**NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION "MEDIA REFORM CENTER"**
**STATUTE**
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**1. General Provisions**

1.1. NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION "MEDIA REFORM CENTER" (hereinafter referred to as the Organization) is a public association created to exercise and protect the rights and freedoms, satisfy the public, economic, social and other interests of the Organization's members. The Organization is non-profit, created without the purpose of making a profit.

1.2. The legal basis for the Organization's activities is the Constitution of Ukraine, the Law of Ukraine "On Public Associations", the current legislation of Ukraine, this Statute, regulatory documents and decisions of a general nature that are adopted by the Organization within the framework of its statutory powers and are mandatory for all members.

1.3. The full name of the Organization in Ukrainian:
NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION "MEDIA REFORM CENTER".
The abbreviated name of the Organization in Ukrainian:
GO "MEDIA REFORM CENTER".

1.4. The full name of the Organization in English:
NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION «THE MEDIA REFORMS CENTRE».
The abbreviated name of the Organization in English:
THE MRC.

1.4. The Organization is a legal entity. The Organization acquires the status of a legal entity from the day of its state registration.

**2. Goals and Objectives of the Organization**

2.1. The goal of the Organization is to carry out educational, research and scientific activities.

2.2. The main task and directions of the Organization's activity are:

– to promote the professional development of media workers by organizing trainings, courses and other forms of training;
– to conduct scientific research in the field of mass media;
– to provide methodological assistance to educational institutions in the creation, development and implementation of educational programs and courses in journalism and media business;
– to promote the free of charge publication and distribution of periodicals and other printed products to fulfill the goals and statutory tasks of the Organization;
– to promote the creation, preparation and publication, free of charge, of educational and methodological materials and manuals for media workers and educational institutions;
– to provide methodological, methodological and legal assistance free of charge to members of the Organization.

2.3. In accordance with the assigned tasks, the Organization has the right to:

– receive funds and other property for the implementation of statutory activities;
– independently decide on its activities;
– be a participant in civil legal relations, acquire property and non-property rights;
– represent and protect their legitimate interests and the legitimate interests of their members in state bodies and public associations;

– to hold mass events (campaigns, meetings, competitions, performances, etc.);
– to provide material, informational, organizational and other types of assistance to members of the Organization;
– to receive information from state authorities and local self-government bodies necessary for the implementation of its goals and tasks;
– to make proposals to the authorities and local self-government bodies;
– to disseminate information and promote their activities;
– to establish or join public associations, enter into appropriate agreements, organize and participate in city, regional and national events;
– to organize and conduct conferences, congresses, symposiums, seminars, competitions, internships, courses, other educational and scientific events related to statutory activities;
– to participate in the organization and financing of joint programs and projects with state authorities, local self-government bodies, enterprises, organizations and institutions, citizens;
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– to receive funding to ensure the activities of the organization, to achieve its goals and objectives, in a manner that does not contradict the current legislation;
– to establish business entities (with the right of a legal entity), including mass media;
– to establish charitable organizations in accordance with the procedure established by law;
– to cooperate with foreign and international non-governmental organizations, maintain professional ties, exchange experience and information, exchange delegations, join international public (non-governmental) organizations, enter into appropriate agreements;
– to organize and carry out the purchase of goods and the production of advertising (informational) posters and symbols to ensure the implementation of their own statutory goals and objectives;
– to develop, within the framework of its powers, proposals for the formation of state policy;
– to ensure international cooperation.

**3. Conditions and Procedure for Admission to the Organization and Withdrawal from It**

3.1. Membership in the Organization is voluntary and individual. Members of the Organization can be individuals who have reached the age of 18, regardless of nationality, political convictions, citizenship, race, gender, religion.
3.2. The admission of new members is carried out on condition of their recognition of the Statute of the Organization, support of the goals and objectives of the Organization.
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**Order of Formation, Activity and Powers of the Governing Bodies**

4.1. The governing bodies of the Organization include: the General Assembly, the Board headed by the Chairman of the Board of the Organization.
4.2. The highest governing body of the Organization is the General Meeting of the members of the Organization.
4.3. The General Meeting of the members of the Organization:

- is the supreme governing body of the Organization, to which all members of the Organization are convened at least once a year. Extraordinary General Meetings of the members of the Organization may be convened at the request of 1/3 of the members of the Organization, the Board or the Chairman of the Board of the Organization, the Audit Commission;

- is competent to decide on issues of the Organization's activities in the presence of at least 1/2 of the total number of members of the Organization;
- may make decisions on any issues of the Organization's activities. Decisions of the General Meeting are made by a simple majority of the votes of the members of the Organization present, are drawn up in minutes and signed by the chairman and secretary of the General Meeting. Decisions of the General Meeting are mandatory for all members of the Organization and the governing bodies of the Organization.

4.4. The exclusive competence of the General Meeting includes:

- approval of the Statute of the Organization, amendments and additions to it;
- election of members of the Board, the Chairman of the Board of the Organization and the Audit Commission of the Organization;
- determination of the main directions of activity and promising plans of the Organization, approval of reports on their implementation;
- hearing and approving the annual reports of the Board;
- approval of the symbols of the Organization;
- consideration of the issue of effective use of the property and funds of the Organization, implementation of the right of ownership;
- consideration of applications and complaints of members of the Organization;
- making a decision on the establishment of economic entities (with the right of a legal entity), including mass media, charitable organizations;
- making a decision on the reorganization or liquidation of the Organization, appointment of the liquidation commission.

