Charter of
The Arab Council for the Social Sciences
"The Arab Council For the Social Sciences" is hereby established in accordance with the objectives described below:

Article I
Name and Location of the association

An association is hereby established under the name "The Arab Council For the Social Sciences" (hereinafter referred to as the "Council")

The Council is an independent, social, non-political and non-for-profit association.

The operational headquarters of the Council shall be in Beirut - Lebanon and it may have subsidiaries outside Lebanon.

Article II
Objectives of the Council

The mission of the Council aims to reinforce and support the capabilities of social sciences researches in the Arab world.

The Council shall realize its objectives through activities and projects that include researches, training, scholarships, communication and exchange of expertise between scientists, academics, social science institutions in the Arab world, and to publish researches and studies in the field of social sciences.

For this purpose, the Council targets the following groups and institutions operating in the Arab region:

1- The Arab scientists, academics, researchers
working in the field of social science in the Arab region and the world.

2- Universities and academic institutions in the Arab region.

3- Governmental research and study centers, non-governmental and civil-society organizations working in the field of social sciences in the Arab region.

For achieving the said purposes and activities, the Council shall cooperate with academic and scientific bodies, researchers, Arab governments, national Arab regional and international organizations whether governmental or non-governmental.

The above-mentioned provisions shall be implemented in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Article III
Financial Resources of the Council

1. The financial resources of the Council shall comprise of:
   • Public and private subsidies and contributions.
   • Grants presented by international and regional institutions.
   • Wills, donations and endowments.
   • Revenues of various projects and activities, and returns on the investment of the Council’s funds.

The Council consists of two bodies:

1. The General Assembly which is the
highest decision-making body in the Council, and from which all authorities and powers emanate.

The General Assembly is constituted of all the members of the Council in compliance with the membership criteria set out in Article 5 below of the Council’s bylaws within the membership criteria set out in the Council’s bylaws.

2. The Administrative Board, referred to hereafter in the Charter and the bylaws as Board of Trustees, represents and manages the Council and seeks to provide the necessary financial resources to achieve the Council’s objectives, including the preparation of the annual budget, in accordance with its Charter, bylaws and applicable laws.

The representatives of the legal entities (institutions) that are members of the Council may neither participate in the elections nor be nominated for membership of the Board of Trustees.

The bylaws set out the terms and conditions for establishing the bodies of the Council and their respective powers.

The bylaws may also comprise of provisions pertaining to the constitution of adhoc committees and bodies with specific functions and methods of selecting or appointing their members.

**Article V**

**Membership Requirements**
Any legal or physical person can be a member of the Council.

Any member should meet the following requirements:

I. **Legal Person:**

Lebanese associations, foreign Associations, and their subsidiaries operating in Lebanon may be a member of the Council on condition that they are active in the field of social sciences or researches aiming at achieving public interest in this respect.

The representatives of the legal entities (institutions) shall attend the General Assembly meetings as observers and they may not vote or be represented in the Board of Trustees or the Advisory Committee and their attendance shall not be counted in the quorum of the meetings of the Council bodies.

II. **Normal Person:**

1. Holds an Arab nationality or of an Arab origin whether residing in an Arab Country or not or amongst the Palestinians residing in the occupied lands of Palestine.

2. Holds a PhD in the field of social sciences or its equivalence.

3. Has published studies and researches in this field whether via universities or research centers working in this field.

- **First:** The person, whether an Arab or non-Arab, an Arab by religion or nationality, or a Palestinian, or residing in the occupied Palestinian territories, or living outside them, shall have the right to be a member of the Council.

- **Second:** The Council shall have the right to form a Council committee to consider the candidates and to be consulted on the appointments.

- **Third:** The Council shall have the right to consider the nominations and to announce the results.

- **Fourth:** The Council shall have the right to issue the necessary resolutions regarding the operations of the Council.
4. Capable of investing necessary time to attend the Council’s meetings.

5. Enjoys his/her civil rights and not be convicted of a felony or dishonorable misdemeanor.

6. Accepts the Council’s Charter and bylaws, and is committed to achieve its objectives.

**Article VI**
**Membership Procedures**

- Eligible candidates shall submit an application, requesting to join the Council and shall enclose with it a copy of their identity card and curriculum vitae.

- An applicant shall be considered a member of the Council as of the date the Board of Trustees issues a decision in this regard.

**Article VII**
**Membership rights**

- Every physical member of the Council is entitled to participate and vote in the Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings of the General Assembly of the Council.

- Representatives of legal entities that are members of the Council are entitled to attend all the General Assembly meetings in the capacity of observers but they are not entitled to vote.

- Receive all publications issued by the...
Council for a fee that does not exceed its production cost.

**Article VIII**
Formation of the Board of Trustees

- The Board of Trustees shall be comprised of at least five (5) members, elected by the General Assembly by secret vote.

The number of the Board of Trustees members shall not, in any case, exceed twelve (12) members.

- The tenure of the Board of Trustees is four renewable once.

- Elections are announced at least one month prior to the expiration of the current Board of Trustee’s tenure in accordance with the 50% renewal regulation.

- With the exception of the case where the elections are done by electronic voting, and in order to constitute a quorum at the election session, more than half of the members of the General Assembly must be present.

