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.

**Article IV**

The Council’s bodies

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 conditions set out in the Council's bylaws.

2. The Administrative Board 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.

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The representatives of the legal entities that are members of the Council may neither participate in the election nor be nominated for membership in the Administrative Board.

The bylaws sets 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 ad hoc 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 it be active in the field of social sciences or researches aiming at achieving public interest in this respect.
The representatives of the legal entities shall attend the General Assembly meetings as observers and they may not vote or be represented in the Administrative board, 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 Arabic origin whether residing in an Arab Country or not or amongst the Palestinians residing in the occupied lands of Palestine.

2. Hold a PHD in the field of social sciences or its equivalence.

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

4. Capable of investing necessary time to attend the Council’s meetings.

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

6. Approve the Council’s Charter and bylaws, and committed to realize 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 Administrative Board 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 and they are not entitled to vote.

* All members of the Council are entitled to submit papers to be published by the Council, or to be exposed in conferences or seminars on condition it meets the scientific principles in this regard.

* Receive all publications issued by the Council for a fee that does not exceed its production cost.
Article VIII
Constitution of the Administrative Board

* The Administrative Board shall comprise at least five (5) members, elected by the General Assembly by secret ballot. The number of the Administrative Board members shall not, at any case, exceed twelve (12) members.

* The tenure of the Administrative Board is renewable two years.

* Elections shall be carried out at least one month prior to the expiration of the Administrative Board's tenure in accordance with the 50% renewal regulation.

* 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 Administrative Board selected amongst the General Assembly shall chair the election session.

Article IX
Dismissal of Members

The Administrative Board may dismiss, any member in the following cases:

* If he/she seeks any commercial profit

المادة الثامنة
تأليف الهيئة الإدارية

* تتتألف الهيئة الإدارية من خمسة (5) أعضاء على الأقل تنتخبهم الهيئة العامة بالإقرار السري.

لا يجوز، بأي حال من الأحوال، أن يزيد عدد أعضاء الهيئة الإدارية عن الستة عشر (12) عضواً.

مدة ولاية الهيئة الإدارية ستتن قابلة للتجديد.

* يتم إجراء الانتخابات قبل انتهاء مدة ولاية الهيئة الإدارية بشهر على الأقل طبقاً لقاعدة التجديد النصفي.

يشترط لاكتمال نصاب جلسة الانتخاب حضور أكثر من نصف أعضاء الهيئة العامة.

* يدير جلسة الانتخابات هيئة من ثلاثية أعضاء على الأقل تعيينهم الهيئة الإدارية من بين أعضاء الهيئة العامة.

المادة التاسعة
فصل الأعضاء

يمكن للهيئة الإدارية أن تقرر فصل أحد أعضاء المجلس في الحالات التالية:

إذا كان يسعى لأي ربح تجاري من أنشطة
from the Council’s activities.
* If he/she breaches the ethical code
 of the Council or he/she works
 against its objectives or interests.

* If he/she breaches the code of honor
 of the Council.

The decision of dismissal shall be
issued by a two thirds majority vote of
the Administrative Board.

**Article X**

**Election of the Administrative Board**

The Administrative Board 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 Administrative Board shall
convene, chaired by its senior member,
and shall select from amongst its
members a Chairman, a Vice-chairman, 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
Administrative Board, except for the
right to decide on and expend the
Council’s funds.

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

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**المادة العاشرة**

**انتخاب الهيئة الإدارية**

يتم انتخاب الهيئة الإدارية مع توزيع المهام على
أعضائها مباشرة إذا نص نظام المجلس الداخلي
على ذلك، وإلا تجتمع الهيئة الإدارية المنتخبة
برئاسة أكبر الأعضاء سنا وتختار من بين
أعضاءها رئيسا، ونائبا للرئيس، أمينا للسر،
ووامينا للصندوق، كما يتم تعيين ممثل للمجلس
لدى الحكومة.

يمكن إسناد وظيفتين على الأكثر لعضو واحد
في الهيئة الإدارية باستثناء حق تقرير وصرف
أموال المجلس.

يتم تحديد مهام الهيئة الإدارية ومهام كل من
أعضاءها في النظام الداخلي للمجلس.
The General Assembly of the Council may call for the election of a new Administrative Board prior to the expiry of the tenure of the incumbent Administrative Board, 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 Administrative Board 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 Administrative Board, 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 automatically terminated.

**Article XII**
Dissolution of the Council

1: The Council 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 Council, for whatever reason, its rights, movable and immovable properties 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 Administrative Board, or twenty percent (20%) of the General Assembly's members and after obtaining the approval of two thirds of its members.

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Signatures