4.5. The Board of the Organization:

- is elected in the amount of three persons from among the members of the Organization - two members of the Board and the Chairman of the Board;
- is a permanent administrative and executive body of the Organization;
- organizes the financial, accounting and other activities of the Organization;
- accepts and excludes from the members of the Organization;
- keeps operational and accounting records, statistical reports, is responsible for their complete accuracy;
- considers applications and appeals of citizens - members of the Organization, legal entities, institutions and organizations.

4.6. The Chairman of the Board of the Organization:

- manages the Board of the Organization;
- is the manager of the Organization's funds;
- carries out economic management of the funds and property of the Organization;
- draws up a staffing table and an estimate of expenses for the financial and economic activity and functioning of the Organization, submits them for approval to the Board of the Organization;
- hires (on the basis of employment contracts) and dismisses employees of the Organization; determines the working conditions of the employees of the Organization. The labor legislation of Ukraine on labor, social security and social insurance applies to the staff employees of the Organization. Expenses incurred as a result of the

performance of their official duties by employees of the Organization are reimbursed at the expense of the Organization;
- acts without a power of attorney on behalf of the Organization, represents the Organization in relations with state bodies, enterprises, institutions, organizations, citizens; on behalf of the Organization concludes agreements and contracts for the implementation of the statutory goals and objectives of the Organization;
- opens current and deposit accounts in banking institutions;
- issues orders, instructions and other acts within the limits of the granted powers.

4.7. The Audit Commission of the Organization:
- is the controlling body of the Organization;
- carries out control over the financial activities and compliance with the requirements of the provisions of the Statute of the Organization;
- members of the commission present at the meeting;
- scheduled meetings of the Audit Commission are held once a year;
- extraordinary meetings of the commission are held at the request of the Chairman of the Audit Commission by decision of the Board;
- reports to the General Meeting of the Organization;
- initiates the convening of an extraordinary meeting of the Board of the Organization, the General Meeting of the Organization;
- provides the conclusions of inspections and audits to the General Meeting of the Organization and the meeting of the Board of the Organization for taking appropriate measures.

4.8. The Chairman of the Audit Commission is elected at the first meeting of the Audit Commission of the Organization and performs the following functions:
- convenes meetings of the audit commission (including extraordinary meetings);
- manages the work of the audit commission.

4.10. The statutory bodies of the Organization have other rights and exercise other powers provided for by this Statute, decisions of the statutory bodies, regulations and programs of the Organization, if they do not contradict the requirements of the current legislation of Ukraine.

**5. Property and Funds of the Organization**

5.1. The property and funds of the Organization are made up of:
- membership fees;
- donations and other voluntary contributions;
- grants and subsidies from individuals, legal entities and international organizations;
- income from the Organization's economic activities;
- other income not prohibited by law.

5.2. The property and funds of the Organization are used to achieve the statutory goals and objectives of the Organization.

5.3. The Organization has the right to own, use and dispose of its property and funds in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine.

5.4. The Organization keeps accounting records in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine.

**6. Reorganization and Liquidation of the Organization**

6.1. The Organization may be reorganized or liquidated in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine.

6.2. The decision on reorganization or liquidation of the Organization is made by the General Meeting of the members of the Organization by a qualified majority of two-thirds of the votes of the members of the Organization present at the meeting.
6.3. In case of reorganization, all rights and obligations of the Organization are transferred to the legal entities that are its successors.
6.4. In case of liquidation of the Organization, a liquidation commission is appointed, which carries out the liquidation of the Organization in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine.
6.5. The property and funds of the Organization remaining after the satisfaction of the claims of its creditors are directed to achieve the statutory goals and objectives of other non-profit organizations that are similar in their activities to the liquidated Organization.

**7. Final Provisions**

7.1. This Statute is adopted at the General Meeting of the members of the Organization and comes into force from the date of its state registration.
7.2. Changes and additions to this Statute are made by the General Meeting of the members of the Organization in the manner prescribed by this Statute.

**8. Statutory Symbols of the Organization**

8.1. The statutory symbols of the Organization are its emblem and motto.
8.2. The emblem of the Organization is a stylized image of the globe with the inscription "Media Reform Center" in Ukrainian and English.
8.3. The motto of the Organization is "For a Free and Responsible Media".
8.4. The emblem and motto of the Organization are used on its official documents, letterheads, seals, stamps and other attributes.

**9. Transitional Provisions**

9.1. From the date of entry into force of this Statute, the members of the Organization who were admitted to the Organization before the entry into force of this Statute are considered members of the Organization on the basis of this Statute.
9.2. The Board of the Organization elected before the entry into force of this Statute continues to exercise its powers until the election of a new Board of the Organization in accordance with this Statute.
9.3. The property and funds of the Organization, which were at its disposal before the entry into force of this Statute, become the property and funds of the Organization on the basis of this Statute.

**10. Details**

10.1. The details of the Organization are:

- full name in Ukrainian: NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION "MEDIA REFORM CENTER";
- abbreviated name in Ukrainian: GO "MEDIA REFORM CENTER";
- full name in English: NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION «THE MEDIA REFORMS CENTRE»;
- abbreviated name in English: THE MRC;
- location: City of Sumy, Ukraine.

**11. Signatures**

[Signatures of the founders of the Organization]

**Date**

[Date of adoption of the Statute]




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