

## World Lebanese Cultural Union

### Internal Regulations



#### Chapter 1 - Membership and affiliation:

##### First - Affiliation of Individuals:

**Article 1** - Every Lebanese National or descendant of Lebanese origin, whatever citizenship he/she may hold, who complies with article (3) para (f) and article (5) of the basic constitutional law and dwells in any of the geographical regions enumerated in the basic constitutional law, is entitled to affiliate to WLCU.

**Article 2** An application for membership in any immigration country will be submitted to the concerned branch in accordance with the membership conditions set there in.

**Article 3** The branch shall issue to each of its members a membership card signed by the Central Secretary General of WLCU and by the officer in charge of the branch. This card is renewable yearly.

**Article 4** Upon a special request made by a member, WLCU shall issue to him an honorary membership cards signed by the president of WLCU and its Central Secretary General.

**Article 5** Each member holding a duly renewed membership card shall be entitled to benefit of the advantages, facilities and discounts provided by WLCU.

##### Second- Membership of branches, clubs, societies, confederations, institutions and unions

**Article 6** Membership qualification of WLCU is confined to the current branches and to those that shall be established in the future. Clubs, societies, confederations, institutions and unions shall be considered branches whenever they subscribe to WLCU and are duly accepted.

**Article 7** A branch shall consist of a minimum of thirty members properly qualified for membership and holding duly renewed membership cards. Each such member is entitled to one vote in the election of the branch board. No one is entitled to membership in more than one branch.

**Article 8 - A** - An application for establishing a branch shall be submitted to the Secretariat General after endorsement by the National or State council, if available in the concerned country.

B- The National or State Council shall forward the application to the Secretariat General within a maximum period of two months from the date of its submission, otherwise it may be submitted direct to the Secretariat General.

C- The branch is considered duly established once the Secretariat General is satisfied of its compliance with the regular set conditions. The Central Secretary General shall then take the decision for establishing the branch and advise the National or State Council accordingly after registering such decision in the register of the Secretariat General.

**Article 9** Such a branch is considered a legal person and enjoys administration and financial independence. It shall write down its own regulations provided that such regulations do not contradict the basic constitutional law, the internal regulations of WLCU, and the local current laws and regulations.

**Article 10** The members of a branch shall elect from within their ranks the president and board of the branch. The elected president shall be legally considered a member of the National or State Council in the hosting country. The president of the branch shall advise the Secretariat General, through the National or State Council, of the internal regulations of the branch as well as of its address and the names and addresses of its members with samples of their signatures and the signatures of the responsible officials. The president shall also submit to the Central Secretariat General and to the National or State Council to which his branch belongs, a yearly report on the activities of his branch.



## Chapter Two - General Organizations:

**Article 11** - WLCU comprises nine organizations, viz.:

- 1 - The World Conference
- 2 - The World Council
- 3 - The Presidential Council
- 4 - The Central Secretariat General.
- 5 - The Advisory Council
- 6 - The council of Secretaries
- 7 - The Arbitration Council
- 8 - The World Committee for Youth Descendants of Lebanese Origin
- 9 - The World Committee for Women Descendants of Lebanese origin

### First - The World Conference:

**Article 12 - A-** The world conference consists of the presidents of branches, clubs, societies, confederations, institutions and unions ; of the presidents of national and state councils ; of the chairmen of national committees for youth descendants of Lebanese origin and of committees for Geographical regions; of the members of the presidential council and of the central secretary general.

B- Each head of organization is entitled to be represented in any session of the conference by a delegate whom he selects from the members of the organization which he presides. He shall provide such delegate with a written power of attorney for an assigned session. The power of attorney shall bear the stamp of the organization and the signature of the president of the organization.

**Article 13** The World Conference is the highest authority of WLCU. It lays down and amends its regulations and controls all its organizations in view of meeting its objectives.

**Article 14 A-** The World Conference shall, virtually, convene in an ordinary general assembly meeting once every two years, whether in Lebanon or outside it. This meeting shall be called for by the president of the presidential council through the Central Secretariat General.

B- The secretary general shall call for the meeting and send the agenda of work to each organization by registered mail or by any known means of serving, within a minimum period of three months before the date of the meeting of the conference.

C - During the session of its ordinary meeting, the conference shall be chaired by the rotational president of WLCU. He shall be assisted by the secretary general and six auditors, one from each geographical region. The auditors shall register the names of the attending members and verify the legality and outstanding of each of them. They shall verify the forum and the number of votes.

