

Pursuant to provisions of Articles 11 and 12 of the Law on Associations (Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia issues no. 51/09, 99/11 - state laws and 44/2018 - state law), at the founding meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 in Belgrade, we adopted the following

## **STATUTE OF THE ASSOCIATION “Mame su zakon”**

### **Scope**

#### **Article 1**

The association “Mame su zakon” (hereinafter: the Association) is a voluntary, nongovernmental, and non-profit association established for indefinite time for the purpose of attaining the goals in the field of improving the quality of life of women, children, families, and youth.

### **Goals**

#### **Article 2**

The goals of the Association are:

- 1) To promote and implement programmes aimed at improving position and quality of life of women, children, families, and youth;
- 2) To provide equal opportunities for all citizens to be involved in formal, non-formal and informal education, regardless of their age, sex, sexual orientation, financial background, physical, motor, or sensory disability, or any other personal feature;
- 3) To create and implement training programmes in the field of education and upbringing, health, social policies, human rights and rights of minorities, environmental protection, information and communication technology, arts and culture, sports and recreation, skills development, and any other area that contributes to improving position and quality of life of women, children, families, and youth.

#### **Article 3**

For the purpose of attaining its goals, the Association namely:

- 1) Collects and reviews legislation and other proposals on practical policies;
- 2) Collects and reviews scientific and expert literature in the field of improving position and quality of life of women, children, families, and youth;
- 3) Organises, independently or in collaboration with other organisations, academic and professional conferences, counselling, advisory meetings, seminars, and other forms of education in the field of improving position and quality of life of women, children, families, and youth;
- 4) Publishes books and other publications on issues of relevance to the programmes for improving position and quality of life of women, children, families, and youth in line with the law;

- 5) Organises experts to educate general population in the field of improving position and quality of life of women, children, families, and youth;
- 6) Cooperates with universities, schools, professional associations and other organisations, national and international, dedicated to improving position and quality of life of women, children, families, and youth;
- 7) Cooperates with public bodies and institutions of the Republic of Serbia for the purpose of improving position and quality of life of women, children, families, and youth;
- 8) Organises volunteering activities for the purpose of improving position and quality of life of women, children, families, and youth.

## **Name and Head Office**

### **Article 4**

The name of the Association is: Mame su zakon

The name of the Association in English language is: Mothers Rule

The short name is: #MameSuZakon

The head office of the Association is located in Belgrade.

The Association operates on the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

### **Article 5**

Visual identity of the Association includes a trademark and a logo.

The trademark is a silhouette of a mother holding a baby in her arms. The colour of the sign is beige (tan).

The logo reads "Mame su zakon" written in black italics.

The trade mark is aligned with the centre of the logo. Both elements can be used individually if needed.

Colour: beige and black; CMYK palette; Beige: M - 35%, Y - 70%; Black: K – 100%; RGB palette; Beige: R - 205, G - 176, B – 97; Black: R – 35, G – 31, B - 32.

### **Article 6**

The Association uses a round seal.

The upper arch of the seal reads: УДРУЖЕЊЕ МАМЕ СУ ЗАКОН written in capital Cyrillic letters. The lower arch of the seal reads: UDRUŽENJE MAME SU ZAKON written in capital Latin letters.

The central area of the seal contains Cyrillic italics that read: *Маме су закон!*, with a silhouette of a mother holding a baby in her arms above it, and the word: БЕОГРАД written in capital Cyrillic letters below it.

## **Membership**

### **Article 7**

Any person may become a member of the Association provided they agree with the goals of the Association and provisions of this Statute, and that they submit an application to become a member to the Assembly of the Association.

Minors of the age of 14 and older may become members of the Association if they provide a certified statement of approval made by their legal representative.

For minors under the age of 14 referred to in Paragraph 2 of this article, the application is submitted by their legal representative.

### **Article 8**

The decision on the admission of the applicant is made by the Assembly, and the party filing for membership shall be informed on the decision within 30 days from the day of written application being submitted.

