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### CHARTER OF THE CHAMBER FOR THE PROTECTION OF COPYRIGHT OF ARTISTS, CREATORS AND PERFORMERS

# I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**1.1.** <u>The Chamber for the Protection of Copyright of Artists, Creators and</u> <u>Performers</u> (hereinafter referred to as the Chamber) is a non-governmental non-profit organization established to represent and protect the rights and legitimate interests of its members, the organizational and legal form of which is a public association.

**1.2.** The Chamber carries out its activities based on the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On non-governmental non-profit organizations", the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On public associations in the Republic of Uzbekistan", as well as other regulatory legal acts and this Charter.

**1.3.** The Chamber carries out its activities on the principles of transparency, collegiality, mutual respect, equality, voluntariness and consideration of public opinion and creative consensus.

**1.4.** The Chamber shall be considered a legal entity after state registration in the prescribed manner by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

**1.5.** In order to achieve its goals, the Chamber may enter into agreements with other legal entities and individuals, possess property and personal non-property rights, and also participate in court as a claimant and respondent.

**1.6.** The Chamber has the right to its name, seal and stamp, as well as a symbol registered in the prescribed manner with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan, its own accounts in national and foreign currency in the relevant bank, as well as other attributes and requisites necessary for its activities.

**1.7.** The Chamber operates on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

**1.8.** The Chamber has the right, in accordance with the established procedure, to establish its territorial subdivisions throughout the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, which undergo state registration or simplified registration by the relevant justice authorities in the prescribed manner. They shall operate on the basis of the aforementioned normative and legal documents and the charter of the Chamber, resolutions and instructions of its governing bodies, the adopted regulations of the territorial subdivisions.

**1.9.** The Chamber is established for an indefinite period.

**1.10.** The Chamber shall be liable for its obligations with all its property. The state, state bodies, enterprises and institutions shall not be liable for the obligations and debts of the Chamber. Whereas, the Chamber shall not be liable for the debts and obligations of the state, state bodies, enterprises and institutions. **1.11.** Full name of the Chamber:

### In Uzbek:

In Latin – <u>San'atkor, ijodkor va ijrochilarning mualliflik huquqlarini himoya</u> <u>qilish palatasi;</u>

### In Russian:

Палата по защите авторских прав работников искусства, творческих

деятелей и исполнителей;

In English:

Chamber for the Protection of Copyright of Artists, Creators and Performers.

**1.12.** Location of the permanent governing body of the Chamber (postal address): 1, Taras Shevchenko street, Mirabad district, 100029 Tashkent.

**1.13.** In the event of a change of the location of the governing body of the Chamber, the Chamber notifies the body that registered it.

# II. GOALS AND TASKS OF THE CHAMBER

**2.1.** The main goals of the Chamber are:

- assistance in protecting the property rights of authors, artists, creators, and performers (rightholders) and their successors in the field of science, literature, art and culture, assistance in ensuring the implementation of their rights and interests in the republic and abroad;

- assistance in managing the property rights of rightholders (successors), who are unable to exercise their property rights individually, on a collective basis in accordance with applicable law;

- assistance to rightholders or successors on an individual basis in obtaining rights to use works of science, literature and art.

**2.2.** To achieve the goals established by the Charter, the Chamber performs the following tasks:

- participation on a collective basis in the management of copyright and related rights of rightholders (legal successors) of works of science, literature, art, protection of their property rights;

- assistance in implementing the rights and interests of rightholders (legal successors) outside the republic;

- assistance to users in permitting or prohibiting the use of works or objects of related rights in any form on behalf of the rightholders (successors);

- assistance in exercising the rights of rightholders (successors) to receive payment for the use of objects of copyright, including audiovisual works, objects of related rights;

- participation in ensuring the right to inherit works or objects of related rights (manuscripts, copies);

- assistance in the transfer to third parties, registration and storage of rights to objects of copyright or related rights;

- assistance to rightholders in the implementation and protection of their rights on a contractual basis;

- assistance to rightholders (successors) in obtaining the right to use works and phonograms on an individual basis;

- assistance in the protection and management of the property rights of foreign rightholders (successors) on the territory of the republic within the powers granted by the relevant foreign organizations; - implementation of measures to ensure a consistent and uniform practice of copyright protection (performer) of rightholders;

- establishment and strengthening of international legal cooperation for the protection of copyright (performer) rights of rightholders, including through the execution of international treaties on the mutual protection of rights to works or related rights;

- participation in research and other work in the field of protection of copyright (performer) rights of rightholders;

- formation of legal culture and respect for copyright and related rights in society.