D - The central secretary general shall write the minutes of the meeting and sign them together with the members of the presidential council..

E - A forum is attained in the first ordinary session of WLCU by the attendance of absolute majority of the invited members; otherwise by whoever attends in the second session which shall be held, virtually, within two hours of the prescribed time of the first meeting.

F- The general ordinary meeting of WLCU takes its decisions by proportional majority of the attending members.

G- The session shall be opened by stating that forum has been attained and by reading the agenda of work which comprises:

- 1- The report of the presidential council and its approval.
- 2- The administrative and financial reports of central secretariat general and their approval.
- 3- Taking a decision on a plan of work of WLCU during the coming two years.





- Article 15- 1** - A non ordinary (exceptional) meeting of the world conference shall be held whenever necessary:
- a- Upon a request of the majority of the attending members of an ordinary or exceptional meeting of the world conference.
  - b- Upon the request of two thirds of the members of the presidential council.
- 2- The same procedures applied for calling an ordinary general assembly of WLCU shall be followed. Meetings of non ordinary (exceptional) sessions shall be chaired by the rotational president of the presidential council.
- 3- A forum is attained in the first non ordinary session of the world conference by the attendance of two thirds of the invited members; otherwise by whoever attends the second session which will be held, virtually, within two hours of the prescribed time for the first meeting.
- 4- Decisions of WLCU general non ordinary meetings shall be taken by a two thirds majority of the attending members.

**Article 16** - In world conference meetings, ordinary and exceptional, voting on decisions shall be made by hand raising. In such world conference meetings each member shall have one vote provided that Brazil is credited with one third of the votes and the other two thirds are credited to the remaining geographical regions combined together.

#### **Second- The World Council:**

**Article 17-** The world council consists of:

- Chairmen of the committees of geographical regions.
- Presidents of National and State councils
- Members of the presidential council
- The central secretary general
- The secretary general of the World Committee for Youth Descendants of Lebanese Origin



#### **Authorities of the World Council:**

**Article 18 - A-** The World Council shall have the power to:

- 1- Supervise the execution of the decisions of the world conference by executive organizations of WLCU.
- 2- Study and discuss and approve the yearly budget of WLCU.
- 3- Take the necessary recommendations and decisions to be applied by the executive organizations of WLCU.
- 4- Call for the World Conference meetings in ordinary and exceptional sessions. (Article 15- Para 1-a)

B- The World Conference will , virtually, meet once per year whether in Lebanon or outside it as specified in the addressed call. The president of the Presidential council will call for the meeting through the central secretariat general.

An exceptional assembly of the World Conference will be held upon a request from the presidential council, or upon a recommendation made to the council by the secretariat general or by any of the committees of the geographical regions.

The presidential council will take its decision regarding the recommendation within one month from the date receiving it. Within one month from its acceptance, when accepted, the president of the presidential council shall, then, address a call for the meeting of the world conference .

C- The rotational president of the presidential council shall chair the meeting and shall be assisted by the central secretary general and by six auditors appointed by the president , each auditor representing one geographical region.

D- A forum is attained in the first session by the attendance of half of the invited members plus one; otherwise by whoever attends the second session which shall be held, virtually, within two hours of the prescribed time of the first meeting.



E - Decisions shall be taken by absolute majority and voting will be made by hand raising , consideration being taken of article 16.

F- Each member of the world conference may delegate a selected member of the organization which he presides, to represent him in a specified session, provide he gives that delegate a written power of attorney bearing the stamp of the organization and the signature of the presidency of the organization.

### **Third - Committees of the Geographical Regions:**

**Article 19** - Each of the committees of the geographical regions consists of the presidents of National and State councils in that geographical region of the Diaspora countries as defined in the law.

**Article 20** Committees of the geographical regions are empowered to execute the decisions of the world conference, and to coordinate the work and decisions of the national and state councils in each geographical region for ensuring cooperation and integration between them.

**Article 21- A** - Committees of geographical regions shall write down their own internal regulations taking into consideration the objectives of WLCU and abiding by the constitutional basic law and internal regulations of WLCU and local laws of the countries of the Diaspora. A copy of such regulations shall be served to the central secretariat general.

-B - Committees of geographical regions shall meet once every two years in a date other than the dates of the world conference meetings.

