

# **C H A R T E R**

## **Of**

### **“Great Silk Way” International Youth Union**

#### **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1.1. “Great Silk Way” International Youth Union (hereinafter referred to as “Union”) is an international non-commercial organization established for the purposes of coordinating the activities of non-commercial youth organizations, also representation and protection of common interests and its activities shall cover the territories of European, Asian and African states.

1.2. The Union becomes a legal entity from the date of its official registration with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Union has its independent balance, seal with its name on it, stamp, account in the banks in the Republic of Azerbaijan and other requisites.

1.3. Address of the Union’s location is: Baku, Azerbaijan

#### **II. SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES AND AIM OF THE UNION**

2.1. Aim of the Union is to coordinate the activities of its members, also to represent and protect their common interests, to improve tolerance and mutual understanding among young people in order to contribute to the creation and development of intercivilizations and intercultural dialogue, and to support activities of young people in this field.

2.2. The Union carries out the following objectives in order to achieve its aims:

- builds relations with various organizations to protect the interests of its members;
- organizes various international training courses and seminars, round-table meetings, exhibitions, conferences, charity marathons, forums and other mass-cultural events;

- Cooperates with international and regional organizations and is represented in such organizations;
- Independently disseminates information about its aims and activities.

### **III. RIGHTS OF THE UNION**

3.1. The Union has the following rights:

- to acquire proprietary and personal non-proprietary rights in accordance with the law;
- to constitute its branch and representative offices in abroad;
- to open accounts in banks and make and receive payments;
- to be claimant and respondent before courts;

### **IV. PROPERTY AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITY OF THE UNION**

4.2. The Union is responsible for its obligations with its property.

4.3. The Union has the rights to possess, to use and to decide on the status of its property in accordance with the purposes of its activity and nature of the property.

4.4. Financial resources paid into the account of the Union on purpose may not be spent on other directions.

4.5. The Union may not provide financial and other material contributions to political parties.

### **V. MEMBERS OF THE UNION**

5.1. Members of the Union may be non-commercial legal entities, national non-governmental youth platform organizations functioning in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan and in foreign countries and international non-governmental youth platform organizations working with young people. Members of the Union maintain their independence and rights of legal entity.

5.2. Participants appointed by the members of the Union are entitled to use the services of the Union for free.

5.3. In case this obligation is violated by participants they are warned about this and the Bureau appoints a time for the payment of fee. If the payment is not made within that time, the participant is expelled from the participation based on the decision of the General Assembly.

5.4. Increasing or reducing the amount of the fee paid by members, also change of the composition of the fee and rules of payment may be done subject to the decision of the General Assembly of the Union.

5.5. Any member organization may leave the Union in the end of each financial year. In this case, within the period of one year after the day of leaving the member holds subsidiary liability for the obligations of the Union to the extent of its fee.

5.6. A new member organization may be admitted to the Union on the decision of the General Assembly. The newly admitted member of the Union holds subsidiary liability for its obligations established before the admission to the Union to the extent of its fee.

5.7. Mutual relations of the members, their rights and obligations are regulated by law, or in accordance with the contract concluded among them or this Charter.

5.8. Admission of new members to the Union is carried out by the General Assembly of the Union.

5.9. If a member of the Union voluntarily leaves the Union it shall file an application with the General Assembly about this.

5.10. Removal from membership may be carried out on the decision of the General Assembly in cases prescribed in this charter. If more than half of the participants of the General Assembly vote for the removal, the member is considered to be removed from the Union.

5.11. Member of the Union may leave the Union after the financial year is over. In this case, within the period of one year after the day of leaving the member does not hold subsidiary liability for the obligations of the Union to the extent of its fee. Members of the Union hold subsidiary liability for their obligations in the amount and as provided in the charter.

## **VI. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT BODIES OF THE UNION**

The followings are the management bodies of the Union:

- General Assembly;
- Bureau;
- Control - Supervising Commission.

6.1. The supreme management body of the Union is General Assembly of its members. The General Assembly convenes at least once in three years.

6.2. Extraordinary General Assembly convenes upon the initiative of one third of the members of the Union or upon the initiative of the Bureau. Control - Supervising Commission may raise the issue of calling extraordinary General Assembly before the Bureau.

6.3. Members of the Union shall be notified about the venue and time of the General Assembly three weeks prior to the assembly.

6.4. The General Assembly has the following rights:

- Adoption of the charter of the Union and making amendments thereto;
- Establishment of executive bodies of the Union and termination of their rights before the due date;
- Determining the amount and form of the fee to be paid by organizations;
- Approval of rules and other normative instruments regulating internal affairs of the Union;
- Determining the number of and electing the members of the Control - Supervising Commission;
- Deciding on the liquidation of the Union;
- Appointment of the liquidating commission;
- Determining the principles of formation and use of the Union's property;
- Approval of the annual report;
- Participation in other organizations;
- Hearing the reports of the chief managers of the Union's executive body;
- Determining the number of the Bureau members;
- Electing the members of the Bureau of the Union and terminating their rights before the due date;

- Determining the number of and electing the deputies of the chairman of the Union;

6.5. General Assembly is competent only when more than half of the members of the Union are present

6.6. Decisions on the liquidation and reorganization of the Union, as well as amendments to the charter shall be made unanimously, while decisions on other issues shall be made by 2/3 of voters.

