

## **FOREIGN MEDIA ASSOCIATION CHARTER**

### **Name and Center of the Association**

**Article 1** - Name of the Association: "Foreign Media Association"

The association is located in Istanbul.

### **Purpose of the association, fields of activity and type of work to be conducted by the association to achieve this purpose**

**Article 2** - To represent journalists working in foreign media outlets, to meet any special needs arising from their status, to help solve their problems, to provide a support network that offers solidarity and guidance to its members, to find solutions for the difficulties encountered by members while conducting their activities.

### ***Activity subjects and in what forms activities will be conducted by the Association***

- 1 - To give advice to the members of the association related to the General Directorate of Press (BYEGM), Municipalities, General Directorate of Security and similar official agencies and to represent them when necessary. Developing relationships with governmental organizations and liaising with such institutions regarding issues that are relevant to members,
- 2 - Protecting the legal rights of members, ensuring that they are informed about legal regulations, and providing legal support and assistance in cases of emergency. Working with local organizations that provide legal counsel to form a legal support network that is accessible at any time,
- 3 - To cooperate with domestic and international journalism organizations and professional institutions,
- 4 - To provide information to the public in cases where employees of foreign media outlets are targeted in malicious campaigns by publicly making facts available and by becoming a trusted source,
- 5 - Assist members with copyright issues,
- 6 - To cooperate with domestic and foreign organizations as part of efforts to realize these aims, to develop joint projects with other organizations, to participate in national and international events,
- 7 - To provide all kinds of information, documents, documentation and publications related to the problems of journalists working in foreign media organizations, to establish a documentation center,

8 - To organize trainings and seminars in cooperation with foreign and domestic professional organizations to support the professional development of members,

9 - To provide a healthy working environment for the realization of the purpose, to provide all kinds of technical tools and restorers, fixtures and stationery materials,

10 - To carry out fund raising activities provided that necessary permissions are obtained and to accept donations from domestic and foreign organizations,

11 - Establishing and operating economic, commercial and industrial enterprises in order to ensure the revenues required for the realization of the purpose of the Statute,

12 - Operating social and cultural facilities and furnishing them for the association's members,

13 - Organizing social activities such as concerts, theater-going, exhibitions, sports events, excursions and entertaining activities for the development and maintenance of social ties between the members,

14 - To purchase, sell, rent, lease immovables are needed for the activities of the association and hold rights to such property,

15 - If it is deemed necessary for the realization of the purpose, establishing foundations inside the country and abroad, establishing a federation or participating in an established federation, setting up facilities that can be founded by associations by obtaining the necessary permissions,

16 - To engage in international activities, to become a member of associations or organizations abroad, to cooperate with or work with such organizations,

17 - If necessary for the realization of the purpose, to carry out joint projects with public institutions and organizations in the fields of their duties, without prejudice to the provisions of the Law 5702 on Relations of Associations and Foundations with Public Institutions and Organizations,

18 - Establishing a trust in order to meet the needs of the association members such as food, clothing and other goods and services in the short term,

19 - To open representative offices where it is deemed necessary,

20 - To create platforms for the realization of a common purpose with other associations or foundations, trade unions and similar non-governmental organizations in areas that are of interest to the association and not prohibited by law.

### ***Association Field of Activity***

The association operates domestically and abroad on all media channels including social media and the internet.

### ***About Membership and Membership Process***

**Article 3** - Any natural or legal person who possesses the ***ability to act*** and who accepts the aims and principles of the association and who accepts to work in this direction and who satisfy the conditions stipulated by existing legislation shall be entitled to be a member of this association. However, having a residence permit is required for non-national real person. This condition does not apply to honorary membership.

Membership application shall be made in writing to the association chairperson; who then shall respond whether the application has been accepted or rejected within a maximum thirty days in line with the decision of the board of directors of the association and the result shall be communicated to the applicant in writing. The members accepted are registered in the association book.

The members of the Association are those who are accepted as members by the board of directors upon their application.

Those who have provided substantial support to the association in material and non-material terms can be accepted as honorary members with the decision of the board of directors.