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On the basis of Articles 10, 12, 18 and 54, paragraph 1 of the Law on Associations and Foundations of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina" No. 32/01), the Assembly of the Association of Election Officials in Bosnia and Herzegovina convened on the 14th day of December, 2002 in Neum and adopted a

## **STATUTE**

### **of the Association of Election Officials in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

#### **SECTION I. BASIC PROVISIONS**

### Article 1.

The Association of Election Officials in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the Association which continues its work and tradition of activities established by decisions of the Federal Ministry of Justice number 04-05-2-2865/99 dated September 27, 1999 and the Basic Court in Banja Luka number Rg.154/00 dated December 5, 2000.

### Article 2.

In accordance with the Law, this Statute defines:

- \* Full name and abbreviation of the Association and head office
- \* Association goals
- \* Procedure for admission and exclusion of the Association members
- \* Association bodies
- \* Rules for provision of, usage and disposal with Association funds and supervision over usage of those funds
- \* Work publicity
- \* Procedure for change and amendment to the Statute and adoption of other documents
- \* Shape and content of the stamp
- \* Association representation
- \* Conditions and procedure for merge, separation, transformation or cessation of activities of the Association
- \* Other issues important for organization and activities of the Association

### Article 3.

The presidents, secretaries, members, past and present, of Election Commissions and election experts possessing comparable electoral experience in Bosnia and Herzegovina voluntarily form the Association of Election Officials in Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter; the Association) for the purpose of exchanging ideas and experience, so as to enhance their ability to perform electoral duties in the most professional manner possible, to promote the independence of election commissions, and to ensure respect and realization of their common aims, and development of democratic processes and accountable government and management in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### Article 4.

The Association, foremost, shall be dedicated to the progressive advancement of democratic elections to ensure the fairness of and public confidence in the electoral process. The Association's creed shall rest, above all, upon the professionalism of its members.

The Association shall be a non-profit organisation, independent of government and of any political parties, and shall be constituted by voluntary membership open to all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina and other countries who currently serve or have served on electoral commissions, regardless of nationality, religion, political orientation, race or other attributes.

The Association shall be a legal body subject to domestic and international laws, with the objective of becoming part of the European Association, and is founded for an undefined period for the purpose of providing a forum to achieve the interests of the Association to conduct public activities in furtherance of Association goals.

The Association may establish and maintain relations with other associations, domestically and internationally, which have the same or similar goals. The purpose of such relation is development of democracy, creation of conditions for better respect of human rights and freedoms, as well as establishment of accountable government and management in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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## **SECTION II. NAME AND LOCATION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### Article 5.

The full name of the Association is:

UDRUŽENJE IZBORNIH ZVANIČNIKA U BOSNI I HERCEGOVINI

UDRUŽENJE IZBORNIH SLUŽBENIKA U BOSNI I HERCEGOVINI

UDRUGA IZBORNIH DUŽNOSNIKA U BOSNI I HERCEGOVINI

The abbreviated name of the Association is:

UIZBIH

UISBIH

UIDBIH

English version of the Association name is:

ASSOCIATION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The abbreviated name of the Association in English language shall be:

AEOBIH

Article 6.

The Association shall pursue its activities on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The headquarters of the Association is in Sarajevo.

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### **SECTION III. PURPOSE, PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Article 7.

The aim of the Association shall be:

to provide a politically impartial forum in Bosnia and Herzegovina which shall serve as a means of exchange of information between governmental bodies, so as to debate and work for the promotion of democratic, open and transparent elections.

Programme objectives:

1. Activities for the advancement of the electoral system, monitoring comparative electoral systems in democratic countries and the submission of initiatives to the legislative authorities.
2. Raising the professionalism of election officials so as to advance the activities of holding of elections (education of participants in the electoral process).
3. Promotion of open and transparent elections by means of exchange of experiences and information relating to electoral laws and procedures, technology, administrative practice and

education of voters.