# III. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE CHAMBER

**3.1.** The Chamber has the following rights to achieve its goals and tasks:

- to represent and protect the rights and legitimate interests of its members;

- to take initiatives on various issues of public life, make proposals to state authorities and administration;

- to participate in the development of decisions of state authorities and administration in the manner prescribed by the law;

- to disseminate information about its activities, establish mass media in the prescribed manner, and implement printing and publishing activities on the basis of an appropriate license (permit);

- to establish its own symbols in the manner prescribed by law;

- to hold meetings, conferences and other events on matters related to its activities;

- to organize and maintain the territorial subdivisions in the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regions and the city of Tashkent, as well as in districts and cities in accordance with the legislation and the Charter of the Chamber;

- to engage in business and/or licensed activities in accordance with the law and with its statutory goals;

- to use the benefits provided in course of payment of taxes, fees and other payments to the budget and extra-budgetary funds in the manner prescribed by the law.

**3.2.** The Chamber has the following **obligations**:

- to comply with current legislation;

to ensure freedom of access to information on the use of its property and funds;
to coordinate with the registering authority the receipt of funds and property from foreign states, international and foreign organizations, citizens of foreign states or other persons on their behalf;

- to inform the registering authority in advance about the events planned to be held by the non-governmental non-profit organization, and provide free access to the event for a representative of the registering authority;

- to report on the results of its activities;

- to submit reports on its activities to the registering, tax and statistical authorities.

## IV. MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER, CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

**4.1.** Individuals over 18 years of age residing on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, regardless of nationality, race, gender, on the basis of their written applications, are admitted to the Chamber based on the decision of the Board.

Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, foreign citizens and stateless persons who recognize and comply with this Charter become members of the Chamber, and the rights and interests of all members are protected equally.

Voluntary withdrawal from the Chamber on the basis of a written application of members is carried out on the basis of the decision of the Board.

**4.2.** Members of the Chamber, by decision of the Board, may be excluded from membership in case of gross violation of the law and the rules (provisions) of the Charter.

### 4.3. Rights of the members of the Chamber:

- participate in the activities of the Chamber in accordance with the procedure established by the law and this Charter;

- participate in elections and be elected to the bodies of the Chamber;

- file a complaint with the governing body of the Chamber, if the expelled members of the Chamber do not agree with the expulsion from the Chamber;

participate in meetings of commissions, working groups organized by the governing bodies of the Chamber, get acquainted with the minutes and decisions;
ensure the execution of decisions of the governing bodies of the Chamber, fulfill the assigned tasks to the extent possible;

- voluntarily withdraw from the Chamber;

- other rights established by law.

### 4.4. Duties of the members of the Chamber:

- comply with the requirements established by the constituent documents and this Charter, and fulfill the obligations assumed;

- comprehensively assist to the activities of the Chamber;

- actively participate in exhibitions and various events held by the Chamber.

## **V. GOVERNING BODIES**

**5.1.** The governing bodies of the Chamber are:

- The General Assembly;

- The Board;

- Chairman of the Board;

- Audit Commission.

The Board of the Chamber and the Chairman of the Chamber are elected by the General Assembly for a term of 3 (three) years.

To control the activities of the Chamber, the Auditing Commission is established.

**5.2. The General Assembly** is the supreme governing body of the Chamber and is convened as needed, but at least once every 3 (three) years. The General Assembly is composed of members of the Chamber or delegates of members elected from among its members. The quota and the number of delegates are determined by the body convening the General Assembly.

The General Assembly may be convened at the initiative of the Board, the Chairman of the Board, the Audit Commission or the registering authority.

When the registering authority convenes the supreme governing body, the rate and number of representatives shall be in the order established by the previous meeting of the supreme governing body.

The meeting of the governing bodies of the Chamber is authorized when twothirds of the persons who must participate in it participate, and the decision of the governing bodies is adopted by the voting of two-thirds of the persons participating in it.

**5.3.** The mandate of the General Assembly includes the following matters:

- introduction of amendments and addenda to the Charter and approval of the Charter in a new edition;

- election for a period of 3 (three) years of the Board of the Chamber and the Chairman of the Board and their dismissal;

- decision on reorganization and liquidation of the Chamber;

- hearing and approval of the report of the Chairman of the Board;

- election of the Audit Commission for a period of 3 (three) years and the approval of its report;

- identification of strategic issues of the Chamber;

- The General Assembly may resolve other issues that do not contradict the Charter, the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan and international acts joined by the Republic of Uzbekistan.

**5.4.** Issues within the competence of the General Assembly may not be transferred or delegated to other bodies of the Chamber.

**5.5. The Board** is the governing body of the Chamber, which meets at least once a year. The Board consists of fifteen members elected by the General Assembly for a term of three years.

**5.6. The Board** has the following powers:

- determine terms of admission and membership to the Chamber;

- approve the Chamber's symbol, as well as changes and additions to it;

- make a decision on the establishment and termination of territorial subdivisions;

- approve the regulations of territorial subdivisions;

- approve the Chamber's cost estimate and staffing table and dispose of the Chamber's property;

- appoint the executive director (the head of the executive body) for a period of 3 years;

- development and implement the annual work plan based on the Chamber's

strategic plan;

## **5.7. Audit Commission:**

Control over the financial and economic activities of the Chamber, the targeted use of funds is carried out by the Audit Commission, elected by the General Assembly consisting of 3 (three) members for a period of 3 (three) years.