-C- Each committee shall elect its president and administrative board in the same way applied for electing the member of the presidential council in that geographical region. The term of such president and board shall be for two years non renewable and non extendible.

### **Fourth- The National Councils:**

**Article 22** The National or State Council shall consist, at least, of the presidents of three branches, clubs, societies, confederations, or unions affiliated to WLCU in the Lebanese Diaspora countries.

**Article 23** - The national or state council is empowered to execute the decisions of the world conference and those of the world council and to coordinate between the branches, , clubs, societies, confederations, and unions of the hosting country to ensure cooperation and interaction between them.

**Article 24** - The national or state council shall hold its annual meeting in a date other than the date of meeting of the world council and of the continental conference. It shall elect, from the ranks of its members, for a term of two years, an administrative board which comprises a president, a vice president, a treasurer and counselors. The president is not to be re-elected before the expiry of two years after his previous term.

Minutes of the election session together with a list of the elected members of the board , their full addresses and samples of their signatures shall be served to the central secretariat general.

The national or state council shall write down its own internal regulations taking into consideration the objectives of WLCU and abiding by the constitutional basic law and internal regulations of WLCU and local laws of the countries of the Diaspora. A copy of such regulations shall be served to the central secretariat general

In countries or states where incorporation with another state is not feasible, a single branch may form a national or state council after obtaining the approval of the central secretariat general for considerate excuses.

**Article 25** Where necessary for reasons of internal organization in some geographical regions, national councils may be replaced by Provincial councils that comprise the organizations affiliated to WLCU. Such provincial councils may form, jointly, a council of geographical region when a justified approval is given by the central secretariat general and endorsed by the presidential council.

### **The Presidential Council:**

**Article 26** - The presidential council consists of six members representing the six geographical regions defined in the basic constitutional law.



**Article 27** - In each geographical region a member of the presidential council is elected, by secret voting and in the same way as stated in article 7 of the basic constitutional law.

**Article 28 -A-** In each geographical region the member of the presidential council is elected for a term of six years.

B- When two or more candidates obtain equal votes of the organizations affiliated to WLCU, e.g. clubs, societies, institutions, confederations, and unions represented, each by its president or his delegate in accordance with article 12, para B of these regulations, the most senior affiliated candidate shall be considered winner ,after the approval of these regulations, and in case of equal seniority of affiliation, the elder is considered winner.

**Article 29-** The rotational president of the presidential council in its last session shall , six months before the expiry of his term, appoint the date for electing the members of the presidential council in each geographical region. All organizations shall be served with such appointed date through the central secretariat general.

**Article 30** The candidate who obtains the second highest number of votes to each elected member of the presidential council in a geographical region, is considered a successor member.

**Article 31** The successor member shall replace the original member in the presidential council for the remaining period of his term when the position becomes vacant because of death, permanent disability or resignation.

If three positions in the presidential council become vacant of both original and successor members , election of replacing members shall be made if the remaining period of the term of the council is two years or more.

#### **Meetings:**

**Article 32** The presidential council shall hold one ordinary meeting every year. It may meet, upon the request of its president, for discussing and taking decisions regarding emergency problems. The presidential council shall take all decisions leading to ensure the objectives of WLCU.

**Article 33** Forum for the meeting of the presidential council is attained by the attendance of more than half its members. Decisions of the presidential council are taken by the majority of the legally attending members. In case of equal votes, the vote of the president shall be considered preponderant

#### **Authorities:**

**Article 34** All members of the presidential council have equal authority. The president of the council is considered president of WLCU and most senior among his peers. During his term, he chairs the meetings, signs the correspondence, and represents WLCU.

**Article 35** The presidential council is the executive authority in WLCU. It organizes, directs, and administers the affairs of WLCU, in general, and supervises the execution of the decisions taken by the world conference and by the world council in particular.

**Article 36** The world council is responsible to the world conference for any violations committed by itself against the law and against regulations of WLCU. The world conference has the right to dismiss the presidential council before the end of its term by taking an irrevocable ratified decision to this effect in an exceptional general meeting.

**Article 37** As soon as the presidential council convenes during the world conference meeting, it shall appoint, for a renewable term of two years, a secretary general to WLCU , who shall administer the affairs of WLCU assisted by assistant secretary generals to be appointed upon his recommendation. The secretariat general is responsible towards the presidential council for violations committed by itself against the law and regulations of WLCU. The presidential council has the right to dismiss the secretary general for the following reasons:

The secretary general shall be automatically dismissed when he commits a major mistake or violates the regulations of WLCU, or the decisions of the conference or of the world council or the presidential council, or when he causes damage to WLCU. Such dismissal shall be affected in accordance with the procedure of appointment.