4. Promotion of the principles of independence and freedom from coercion of electoral commissions and their members.

5. Raising the level awareness of election officials with the highest degree of integrity, a sense of public service, knowledge of electoral processes, experience in the election process and dedication to the principles of democratic elections.

6. Promotion of the principles of participation in the electoral process by citizens, political parties and candidates, together with politically independent civic organisations.

7. Advancement of electoral information and research relating to elections, in order to promote public confidence in the electoral process and election results.

8. Development of civic education programmes designed to promote greater participation by citizens in election.

Article 8.

In order to achieve its aims and the programme objectives the Association shall:

\* Organize lectures and seminars and participate in consultations and seminars of other associations and institutions.

\* Advocate amendments to the laws and other regulations designed to advance the electoral system and electoral process.

\* Formulate opinions relating to the electoral process and inform the public and relevant competent bodies of those opinions.

\* Issue magazines and scholarly publications.

\* Extend assistance to the members of the Association in their professional development and the performance of their electoral duties.

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### **SECTION IV. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION AND RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

Article 9.

The Association shall have the following categories of membership:

1. Regular membership, with the right to vote and to be elected to bodies and committees of the Association, open to citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina who are members of electoral commissions, to citizens who have been members of electoral commissions, and to citizens who are election experts possessing comparable electoral experience. Regular membership of the Association is based upon municipality of residence.

2. Associate membership, without the right to vote, open to citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina or of other countries who are interested in the holding of elections and who are not eligible for other forms of membership. Where applicable, Associate membership is based upon municipality of residence.

3. Honorary membership, without the right to vote, in recognition of individuals whose activities and assistance have contributed to the development of the Association. Where applicable,

Honorary membership is based upon municipality of residence.

The Steering Board of the Association shall decide the proclamation of Regular, Associate, and Honorary members. As a condition of membership, all individuals must sign a statement confirming their acceptance of the Statute and the Professional Standards of Conduct.

### Article 10.

A member of the Association shall be supplied with a membership card; the form and contents of which shall be determined by the Steering Board of the Association.

### Article 11.

The rights of members of the Association are:

- \* To participate in the activities of the Association,
- \* To vote for and to be elected to the bodies of the Association (Regular members only),
- \* To be informed about the activities of all bodies of the Association,
- \* To submit proposals and recommendations concerning the activities of the Association,
- \* To participate in lectures, seminars, consultations and other professional gatherings, and
- \* To enjoy the protection of the Association as provided in this Statute.

### Article 12.

The obligations of members of the Association are:



- \* To participate in the activities of the Association and its bodies,
- \* To implement the decisions and resolutions of the bodies of the Association,
- \* To co-operate with other members of the Association in order to achieve the programme objectives, aims, and tasks of the Association,
- \* To protect and promote the reputation of the Association,
- \* To abide by this Statute and to uphold the Professional Standards of Conduct, and
- \* To pay their membership fees when due.

### Article 13.

Membership of the Association shall cease upon occurrence of any one of the following:

- \* Renunciation of membership,
- \* Failure to pay membership fees when due,
- \* Death, or
- \* Termination upon a determination that a member of the Association violated the terms of this Statute or the Professional Standards of Conduct of the Association.

### Article 14.

A proposal for termination of membership, with reasons, may be submitted by any member of the Association to the appropriate Regional Board of the Branch, which shall determine whether the proposal is justified. If the Regional Board of the Branch determines that the proposal for termination is justified, then the Branch President shall forward the proposal of termination to the Court of Honour for adjudication.

A decision by the Court of Honour to terminate membership shall be issued in written form and served upon the terminated member no later than 30 days after the date the Court of Honour decides the matter. A decision of the Court of Honour shall be final unless appealed. A term of 15 days from the date of service of the decision on the terminated member is granted for an appeal against a decision by the Court of Honour to terminate membership. The appeal shall be lodged with the Steering Board of the Association, which shall review the decision of the Court of Honour. The decision of the Steering Board of the Association shall be final.