A member may terminate their membership by providing a written statement on their intent to terminate their membership. Minors may terminate their membership without the approval from their legal representative.

Membership in the Association may be terminated due to inactivity of the member over a long period of time, failure to follow the provisions of this Statute, or due to causing harm to the reputation of the Association.

The decision on termination of membership is made by the Assembly.

A member must be given an opportunity to explain the reasons for which they decided to file for termination of their membership in the Association.

## **Rights and Responsibilities of the Members**

### **Article 9**

Members of the Association have the right to:

- 1) Equal to other members, take part in attaining the goals of the Association;
- 2) Be directly involved in decision-making at the Assembly of the Association;
- 3) Elect and be elected for Association bodies;
- 4) Be timely and fully informed on the work and activities of the Association.

Members of the Association have a responsibility to:

- 1) Follow the provisions of the Statute and other acts of the Association;
- 2) Actively contribute to attaining the goals of the Association;
- 3) Take part in activities of the Association, in line with their interests;
- 4) Protect the interests, reputation, and assets of the Association;
- 5) Pay the membership fee;
- 6) Perform other duties delegated by the Association bodies.

## **Internal Organisation**

### **Article 10**

Bodies of the Association are: the Assembly, the President, and the Secretary. The role of the representative of the Association is held by the President or, in their absence, by the Vice-President.

### **Article 11**

The Assembly of the Association includes all its members.

Regular meetings of the Assembly are held once a year.

Extraordinary sessions may be called on initiative of at least one third of the Assembly membership. The initiative is submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Assembly, and it shall contain the issues that are expected to be discussed.

The meeting of the Assembly is summoned by the Chairperson of the Assembly by means of a written notice stating location, time, and the proposed agenda of the meeting, and it shall be delivered to the members at least 3 days in advance. The meeting is chaired by a person elected at the beginning of the session by public voting.

The Assembly:

- 1) Enacts a plan and programme of activities and implements them;
- 2) Adopts the Statute and amendments thereto;
- 3) Adopts other general acts of the Association;
- 4) Appoints and discharges the President and Vice-President of the Association;
- 5) Appoints and discharges the Secretary of the Association upon proposal from the President of the Association;
- 6) Appoints and discharges members of the Expert Council upon proposal from the President of the Association;
- 7) Considers and adopts performance reports of the Association;
- 8) Considers and adopts financial plans and statements;
- 9) Decides on changes to the status, or on termination of the Association;
- 10) Decides on forming unions or joining other associations in the country and abroad.

The Assembly makes decision based on majority vote by members present at the meeting.

Exceptionally, decisions on amendments to the Statute, changes of the status, or termination of the Association require two-thirds majority vote by members present at the meeting.

## **Article 12**

The President and the Vice-President of the Association are appointed and discharged by the Association Assembly from their own membership, by means of a two-thirds majority vote by members present at the meeting.

In absence of the President, the Vice-President is authorised to represent the Association and endorse any financial and monetary documents on behalf of the Association.

The President of the Association:

- 1) Manages operations of the Association and makes decisions aimed at attaining the goals of the Association;
- 2) Organises regular operation and activities of the Association;
- 3) Delegates special duties to individual members;
- 4) Represents the Association in legal affairs, and holds the rights and responsibilities of endorsing financial transactions;
- 5) Signs and endorses Association acts;
- 6) Prepares materials for Assembly meetings, ensures that the acts enacted by the Assembly are implemented, and prepares Association performance reports;
- 7) Concludes employment contracts and other contracts with employees and other working staff, as well as enacts decisions on termination of such contracts;
- 8) Submits annual plans and programmes to the Assembly for adoption, in cooperation with Assembly members;
- 9) Decides on initiating procedures to amend the Statute, upon their own initiative or upon proposal by at least five members of the Association, and submits them to the Assembly for adoption;
- 10) Proposes the Secretary of the Association to the Assembly;
- 11) Proposes persons for the Expert Council to the Assembly;
- 12) Decides on initiating a procedure for compensation for damages in cases referred to in Article 25, Paragraph 2 of the Law on Associations, and, if needed, appoints a person to represent the Association in the procedure;
- 13) Decides on other issues that are outside the scope of other bodies of the Association according to provisions of the law, or this Statute.

