprochement and continuous cultivation of understanding among communities so that what we have in common will be fully realised and emphasised and whatever divides us will be restrained and abated.
- (c) The development of beliefs which help towards the consolidation of the democratic way of life so that recourse to violence for the achievement of political ends will be precluded and the peaceful existence and welfare of the Cyprus people as a whole will be safeguarded.

MEANS

3. The Association will make use of all legal means, and peaceful activities that will be conducive to the realisation of its objectives. In particular the following means will be used:
 - (a) The scientific study and appraisal of all subjects that relate to the structure and functions of Cyprus Society as a whole, and of the relations among its ethnological sub-divisions, as well as of any other subject that is connected with the objectives of the Association.
 - (b) The publication of articles, announcements, and of any other information material.
 - (c) The organising of meetings, conferences and seminars, and other peaceful activities.

MEMBERS

4. Membership is open to every-one who accepts the principles, positions, objectives and means of the Association, and who can contribute to the furtherance of the aims of the Association. A written application for membership must be supported by three members, and addressed to the Co-Ordinating Committee of the Association whose decision as to acceptance is final.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- 5.(a) The members of the Association convene an Ordinary General Meeting once a year, preferably between the 15th of July and the 16th of August. The exact time and day as well as the place for the General meeting is decided upon by the Co-Ordinating Committee.
- (b) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by the Co-Ordinating Committee, or by 20% of the members who have to submit to the Secretary a written notice of their request stating the purpose for which they require an Extraordinary General Meeting to be called; the Secretary is bound to convene the Meeting within a period not exceeding fifteen days.

- (c) The agenda for the Ordinary General Meeting is prepared by the Co-Ordinating Committee and must always include as an item a report on the past year's activities.
- (d) The invitation and the agenda for the A.G.M., must be sent by the Secretary of the Co-Ordinating Committee to the members at least ten days in advance.
- (e) The Ordinary General Meeting proceeds to election by secret ballot of the members of the Co-Ordinating Committee for a one-year term. The Co-Ordinating Committee holds its first meeting immediately after the Ordinary General Meeting and elects its Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and treasurer.
- (f) The Ordinary General Meeting elects an auditing committee consisting of three members.
- (g) The General Meeting is in quorum if half plus one of its members are present. If there is no quorum, the A.G.M. is postponed for 30 minutes, after which any members who are present are deemed to constitute a quorum.

F U N D S

- 6. The funds of the Association are derived:
 - (a) From members' subscription which is fixed by the A.G.M., and does not exceed £5 per annum.
 - (b) From contributions and/or any other income that is realized through the activities of the Co-Ordinating Committee, of the local and regional committees, and of the members of the Association.

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

- 7. The Ordinary General Meeting decides on the exact number of the members of the Co-Ordinating Committee within the range of 7 to 11.
- 8. The Co-Ordinating Committee is the supreme executive body of the Association and has the responsibility for the implementation of the Constitution. In case of resignation of more than half of the members of the Co-Ordinating Committee a General Meeting for new elections is convened.
- 9. The Co-Ordinating Committee compiles internal regulations which provide for the details of the implementation of the constitution and define, inter alia, the duties and jurisdiction of the officers of the Association and the organisation and functioning of local and regional Committees in Cyprus and abroad.
- 10. Any member acting in contravention to the aims and objectives of the Association may be expelled by a decision of the Co-Ordinating Committee.
- 11.(a) The first four articles of this Constitution may be amended at an Extraordinary General Meeting at which at least two-thirds of the members must be present. In order for an amendment to be made it must be notified to all members fifteen (15) days prior to the General Meeting and approved by three-thirds of the members who will be present.
 - (b) The remaining articles of the Constitution may be amended by a simple majority vote at a General Meeting at which more than half the members must be present.