Any member who is the subject of an action to terminate membership before the Court of Honour or before the Steering Board of the Association shall be afforded an opportunity to respond to allegations and to present a case in a fair and reasonable manner.

Article 15.

A final decision to terminate membership may be forwarded to the appropriate electoral commission with whom the terminated individual is associated for appropriate action.

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## **SECTION V. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Branch and Municipal Level Units**

Article 16.

The Association shall be composed of and carry out its activities in four (4) regional Branches. Regional Branches shall be based in: Banja Luka, Mostar, Sarajevo, and Tuzla and shall cover the whole of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Regional branch Banja Luka includes the following municipalities: Banja Luka, Čelinac, Skender Vakuf/Kneževo, Kotor Varoš, Bosanska Gradiška/Gradiška, Laktaši, Srbac, Prnjavor, Travnik, Novi Travnik, Vitez, Busovača, Fojnica, Kiseljak, Kreševo, Bosanski Novi/Novi Grad, Bosanska/Kozarska Dubica, Prijedor, Sanski Most, Sanski Most/Srpski Sanski Most, Drvar/Srpski Drvar, Ključ, Ključ/Ribnik, Kostajnica, Bihać, Bosanska Krupa, Bosanska Krupa/Krupa na Uni, Bosanski Petrovac, Bosanski Petrovac/Petrovac, Cazin, Velika Kladuša, Bužim, Jajce, Jajce/Jezero, Dobretići, Šipovo, Donji Vakuf, Kupres/Srpski Kupres, Bugojno, Gornji Vakuf-Uskoplje, and Mrkonjić Grad.

Regional branch Mostar includes the following municipalities: Mostar Jug, Mostar Jugoistok, Mostar Jugozapad, Mostar Sjever, Mostar Stari Grad, Mostar Zapad, Mostar Cent.Zona, Prozor/Prozor Rama, Konjic, Jablanica, Čitluk, Čapljina, Neum, Stolac, Ravno, Posušje, Grude, Široki Brijeg, Ljubuški, Mostar/Srpski Mostar, Nevesinje, Gacko, Stolac/Berkovići, Ljubinje, Bileća, Trebinje, Drvar, Bosansko Grahovo/Grahovo, Glamoč, Livno, Kupres, Tomislavgrad.

Regional branch Sarajevo includes municipalities: Ilijaš, Hadžići, Ilidža, Ilidža/Srpska Ilidža, Novi Grad Sarajevo, Vogošća, Centar Sarajevo, Stari Grad Sarajevo, Novo Sarajevo, Novo Sarajevo/Srpsko Novo Sarajevo, Stari Grad/Srpski Stari Grad, Trnovo (FBIH), Trnovo (RS), Kalinovik, Pale (FBIH), Pale (RS), Foča/Srbinje, Goražde, Goražde/Srpsko Goražde, Čajniče, Han Pjesak, Višegrad, Sokolac, Rogatica, Rudo, Srebrenica, Bratunac, Foča (FBIH).

Regional branch Tuzla includes municipalities: Lukavac, Srebrenik, Tuzla, Banovići, Živinice, Bijeljina, Lopare, Lopare/Ćelić, Teočak, Ugljevik, Maglaj, Žepče, Zavidovići, Zenica, Kakanj, Vareš, Olovo, Visoko, Breza, Kalesija, Kalesija/Osmaci, Sapna, Zvornik, Kladanj, Šehovići, Vlasenica, Milići, Derventa, Doboj Istok, Doboj Jug, Doboj, Tešanj, Gračanica, Gračanica/Petrovo, Teslić, Usora, Bosanski Brod/Srpski Brod, Odžak, Odžak/Vukosavlje, Domaljevac-Šamac, Bosanski Šamac / Šamac, Orašje, Orašje/Srpsko Orašje, Modriča, Gradačac, Gradačac/Pelagićevo and Brčko District.