The President of the Association is elected for a period of four years, with a possibility of being re-elected.

The Assembly of the Association may discharge the President before expiry of their term.

The President of the Association has the right to file a complaint against the decision of the Assembly within 30 days from the day of the decision being enacted.

Final decision on their complaint is made by a Board established by the Assembly. The Decision is to be made within 30 days from the day of the complaint being filed.

### **Article 13**

The Secretary of the Association is appointed and discharged by the Assembly of the Association from their own members and upon proposal from the President of the Association.

The Secretary of the Association:

- 1) Assists the President in preparing the plan and programme of activities of the Association;
- 2) Assists the President in preparing performance reports and financial reports of the Association;
- 3) Assists the President in preparing materials for Assembly meetings and keeps minutes at the meetings;
- 4) Assists in preparing proposals for amendments to the Statute and other acts of the Association;
- 5) Performs other duties delegated to them by the President or the Assembly.

### **Article 14**

The Expert Council is a consulting body at the Association, established when needed. It is comprised of various experts who have knowledge and willingness to help the Association attain its goals by providing consultations and expert programmes of activities.

Members of the Expert Council are appointed by the Assembly upon proposal by the President of the Association.

Members of the Expert Council do not have to be members of the Association.

### **Public Nature of the Association Activities**

#### **Article 15**

The activities of the Association are public.

The President of the Association ensures that the members of the Association, as well as the general public, are regularly informed on the activities of the Association, directly, or indirectly using internal publications, that is, by making statements, or in other appropriate ways.

Annual statements and reports on the activities of the Association are provided to the members at the meetings of the Association Assembly.

#### **Article 16**

In order to attain its goals, the Association establishes contacts and cooperation with other associations and organisations in the country and abroad.

The Association may join international associations dedicated to improving position of women, children, families, and youth, subject to decision made by the Assembly of the Association.

## **Funding and Managing of Funds**

### **Article 17**

The Association is funded from the following sources:

- 1) Membership fees, voluntary contributions, donations, gifts, financial subsidies, and other sources in line with the law;
- 2) Registration fees for seminars and other educational activities organised by the Association in the field of improving position and quality of life of women, children, families, and youth;
- 3) Budget of the Republic of Serbia, city and municipality budgets, and budget funds of other local government units granted for specific projects;
- 4) National and international organisations and foundations giving grants for specific projects and applications.

## **Profit-Generating Economic Activity**

### **Article 18**

The Association generates funds by engaging in economic activity of publishing books, reviews and other periodicals, brochures, booklets, flyers, and similar publications that fall under the business activity code: 58.11, as well as other business activities prescribed by the law.

The Association will start performing business activities only after being officially registered at the Commercial Register.

Any profit generated as referred to in Paragraph 1 of this article can only be used for attaining the goals of the Association, including the operating costs and the share of its own funds in financing specific projects.

## **Termination of Operation of the Association**

### **Article 19**

The Association ceases to operate upon decision made by the Assembly of the Association, once the conditions for attaining the Association goals cease to exist, as well as in other cases foreseen by the law.

## **Managing Assets in Case of Termination of Operation of the Association**

### **Article 20**

In case the Association ceases to operate, the assets of the Association shall become property of the University Children's Hospital in Belgrade.

#### **Article 21**

Any issues not regulated by this Statute shall be subject to provisions of the Law on Associations.

#### **Article 22**

This Statute comes into force on the day of being adopted at the meeting of the Assembly of the Association held on 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 2019.

**The Chairperson  
of the Founding Meeting  
of the Association:**

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Tatjana Macura