The Chairman and members of the Commission cannot participate in other activities of the Chamber, be members of the Board and governing bodies.

The Audit Commission conducts audits at least once a year on a scheduled basis, as well as unscheduled audits based on the decisions of the General Assembly or the Board. The Audit Commission carries out its activities on the basis of the current legislation and this Charter.

Reports on the activities of the Audit Commission are reviewed and approved by the General Assembly.

**5.8.** The Chairman of the Board is elected by the General Assembly for a period of 3 (three) years.

5.9. The Chairman of the Board has the following powers:

- independently make decisions and carry out activities on all issues related to the management of the Chamber;

- participate in conferences, symposiums and other events on behalf of the Chamber;

- manage the activities of the Chamber, participate in the meetings of the Chamber as the Chairman and manage it;

- appoint and dismiss employees of the Chamber and managers of departments;

- act on behalf of the Chamber without a power of attorney;

- issue powers of attorney to other persons (individuals) on behalf of the Chamber;

- has the right of first signature on documents of the Chamber;

- develop and submit to the General Assembly projects to improve and maintain the activities of the Chamber;

- if necessary, convene an extraordinary General Assembly;

- control the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly and the Board and ensure their implementation.

The Chairman of the Board may temporarily transfer his/her powers and duties to another person in whole or in part due to his vacation, temporary illness, business trip or other reasons.

In connection with the dismissal of the Chairman of the Board or suspension from duties, death or for other reasons, the Board may temporarily appoint an acting Chairman of the Board.

# VI. PROPERTY AND FUNDS OF THE CHAMBER AND SOURCES OF THEIR FORMATION

6.1. The Chamber, its territorial subdivisions and other structural units may own

buildings, housing, vehicles, agricultural machinery, equipment and other property, funds etc. to provide material and financial support for the activities specified in the Charter. The property of the Chamber and its subdivisions and other structural units is the common property of the Chamber.

**6.2.** The sources of formation of funds and property of the Chamber and its territorial subdivisions are:

- charitable funds and property voluntarily provided by organizations and individuals;

- proceeds from seminars, lectures, festivals, exhibitions and other events in accordance with the Charter;

- income from the activities of economic entities founded as part of the Chamber;

- sponsorship of international organizations and institutions;

- Republican and international grants received in the field of core activities;

- other income not prohibited by the law.

## VII. TERRITORIAL SUBDIVISIONS AND THEIR RIGHTS TO MANAGE THEIR PROPERTY

**7.1.** The Chamber's structure includes its territorial subdivisions.

Subdivisions with the status of a legal entity shall be officially registered (state registration) with the territorial justice authorities, and subdivisions without the status of a legal entity shall be simply registered with the territorial justice authorities.

The decision on the establishment, reorganization and liquidation of the territorial subdivisions of the Chamber shall be made by the Board.

The procedure for the establishment, reorganization and liquidation of territorial subdivisions, their rights and obligations, the rights to manage their property, and the detailed rules pertaining to their governing bodies shall be defined by the Regulations of the territorial subdivisions.

**7.2.** The property of the territorial subdivisions of the Chamber and other structural units is the property of the Chamber and is managed and disposed of as the property of the Chamber.

## VIII. PROCEDURE FOR INTRODUCING AMENDMENTS AND ADDENDA TO THE CHARTER, REORGANIZATION AND LIQUIDATION OF THE CHAMBER

**8.1.** Amendments and addenda to the Charter of the Chamber are made by the decision of the General Assembly.

8.2. After introducing amendments and addenda to the Charter, the Chamber undergoes re-registration. Amendments and addenda to the Charter of the

Chamber shall come into force upon re-registration of the Chamber.

**8.3.** The activities of the Chamber may be suspended by the court in case of violation of the Constitution and legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

**8.4.** The reorganization of the Chamber is carried out by merger, accession, division, separation and transformation in accordance with the decision of the General Assembly.

The reorganization of the Chamber is carried out in accordance with the procedure established by the law.

**8.5.** The termination of the activities of the Chamber is carried out by decision of the General Assembly or by decision of the court.

**8.6.** The body that made the decision to dissolve the Chamber appoints a liquidation commission in agreement with the Ministry of Justice.

**8.7.** Termination of the activities of the Chamber is carried out in accordance with the procedure established by the law.

**8.8.** Upon liquidation of the Chamber, the property remaining after the satisfaction of creditors' claims may not be distributed among the participants (members) of the Chamber, as well as members of the governing bodies or employees of the Chamber, and it will be used for statutory or charitable purposes.

The provisions of the Charter cannot be interpreted in a manner that is contrary to the regulatory legal acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the provisions of the Charter that are contrary to the regulatory legal acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be deemed invalid.

#### Chairman of the Board:

**B.** Toshev