Association membership is coordinated through branches.

Sections will be organized within branches.

Article 17.

A Branch may make proposals or reports to the Assembly of the Association for topics of debate or action. The Assembly of the Association may submit proposals or reports to the Branches for comment or other action.

Article 18.

The bodies of a Branch shall be the Assembly of the Branch and the Regional Board.

### Article 19.

The Assembly of the Branch shall comprise of all regular members of that Branch of the Association.

Each Assembly of the Branch shall hold session as needed, which shall be convened by the Regional Board of the Branch.

### Article 20.

The Assembly of the Branch shall elect the Regional Board of the Branch for a term of four years. The Regional Board of the Branch shall consist of a president, a vice president, and a secretary. The Regional Board of the Branch shall execute the resolutions passed by the Assembly of the Branch. The President of the Regional Board shall represent the Branch and be responsible for operations of the Branch.

### Article 21.

The Steering Board of the Association shall determine the percentage of the collected Association membership fees to be allocated to each Branch.

### Article 22.

The Steering Board of the Association may approve the provision of additional resources to an individual Branch.

### Article 23.

The Assembly of the Branch may determine the rules according to which the activities of the Branch shall be carried out. If the Branch does not adopt its own rules or if certain issues are not resolved on the basis of its rules and in accordance with the Statute, the Statute of the Association shall apply.

### Article 24.

A Branch of the Association shall not have the character of legal entity.

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## SECTION VI. BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

### Article 25.

The bodies of the Association shall be:

- \* The Assembly of the Association,
- \* The Steering Board of the Association,
- \* The Court of Honour of the Association, and
- \* The Supervisory Board of the Association.

### **The Assembly of the Association**

### Article 26.

The Assembly of the Association shall be the highest body of the Association with a four-year term. Sixty (60) representatives shall constitute the Assembly of the Association.

The Assembly of the Association shall be composed of fifteen (15) representatives from each regional Branch of the Association. The Assembly of each Branch of the Association shall elect representatives to the Assembly of the Association.

Each Branch must elect an equal number of representatives of Bosniak, Croat, and Serb ethnicity. To the extent possible, each Branch shall, in good faith, attempt to elect representatives from each municipality within the regional Branch. A Branch may have more than one representative from a municipality, if necessary to maintain ethnic balance of representatives.

Article 27.

The Steering Board of the Association shall convene the Assembly of the Association.

A general assembly session shall be held at least once in two years, and extraordinary meetings shall be held as necessary.

Extraordinary meetings shall be convened by the Steering Board of the Association on its own initiative, at the request of the Regional Board, at the request of one of the Branches of the Association, or at the request of one-third of the members of the Association.

Ordinary or extraordinary meetings of the Association shall be announced at least eight days prior to the date on which they are to be held, stating the time and place at which the meeting is to be held and setting out the agenda.

Article 28.

The quorum necessary for the Assembly of the Association to hold a session is a fifty percent plus one majority of members of the Assembly of the Association, and resolutions shall be adopted by two-thirds of all present members of the Assembly of the Association.

The Assembly shall adopt resolutions by public vote; however, the Assembly may vote in secret on certain issues.

Article 29.

The work of the Assembly shall be chaired by the working Presidency of the Assembly, which shall appoint a chairperson from among its ranks.

Article 30.

The Assembly of the Association shall have the authority to:

1. adopt the Statute and any changes or amendments thereto, as well as other documents defined by the Statute,
2. adopt the rules of procedures for its activities,
3. adopt programme activities and review reports on the activities of the bodies of the Association,
4. adopt a budget and verify the annual statement on the financial report,

5. elect and dismiss members of the Steering Board of the Association, the Supervising Board and the Court of Honour,

6. adopt a resolution on merging, separating, transforming, discharging or ceasing activities of the Association, and

7. decide on all other issues, which are not under competence of other Association bodies.