The presidential council is entitled to dismiss assistant secretaries general upon the recommendation, with justified pretexts, of the secretary general



### **The Secretariat General:**

**Article 38** The secretariat general consists of the secretary general, of assistant secretaries general appointed in accordance with article 37 of these regulations, of officials appointed by the secretary general as needed and in accordance with internal regulations laid down by the secretary general and approved by the presidential council. Such regulations shall prescribe the establishment of the officials, their remuneration, and their discharge taking into consideration the jurisdiction of the Lebanese labor law.

**Article 39** The secretary general has the authority to implement the plans and execute the decisions of the presidential council, and is responsible, in doing so and due to his delegation , for all matters included in the authorities of the presidential council and particularly the following:

- To ensure realization of the objectives of WLCU as defined in the basic constitutional law.
- To ensure execution of the decisions taken by the world conference and the world council through the presidential council in accordance with article 35.
- To address a call to the world conference for the meetings of the general assembly.
- To address a call to the world conference to convene.
- To accept affiliations to WLCU and to issue membership cards.
- To authorize and supervise the establishment of branches and to allow the establishment of more than one branch in one city
- To coordinate the work of the committees of geographical regions and of the national and provincial councils and of branches and organizations.
- To render judgment in differences between members and organizations of WLCU such as national and provincial councils and those of lower level.
- To appoint specialized committees for executing the objectives of WLCU.
- To appoint administrative, technical and counseling officials.
- To sign correspondence and powers of attorney.
- To administer the funds of WLCU and sign financial transactions with the assistant secretary general for financial affairs, and to assign a legal auditor ,to be appointed by the presidential council, for auditing the books and certifying the budget and submitting a yearly financial report to the world conference.
- To attend the meetings of the world conference, of the presidential council and of the world council, and to write the minutes of the meetings, personally or through a delegate, and to sign such minutes with the president of the meeting organization. To attend, also whether personally or through a delegate, the meetings of committees of geographical regions and the elections of the boards of such committees, and of the members of the presidential council. .
- To serve, where necessary, the decisions of the world conference, of the world council, of the presidential council , and of the other organizations.
- The remuneration of the secretary general shall be defined in accordance with the recommendation of the world president and the approval of the presidential council.
- During the absence of the secretary general he shall be deputized by the administrative assistant secretary general or any other assistant secretary general whom the secretary general may delegate.
- When the position of secretary general becomes vacant it shall be filled by the administrative assistant secretary general pending the appointment of his successor..

**Article 40** The assistant secretaries general shall assist the secretary general upon delegation from him. He calls them to the meetings of the secretariat general , ordinary and exceptional, so that they submit their reports on the work delegated to them.

**Article 41** The secretary general assigns the functions and authorities of the assistant secretaries general according to the following specialties:

- assistant secretary general for administrative affairs.
- assistant secretary general for financial affairs.
- assistant secretary general for committees affairs.
- six assistant secretaries general, who reside and work abroad, for regional affairs.



**Article 42** Each assistant secretary general deputizes for the secretary general within his specialty.

**The Assistant Secretary General for Administrative Affairs:** He

- keeps in order the registers of meetings, decisions and recommendations relating to the organizations of WLCU, in particular, the general assembly and the executive and advisory boards.
- receives the incoming mail and submits it to the secretary general who refers the correspondence to the concerned authorities.
- writes the minutes of the secretariat general and signs them with the secretary general.
- is in charge of the records and documents of WLCU, of lists of names, addresses and dates of affiliation of the members and branch ID cards etc.
- is in charge of distributing membership cards, of receiving and delivering the incoming funds and donations.
- deputizes for the secretary general during his absence.

**The Assistant Secretary General for Financial Affairs:** He

- is responsible for the funds of WLCU and signs the financial transactions with the secretary general.
- collects subscriptions, contributions and donations against receipts with stubs.
- holds a legal accounting system assisted by experienced specialists.
- deposits in one or more banks, assigned by the secretary general, whatever exceeds \$1000 of the funds of WLCU.
- prepares the yearly budget and submits it to the secretary general.
- deputizes for assistant secretary general for administrative affairs during his absence.