- A panel composed of at least three members appointed by the Board of Trustees selected from amongst the General Assembly shall chair the election session.

**Article IX**
Dismissal of Members

المادة الثامنة
تأليف مجلس الأ.entrySet

- يتأليف مجلس الأечение من خمسة (5) أعضاء على الأقل تنتخبهم الهيئة العامة بالاقتراع السري.

لا يوجد أجل يوجد عدد أعضاء مجلس الأечение عن اثني عشر (12) عضوًا.

- مدة ولاية مجلس الأечение أربعة سنوات قابلة للتجديد مرة واحدة.

- يتم فتح باب الانتخاب قبل شهر على الأقل من موعد انتهاء المجلس الحالي لقاعدة التحديث التصفي.

- باستثناء الحالة التي يتم على أساسها الانتخاب عن طريق التصويت الإلكتروني يشترط لاكتمال نصاب جلسة الانتخاب ح divisor من نصف أعضاء الهيئة العامة.

- يدير جلسة الانتخابات هيئة من ثلاثة أعضاء على الأقل بينهم مجلس الأщение من بين أعضاء الهيئة العامة.

فصل الأعضاء
The Board of Trustees may decide to dismiss any member of the General Assembly in the following cases:

- If he/she seeks any commercial profit from the Council’s activities.
- If he/she breaches the Code of Conduct of the Council.
- If he/she provides wrong personal information or falsified degrees.
- If he/she has not paid his/her annual membership fees after 3 months from the date of maturity and without providing an acceptable excuse.
- If he/she looses one of the membership criteria or refuses to attend two consecutive General Assemblies without providing a legal excuse after being notified in writing.

The decision of dismissal shall be issued by a two thirds majority vote of the Board of Trustees; and if the decision for termination is for one of the Board of Trustees member, this latter shall abstain from participating in the voting process.

يمكن لمجلس الأعيان أن يقرر فصل أحد أعضاء الهيئة العامة في الحالات التالية:

- إذا كان يسعى أي ريح تجاري من أنشطة المجلس.
- في حالة مخالفة مدونة سلوك المجلس.
- في حال إعطاء معلومات شخصية غير صحيحة أو شهادات مزورة.
- في حالة خروج عضو أو عضوة من جمعية.
- في حال تمديد الإشتراكات السنوية المتزامنة عليه بعد انتهاء ثلاثة أشهر من تاريخ استحقاقها دون عذر مقبول.
- في حالة فقد شروط انتساب أو امتنع عن حضور جلسات معتمدة للهيئة العامة وذلك بعد إدارته خطياً.

يصدر القرار بأغلبية ثلثي أعضاء مجلس الأعيان، وفي حال كان قرار الفصل يتضمن بأحد أعضاء المجلس، يمنع هذا الأخير عن المشاركة في عملية التصويت.
Article X
Election of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall be elected concomitantly with the apportionment of the offices amongst its members, if such is provided for in the bylaws. Otherwise, the newly elected Board of Trustees shall convene, chaired by its eldest member, and shall select from amongst its members a Chairperson, a Vice-chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Council’s representative before the Government shall also be appointed.

Two functions at the most may be assigned to the same member in the Board of Trustees, except for the right to decide on and expand the Council’s funds.

The functions of the Board of Trustees and each of its members shall be set out in the Council’s bylaws.

The General Assembly of the Council may call for the election of a new Board of Trustees prior to the expiry of the tenure of the current Board of Trustees, if such is proposed by one third of its members and agreed upon by at least two thirds of the said members.

Article XI
Temporary administration by the Council’s founders

The Founders shall exercise the powers of the Board of Trustees for a period of one year as of the date the Council was licensed to perform its activities.

The Founding Body shall complete the establishment procedures of the Council and shall call for the election of the Board of Trustees, within one year as of the date on which the establishment notice was published in the Official Gazette, under penalty of having the Council’s license considered as expired.

المادة الحادية عشرة
في إدارة المؤسسين المؤقتة للمجلس

يقوم المؤسسين بصلاحيات مجلس الأمناء لمدة سنة من تاريخ التترخيص للمجلس بممارسة نشاطه.

على الهيئة التأسيسية استكمال إجراءات تأسيس المجلس والدعوة إلى انتخاب مجلس الأمناء خلال مهلة سنة من تاريخ نشر التترخيص والخبر في الجريدة الرسمية تحت طائلة اعتبار التترخيص ملغى الملغى.
Article XII
Dissolution of the Council

1- The Arab Council for the Social Sciences shall be dissolved upon its members’ request and a resolution of the General Assembly adopted by at least two-thirds of its members, or by a decision issued by the competent public authorities, in accordance with the provisions of the Law of Associations.

2- In case of the dissolution of the association, for whatever reason, its rights, current and fixed assets shall become the property of any other association with similar objectives.

Article XIII
Amendments to the Charter

This Charter may be amended by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of either the Board of Trustees, or twenty percent (20%) of the members of the General Assembly and upon the approval of two thirds of the members.

المادة الثانية عشرة
تعديل النظام الأساسي

للجمعية العامة تعدل هذا النظام الأساسي بناءً على اقتراح مجلس الأعضاء، و/or بناءً على اقتراح 20% عشرين بالمئة من أعضاء الهيئة العامة وذلك بعد موافقة ثلثي الأعضاء.

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