### **The Steering Board of the Association**

Article 31.

The Steering Board of the Association shall be the managing body of the Association and it shall number thirteen (13) members whose mandate shall be for a term of four years.

Each Branch shall have at least three representatives in the Steering Board of the Association.

Presidents of the Regional Boards are automatically members of the Steering Board of the Association.

Article 32.

At their first session the members of the Steering Board of the Association shall elect from among their ranks the president, two vice-presidents, the secretary and the treasurer.

The President and two vice-presidents of the Steering Board of the Association are from various



constituent people of BiH.

Every sixteen (16) months president and two vice-presidents shall rotate their functions.

Article 33.

The quorum necessary for the Steering Board of the Association to hold a session is seven (7) members. The Steering Board of the Association shall pass decisions by majority vote of present members at the session.

Article 34.

The Steering Board of the Association shall carry out the resolutions of the Assembly of the Association and direct the work of the Association in the period between assembly sessions.

The Steering Board of the Association shall carry out the following duties:

- \* prepare Assembly meetings,
- \* draft the proposed Statute and any amendments and additions thereto,
- \* draft its own rules of procedure,
- \* draft the Association work plan and other documents adopted by the Assembly,
- \* implement decisions, conclusions and other documents adopted by the Assembly,
- \* draw up a proposed budget and annual statement and allocate resources in accordance with the budget,
- \* draw up the rules of procedure of the Court of Honour,
- \* establish Committees and appoint the members whose candidacies are submitted by the Branches, and approve the plans and programmes of activities of the Committees,
- \* co-ordinate the activities of the Committees,
- \* evaluate the individual performance of the president, the vice-presidents, the secretary, and the treasurer of the Steering Board of the Association and the chairpersons of the Committees, together with delegates to other Associations
- \* establish procedures that regulates activities of the Association and work of the Secretariat,

and

\* decide on all issues that are not under exclusive competence of the Assembly.

### Article 35.

The President of the Steering Board of the Association shall represent the Association and have the authority to act on behalf of the Association.

The Association is represented by the Executive Director of the Secretariat as well.

In the event of inability to perform duties or in the event of absence, a Vice-President of the Steering Board of the Association, designated by the Steering Board, shall assume the duties of the President of the Steering Board of the Association.

The President of the Steering Board may, depending on the needs, authorize Executive Director of the Association Secretariat to conduct certain activities and represent Association. This person shall report on his/her activities to the Steering Board of the Association.

### Article 36.

The President of the Steering Board shall convene sessions of the Steering Board of the Association, shall agree on sessions of the Assembly of the Association, and shall chair the Assembly of the Association until a working Presidency of the Assembly is elected.

The President of the Steering Board of the Association shall implement the resolutions of the Assembly of the Association and the decisions of the Steering Board of the Association, in accordance with the Statute of the Association.

The President of the Steering Board shall be accountable to the Assembly of the Association and the Steering Board of the Association for activities.

Article 37.

The Secretary of the Steering Board of the Association shall prepare sessions of the Steering Board, report on activities, submit all necessary evidence of membership, assist the President of the Steering Board in activities and carry out other activities entrusted to him/her by the Steering Board and the Assembly of the Association, in cooperation with the Association Secretariat.

In case of absence, a member of the Steering Board appointed by the Presidency shall perform the duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall be accountable to the Steering Board of the Association.

### **The Court of Honor of the Association**

Article 38.

The Association shall have a Court of Honour composed of five members. Members of the Court of Honour shall be elected by the Assembly of the Association for a term of four years. Members of the Court of Honour shall designate one of their members as chairperson.

Article 39.

The Court of Honour shall determine violations of the Statute and shall pass decisions to issue a warning or to terminate membership of the Association in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Court of Honour, which shall be adopted by the Steering Board of the Association.

Article 40.