**The Assistant Secretary General for Committees Affairs:** He

- supervises the concerned committees, coordinates their work and writes a yearly report on their activities.
- seeks, with the consent of the secretary general, the help of experienced persons and institutions for preparing studies that facilitate the work of the committees.
- is served with the recommendations of the concerned committees, and refers such recommendations to the secretary general with his comments.

**The Assistant Secretary General for regional Affairs:**

- The central secretary general delegates to each assistant secretary general, within the framework of his specialty, some functions to be defined by a decree that holds him responsible for them towards the central secretary general, such as:
  - To coordinate with the president of each committee of a geographical region, and with the presidents of the national and provincial councils the execution of all matters delegated to him.

**Third - The specialized committees:**

**Article 43** The secretary general shall appoint specialized committees of experts, each composed of, at least, a president and a reporter for accomplishing certain defined missions. Such committees are the following:

**Financial Committee** - To look after means of promoting the resources of WLCU, to recommend priorities of spending such resources, and to provide financial investments.

**Economic Committee**- To study how emigrants may contribute in rebuilding Lebanon and to strengthen the economic relation between Lebanon and their hosting countries.

**Information Committee** - To contribute in the exchange of Video, audio and written information programs between Lebanon and the hosting countries.

**Social Committee** - To study means of helping and supporting the needy and afflicted people in Lebanon and in the Diaspora, and to advise and direct the youth towards careers needed for labor market in Lebanon and in the Diaspora.

**Educational Committee** - To spread the Lebanese legacy in the countries of the Diaspora, and to encourage opening schools for teaching the Arabic language.



**Advisory Committee** - To provide, upon request, the necessary counseling and guidance to affiliated members of WLCU.

**Organizational Committee** - To prepare programs for conferences, and to plan for realizing the objectives of WLCU and promoting its efficiency.

**Statistical and Authenticating Committee** - To look after authentication matters in general, to raise detailed list of such matters, and to look after statistical affairs.

**Article 44** - The specialized committees shall make recommendations to be served to the assistant secretary general for committees affairs who refers them, with his comments, to the central secretary general for taking the appropriate decision.

**Article 45** - The secretary general has the right to appoint other specialized committees, when necessary, upon the recommendation of the assistant secretary general for committees affairs and after consulting the advisory council of WLCU.

#### **Chapter four**

##### **First - the Advisory Council:**

**Article 46** - The advisory council of WLCU is the juristic board of WLCU.

**Article 47** - The advisory council is composed of permanent members consisting of previous presidents and previous secretaries general of WLCU, and of previous secretaries general of the world council for youth of Lebanese descendants; and of an equal number of members, selected and proposed by these permanent members, from regional and world celebrities among emigrants, and from those who rendered good service to WLCU. Each of such members is subject to approval by the world conference in an ordinary general assembly meeting that shall be held every six years.

**Article 48** - A- As soon as established, the advisory council shall convene under the chairmanship of the most senior of its members, for agreeing on naming or electing, in case of disagreement, two of the members as president and vice president.

B- In the same place and at the same date that the world council and world conference hold their yearly meetings, the advisory council shall, virtually, convene every year for agreeing on naming or electing its new president and vice president, for noting the names proposed by the secretariat general as members of the council of secretaries and of the arbitration council, and for giving their comments on any subject proposed by the secretariat general including agreements, protocols, and contracts.

C - The reporter shall write the minutes of the meeting and submit them to the world council

D - The vice president shall deputize for the president during his absence. In case of absence of both, president and vice president, the meeting shall be chaired by the most senior attending member.

E - The secretary general or his delegate is considered reporter to the advisory council.

F - Forum shall be attained upon attendance of, at least, one third of the members in the first session, and by whoever attends in the second session which shall be held in the following day to that of the first session

G - Call for the meeting shall be addressed, at least, one month before its assigned date. Decisions shall be taken by the majority of the attending members.

##### **Second - Council of Secretaries:**

**Article 49** - The council of secretaries consists of the following personalities:

Heads of states, ministers, senators, members of parliament and other specialized prominent personalities among Lebanese emigrants.

**Article 50** - Every year, the world conference proposes names of new members of the council of secretaries after taking their consent or noting their wish to join the council of secretaries, and send a list of their names to the advisory council for information. The secretary general or his delegate shall act as reporter to the council of secretaries.

**Article 51** - The council of secretaries gives the necessary instructions for consolidating cooperation between Lebanon and the countries of the Diaspora.





