

**LAW OF
TURKMENISTAN**

**amending and supplementing the Law of Turkmenistan
on Public Associations**

(Parliamentary Gazette of Turkmenistan, 2017, No. 1, Art. 15)

I. The following amendments and additions are to be made to the Law of Turkmenistan on Public Associations ('the Public Associations Act'), adopted on 3 May 2014 (Parliamentary Gazette of Turkmenistan, 2014, No. 2, Art. 70):

1. In Article 1, the words "on the initiative of citizens, associated" are to be replaced by the words "by citizens of Turkmenistan, associated".

2. Article 3 is to be amended as follows:

"Article 3. Scope of this Act

The force of this Act extends to public associations established by citizens of Turkmenistan, excluding religious organizations, political parties, trade unions and also non-commercial unions and other public associations established by commercial organizations, where the procedure for this establishment and for their operation is regulated by special laws."

3. Article 4(2) is to be deleted, Article 4(3) and Article 4(4) therefore becoming Article 4(2) and Article 4(3) respectively.

4. The words "Except in cases provided for by this Act" are to be deleted from Article 5(2).

5. Article 6(1)1 is to be amended as follows:

"1) realizing and protecting citizens' rights and freedoms;"

6. The words “and policy” are to be deleted from Article 8(4).

7. In Article 9(5), the words “regional administrative areas” are to be replaced by the words “provinces and cities with province status”;

in Article 9(6), the words “one regional administrative area” are to be replaced by the words “one province or city with province status”.

8. The words “and foreign” are to be deleted from the heading to Article 10 and from Article 10(1);

Article 10(2) is to be amended as follows:

“2. The operation of structural subdivisions – organizations, departments (branches) and representations – of international public associations is to be governed by their charters, adopted in accordance with Article 19 of this Act.”.

9. In Article 13(2), the wording of the official language of Turkmenistan is to be amended, with the words “onuň agzalary” to be added after “şeyle hem ýuridik şahslar - jemgyýetçilik birleşikleri”.

10. The word “, political” is to be deleted from Article 14(1).

11. The words “and to implementing its programmes” are to be deleted from Article 16(1);

in Article 16(2), the words “on the initiative of citizens” are to be replaced by the words “by citizens of Turkmenistan”.

12. Article 20(4) is to be amended as follows:

“4. For registration of an international public association, it is necessary to submit, in addition to the documents listed in paragraph 3 of this Article, a document attesting that, in accordance with its charter, it has a structural subdivision – organization, department (branch), representation – established in foreign countries.”;

Article 20(5) is to be deleted, Article 20(6), Article 20(7), Article 20(8), Article 20(9) and Article 20(10) therefore becoming Article 20(5), Article 20(6), Article 20(7),

Article 20(8) and Article 20(9) respectively.

13. The words “and of other citizens” are to be deleted from Article 26(1)5;

Article 26(1)8 is to be deleted;

Article 26(2) is to be amended as follows:

“2. Public associations may engage in international cooperation under the procedure laid down by the legislation of Turkmenistan.”.

14. The words “and foreign government-funded agencies” are to be deleted from Article 29(1)4.

II. This Act is to come into force from the day of its official publication.

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