6.7. In the period between the General Assemblies general management of the Union is carried out by the Bureau.

6.8. Composition, formation and number of the members of the Bureau is determined by the General Assembly through voting.

6.9. Being a collegial decision making body the Bureau carries out the following commitments:

- Discusses annual financial report of the Union;
- Settles all other issues that are not exclusive rights of other management bodies of the Union;
- Approves strategy, long and short run programs of the Union;
- Decides on financial activities of the Union;
- Approves the structure of the apparatus of the Union;
- Organizes the works of the General Assembly;
- Warns the participants regarding the payment of their fees;
- Establishes the branches and opens representative offices of the Union;
- Appoints and dismisses the Secretary General of the Union upon the nomination of the Union's chairman;
- Determines employment schedule and salaries;

6.9. Meeting of the Bureau is competent only when more than half of its members are present and its decisions are adopted based on simple majority vote. In case the votes are even, chairman's vote shall be decisive.

6.10. Meetings of the Bureau shall convene at least twice in a year by making two weeks, in urgent cases one week prior notice to the members of the Bureau.

6.11. Current management of the Union is carried out by the Bureau.

6.12. The Bureau consists of the chairman of the Bureau, deputies of the chairman and representatives of member organizations, and carries out executive functions.

6.13. Being a collegial executive body the Bureau carries out the following commitments;

6.14. The Bureau is competent only when more than half of its members are present and its decisions are adopted based on simple majority vote. In case the votes are even, chairman's vote shall be decisive.

6.15. Members of the Bureau are elected by the General Assembly for the office term of 3 (three) years.

6.16. Chairman of the Union:

- Carries out the management of the current activity of the Union;
- Governs the Union;
- Chairs the meetings of the Bureau;
- Represents the Union, signs contracts on its behalf, provides power of attorneys, organizes the execution of the decisions of General Assembly and the Bureau;
- Establishes departments as part of the Union's apparatus and appoints their chief managers;
- Appoints and dismisses the financial manager of the Union;
- Appoints and dismisses the employees of the apparatus of the Union;
- Carries out general management over the activities of the departments;
- Submits a nomination on the appointment and dismissal of the Secretary General to the Bureau;
- Carries out other functions delegated on it by the General Assembly and in accordance with the Charter.

6.17. Departments of the Union:

- Organizes the execution of decisions of the General Assembly, the Bureau and orders and resolutions of the Union's chairman, within its authorities;
- Regulates the relations between the members, branch and representative offices and the Union;

- Carries out organizational works regarding the preparation of the meetings of the General Assembly and the Bureau, on the directives of the Union's chairman drafts the agenda of meetings and projects of the documents on the issues to be discussed;
- Carries out clerical works of the General Assembly and the Bureau, takes the minutes of their meetings and submits the projects of final documents of meetings to the Union's chairman;
- Informs the participants and general public on the decisions adopted in the meetings of the General Assembly and the Bureau;
- Carries out other functions delegated on it by the General Assembly, the Bureau and the Union's chairman.

6.18. Management of the current activity of departments is carried out by the Secretary General.

Secretary General:

- Attends the meetings of the Bureau without having a right to vote;
- Organizes the activity of Departments;
- Reports to the Bureau on the activity of Departments at least once in a quarter;
- Carries out other authorities delegated on it by the General Assembly, the Bureau and the Union's chairman.
- Governs the apparatus of the Union;
- Ensures labor discipline.

6.19. Control - Supervising Commission of the Union (hereinafter referred to as CSC) supervises that activities of the authorized officials and participants are in compliance with the Charter, and financial activity of the Union. Number of the members and composition of the CSC is determined by the General Assembly. The CSC is competent for 3 (three) years.

6.20. The CSC reports at the General Assembly.

6.21. Decisions of the CSC are adopted on simple majority vote.

6.22. The CSC shall respond to the inquiries of institutions and participants within the period of one month.

6.23. The Union may establish its branches and representative offices within and outside the borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

6.24. Establishment and liquidation of branches and representative offices of the Union, appointment and dismissal of their chief managers are within the authority of the Bureau of the Union in accordance with this Charter.

## **VII. TERMINATION OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE UNION**

7.1. Activity of the Union is terminated through the ways of its reorganization (consolidation, merger, division, separation, transformation) and liquidation. Termination of the activity of the Union is done as provided in governing laws.

7.2. According to the decision on the termination of the activity of the Union a liquidation commission shall be established. From that time all authorities regarding the management of the Union are delegated on the Commission. Liquidation commission works out a liquidation balance sheet. During the liquidation of the Union after settlements with the budget and satisfaction of creditor claims, the remaining assets of the Union shall be disposed for the purposes of the Charter and in case it is impossible to the government budget in accordance with law. Liquidation of the Union shall be carried out in accordance with the Civil Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and other appropriate legal documents.