

STATUTE OF ISTANBUL CONTEMPORARY ART UTOPIAS ASSOCIATION***Name of the Association and Centre***

Article 1- Name of the association is "Istanbul Contemporary Art Utopias Association". Association centre is "Istanbul".

Aim of the Association and Topics and Forms of Studies that Will Be Implemented by Association to Achieve This Aim

Article 2- This association was established in order to; generate and execute national and international, interdisciplinary projects in the area of contemporary art, design, urbanism, architecture and environment; support interdisciplinary national and international projects produced by young artists and producers in those specified areas; communicate with different societies and communities by using contemporary art and other stated disciplines as a tool; create working spaces including women, children, youth, minorities, the poor and other vulnerable groups, develop their skills and capabilities, provide new employment within those groups again via contemporary art and other disciplines; help both rural and city communities to develop their capacities through art and other disciplines; contribute prevention of inequality of economic income distribution; develop activities that also consider protection of economic, social and cultural rights; moreover execute projects about supporting of environmental rights, protection and development of the ecosystem and continuous and balanced development; be a mentor to the current alternative art initiatives in the cultural sector, create cultural cooperation by supporting communication between those initiatives and the international models; produce multi-cultural and multi-national events and artistic projects.

Topics and Forms of Studies that Will Be Implemented by the Association

- 1- To analyze and research in order to activate and cultivate the activities of the association,
- 2- To organize various education studies such as courses, seminars, conferences and panels,
- 3- To elicit any information, document and publication that are necessary to realize the objectives, to establish a documentation center, to start a web site to communicate the activities of the association, to realize publications such as newspapers, magazines and books and newsletters to distribute among its members,
- 4- Providing a healthy working environment where the objectives may be realized and to provide all kind of technical tools and materials, inventories and stationery,
- 5- To do fundraising with the necessary permissions and accepting donations from domestic and abroad,
- 6- Establishing and operating economic, commercial and industrial enterprises in the case it's necessary to ensure needed revenue for the realization of the objectives stated in the by-law,
- 7- Establishing recreational, social and cultural centers so that the association members can benefit in their leisure time,
- 8- Organizing or benefiting the members from dinner meetings, concerts, balls, theater performances, exhibitions, sports, leisure and fun activities to strengthen communication among each other.
- 9- Purchasing, selling, leasing and renting absolute and real properties for the necessary activities of the association, and to claim right in rem on the real properties,
- 10- To establish a foundation, a federation or to join an existing federation and to set up those facilities, which the associations can realize with certain permissions under the circumstances it is necessary to achieve the aim,
- 11- To implement international activities, becoming a member of international associations or organizations in abroad and to collaborate and cooperate project base with these organizations,
- 12- Under the circumstances that it is necessary to realize the mission, to carry out joint projects with public institutions and organizations without prejudice to the provision number 5072 -the interrelation of the Associations and the Foundations with Public Institutions and Organizations.
- 13- Setting up representative branches in order to carry out association activities in required locations,
- 14- Creating platforms to realize common goals at areas not prohibited by law and

related to aims of the association in cooperation with other associations or foundations, unions, universities and other similar civil society organizations,

15- To organize cultural events such as meetings, symposias, conferences, workshops, concerts and festivals within and outside the country,

16- Establishing specialized commissions and creating scientific and cultural advisory boards with the mission to serve in accordance with the goals of the association.

Attaining of membership

Article 4- Turkish citizens and persons who are allowed to be a member in an association in Turkey and legal entities under the condition that they support the goals of the association can become an active member.

A. Legal persons or organisations supporting the association can achieve an honorary membership by the general assembly: they are released from membership fee and they support and represent the association and its activities. They can participate in the meetings of the general assembly. They are expected to participate in the association's activities by giving lectures, publish articles in the association's publications.

B. Membership: The requirements for association membership.

a. Older than 18 years age, having read the Statute and claiming he has totally understood and agreed on the statute, an application form sent with two references from the members of the association,

b. Prove the applicant has been working and willing to work on culture and arts in relation to Turkish and international cultures,

c. Submitting a reference letter in support of his ability to work as a team member,

d. Working actively, willing to accept the mission given by the Executive Board,

e. After the acceptance of the member, the new member has to transfer the annual contribution fee within 30 days.

D. RIGHTS AND MISSION OF THE MEMBERS

Resignation from the association

Article 4 - Members have the right quit the association with a written notice. The member can quit the association as the Executive Board receives the letter of resignation. The member has to pay the association contribution fees that are not paid until the resignation date.

Exclusion from the association

Article 5- Reasons for member exclusion:

1. Not attending the General assembly more than two times,

2. Not attending any Association Activities in one year,

3. Who offends against the principles of the statute,

4. Not fulfilling specified tasks defined by the executive board,

5. Not behaving respectfully to the other members of the association,

6. Not paying the membership contribution fee within six months after the written denunciation,

7. Having lost the membership features defined in the statute,

8. Who offends against the principles of the statute as well as the law of the Department of Associations.

The member has the right to defend himself in relation to the executive committee and the general assembly. The final decision for an end of a membership is given by the general assembly.

Executive Bodies Of The Association

Article 6- The executive body of the association is as follows:

1. General assembly,
2. Executive board,
3. Controlling committee,

The Call, The Meeting Place For The General Assembly

Article 7- General Assembly is the authorized organ of the association, composed of active members. The general assembly meets in once in three years in March, in a place and date decided by the Executive Board.

General assembly;

- 1- Makes a stated meeting in period stated in the statute.
- 2- If necessary the executive committee or the controlling committee can call within a month to an extraordinary general assembly on a written request of a fifth of their members.

The executive committee invites the General Assembly to the meeting.

Call For The General Assembly

The executive committee writes a list of the members who have to be informed. The members have to be informed by email or mail 15 days in advance about the meeting, about the place, time and the subjects of the agenda. If the attendance of the members is not enough, the next meeting must be communicated again by email or mail informing the meeting location and time. The meeting may not take place before one week and not more than 60 days first meeting.

General Assembly Meeting

The meeting is opened, if sufficient members are present. After the opening of the meeting a chairman, its deputy and a secretary is appointed, who form the board of the meeting. The chairman of the board conducts the meeting. The minutes are taking by the board including the agenda, the voting results and all decisions. The minutes will be finally transferred to the executive committee signed by the board of the meeting. During the general assembly only issues of the agenda will be discussed and decided. Auxiliary points are taken with the request of a minimum a tenth of the present members.