The Court of Honour shall pass decisions by majority vote.

### **The Supervisory Board of the Association**

Article 41.

The Assembly of the Association shall elect three members to the Supervisory Board for a term of four years, and the members of the Supervisory Board shall designate one of their members as chairperson.

Article 42.

The Supervisory Board shall oversee the work of the Steering Board and other bodies of the Association, shall review at least once the property and financial affairs of the Association and shall submit an annual report to the Assembly of the Association.

The Supervisory Board shall work in sessions and all decisions shall be by majority vote.

### **Committees of the Association**

Article 43.

In the achievement of its aims the Association shall operate and conduct its affairs through Standing Committees. The Steering Board of the Association may establish other committees

for other activities.

A chairperson, who shall be appointed by the Steering Board of the Association, shall head each Committee.

In emergency cases, Executive Director of the Association Secretariat, in coordination with the President of the Steering Board, can establish temporary commissions.

Article 44.

The Standing Committees of the Association shall be:

1. Committee for Education, and
2. Information Committee.

The Committees shall propose plans and programmes of activities, which shall be approved by the Steering Board of the Association.

Article 45.

Each Branch shall propose two members as candidates for election to each Committee.

### **Legal Council of the Association**

Article 46.

The Association shall have its Legal Council as an advisory body of the Steering Board of the Association.

The Steering Board of the Association shall appoint members of the Legal Council, whose number is not limited, and who shall be prominent lawyers with experience in elections.

The Legal Council shall initiate and prepare adoption of the Association documents, consider proposals of election regulations and participate in their preparation, as well as conduct other professional tasks for the Steering Board and the Association.

### **Secretariat of the Association**

Article 47.

The Association may have a Secretariat with professionally employed persons.

The Secretariat shall conduct professional, administrative-technical, financial, personnel and other activities for the Association needs.

Executive Director manages the work of the Association Secretariat, who is authorized to make decisions regarding permanently and temporarily employed staff, and to conduct other activities defined in procedures from Article 34.

Article 48.

The activities of the Association shall be public.

Transparency of the Association's activities shall be achieved by issuing statements, publications, or bulletins, which shall be distributed to the membership and to other organisations and media which publish articles, branch reports, committee reports, as well as the latest global achievements.

Decisions to issue statements, publications, or bulletins and the designation of responsibility in such matters shall be taken by the Steering Board of the Association.

Article 49.

In appointing or electing members of the bodies of the Association, due regard shall be paid to ensuring a fair national and territorial representation of members of the Association.

Persons holding political office may not also hold office in the Association.

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## SECTION VII. FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Article 50.

The Association shall have its own financial account.

The Association shall maintain the necessary books of accounts and shall file appropriate financial reports.

Article 51.

The resources of the Association shall derive from:

- \* membership fees, the amount of which shall be determined by the Steering Board,
- \* gifts, donations, legacies, bequests, and sponsorship from legal persons, natural persons, or otherwise, provided that they do not jeopardise the independence or impartiality of the Association and its members,
- \* other sources of finance

The financial and material resources of the Association shall be managed in accordance with standard accounting procedures according to law.

The Steering Board of the Association shall keep account of the income and expenditure of the Association.

The Steering Board of the Association shall maintain records of moveable and fixed property and real estate of the Association and shall record the value of property in the annual accounts.

Article 52.

Order to pay shall be authorised by the President of the Steering Board of the Association and shall be countersigned by the Secretary of the Steering Board or by a person authorised by the Steering Board, in accordance with the Procedure on financial issues.

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## **SECTION VIII. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

Article 53.

The Association believes that public confidence in those who are responsible for the conduct of elections is essential for the well being of democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina and, to this end, electoral issues must be debated continuously in a public forum. To maintain the highest standard of conduct of members of the Association in the public domain, the Association adopts Professional Standards of Conduct, which shall be observed and upheld by all members of the Association. Honoring these standards at all times is a condition of continued membership in the Association.

### **Professional Standards of Conduct of Association Members**

Members of Association shall conduct themselves professionally at all times in the performance of their electoral duties, shall commit themselves to the fair and impartial treatment of electoral



issues, shall participate in public debate and discourse concerning electoral issues without bias or prejudice, and shall dedicate themselves to advancing electoral issues or causes that serve the electorate and promote a democratic society.

Members of the Association shall also observe and uphold the following standards:

In a spirit of collegiality, devote themselves to the Aims, Programme Objectives and Activities of the Association;

Protect and maintain the highest standards of professionalism in their work and refrain from any behaviour that may compromise the reputation or the good standing of the Association in the public domain;

Perform all duties and goals established by this Statute without predisposition to political ideology, race, religion, nationality, gender or other bias;

Act in accordance with all laws and administrative practices regulating the conduct of elections and carry out official electoral duties faithfully and competently;

Abide and respect the public trust that reposes in election officials and refrain from the abuse of public office for personal gain;

Preserve the confidentiality of any information of the Association not intended for wider distribution;

Participate regularly in the activities of the Association;

Promote and protect the interests of the Association and encourage suitable persons to apply

for membership in the Association; and

Encourage the education and training of participants engaged in the electoral process through the organization by the Association of workshops and conferences and promote the dissemination of information about the electoral process to the general public.

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## **SECTION IX. DESIGN AND SHAPE OF THE STAMP**

Article 54.

The Association shall have a seal and a stamp.

The seal shall be circular and shall bear the name and the address of the headquarters of the Association in the Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian languages, written in Latin and Cyrillic scripts, in concentric circles with the logo of the Association in the centre.

The stamp shall be rectangular and shall bear the name and address of the headquarters of the Association, the number of its Act and the date.

Article 55.

The Association shall have a logo bearing the word "elections" in Latin and Cyrillic scripts.

Article 56.

The number, use, retention and destruction of the seal and logo shall be regulated by special instructions to be issued by the Steering Board of the Association.

Article 57.

The Association shall be entered into the appropriate registry and on the date of registration shall acquire the status of a legal person.

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## **SECTION X. THE CESSATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Article 58.

The Association may cease to exist by its own will, by virtue of the law or under conditions defined by the law.

The Association may cease to exist by its own will on the basis of the decision of the Assembly of the Association, which is made by 2/3 majority of members of the Assembly.

The Association may cease to exist by virtue of law on the basis of the decision of the Ministry of Civil Affairs and Communications under conditions defined by law.

Article 59.

In the event of cessation of activities of the Association, the property of the Association shall, after settling all debts and dues, be handed over to an Association, with the same or similar programme objectives, or alternatively to the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina,

by decision of the Assembly of the Association or, if not feasible, by decision of the Steering Board of the Association.

Article 60.

When the Association ceases its activities, the President of the Steering Board of the Association shall submit a request to the authorities for the Association to be removed from the registry.

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## **SECTION XI. FINAL PROVISIONS**

Article 61.

A draft Statute and amendments and additions to the Statute shall be prepared and drawn up by the Steering Board of the Association and submitted for public debate. The period allowed for public debate should be at least thirty (30) days.

The Steering Board of the Association shall consider objections and recommendations submitted during the course of debate, reach opinions concerning them, draw up the draft Statute and amendments and additions to the Statute, and submit them to the Assembly of the Association for adoption.

Article 62.

This Statute has been prepared in Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, and English languages and in Latin and Cyrillic scripts. In the event of a conflict of interpretation of the Statute, the Assembly of the Association shall decide the matter.

Article 63.

This Statute shall enter into force on the date of adoption.

Article 64.

The Statute of the Association, which was adopted on September 11, 1999, as well as all changes and amendments adopted on December 8, 2001 shall cease to be valid on the day of adoption of this Statute.

**President of the Working Presidency  
Gojko Anić**