**Article 52** - Irrespective of forum, the council of secretaries shall meet whenever the presidential council of WLCU or some members of the council of secretaries deem necessary. The attending members name, by agreement, one of them to chair the meeting. The directives of the council of secretaries are issued by agreement between members or through voting. Such directives are submitted to the central secretariat general for circularizing to the organizations of WLCU and for follow up.

**Third - The arbitration council:**

**Article 53** - The arbitration council consists of three basic members and of two substitute members to be selected by the world council among men of law affiliated to WLCU.

**Article 54** - The world council shall nominate, yearly, the members of the arbitration council in accordance with article 46 of these regulations. It shall, also, specify the names of the president and of the two counselors among the three basic members, and specify the name of the substitute president and the substitute counselor among the two substitute members.

**Article 55** - The arbitration council shall arbitrate in any disputes or differences arising about the explanation or the application of the basic constitutional law and the internal regulations of WLCU. It shall, also, arbitrate in all disputes and differences among the organizations and members of the superior board of WLCU.

**Article 56** - Each of the conflicting parties shall submit a written list comprising its statements and requests. The arbitration council has the right to summon before it both parties or one of them. The arbitration council shall give its judgment as an absolute arbitration. Its decisions are final, binding to the conflicting parties, and not subject to any means of review. The arbitration council is, also, entitled to take, upon the recommendation of the world president of WLCU or the central secretary general, any disciplinary measures it may deem necessary against the members who contravene the jurisdiction of the basic constitutional law and the regulations of WLCU, as well as against those who cause damages to WLCU and its organizations. Such measures include:

- cautioning - blaming - rebuking - suspension of membership of the culprit for a period to be defined by the arbitration council, and dismissal from WLCU.

**Chapter Five - Resources of WLCU:**

**First - subscription fees:**

**Article 57** - The resources of WLCU consist of yearly subscription fees, helps, gifts and contributions in accordance with article 13 of the basic constitutional law.

**Article 58** - The yearly subscription fee is US \$20 per affiliated member. The secretariat general is entitled to amend the amount of the yearly fee after consulting the advisory council. A new yearly fee shall become due at the beginning of each fiscal year. A fraction of a year is considered one complete year.

**Second - Funds of WLCU**

**Article 59** - A - The funds of WLCU shall be deposited in its name in one or more banks named by the president and secretary general of WLCU, provided that the assistant secretary general for financial affairs hold a proper accounting system and that the books and yearly budget are audited and signed by a legal auditor in accordance with the jurisdiction of article 40, para B.

B - Spending of funds shall be made against cheques or payment vouchers signed both by the president of WLCU or his delegate, and by the secretary general or his delegate.

**Article 60** - Spending the funds of WLCU shall be made by decision of the secretary general. The assistant secretary general for financial affairs shall pay the amounts assigned in the decision against a payment voucher signed by the secretary general stating the name of the beneficiary, date, and the reason for expenditure.

**Article 61** - In a yearly ordinary meeting of the world council of WLCU, the secretary general shall assign the remuneration of committees and counselors within the budget. Any expenses paid outside the budget for emergency reasons are subject to approval by the president of WLCU.



### **Third - The Fiscal Year:**

**Article 62** - The fiscal year begins on the first day of January of each year and ends on the thirty first day of December of the same year. As an exceptional case, the current fiscal year begins on the date of approval of the new basic constitutional law and the internal regulations and ends on the thirty first day of December of the same year. An inventory of WLCU funds, movable and non movable, shall be held and the balance carried forward to the account of the said year.

**Article 63** - On the first month of each year, the secretary general shall submit to the presidential council a financial report requesting the approval of the accounts of the past year and the clearance of the account of the secretariat general. He shall attach to the said financial report the yearly budget and the yearly report both of which are prepared by the accounts controller appointed by the presidential council.

### **Chapter six - the World Committee for youth descendant of Lebanese origin:**

**Article 64** - Inside each national council shall be formed a committee for youth descendants of Lebanese origin. Such committee shall be considered part of the national council.

**Article 65** - All committees for youth descendants of Lebanese origin shall form together one world committee for youth of Lebanese descendants presided by an elected secretary general who shall coordinate with the central secretary general of WLCU.

**Article 66** - The world committee for youth of Lebanese descendants shall lay down its own internal regulations for approval by the world council of WLCU.

**Article 67** - The secretary general of the world committee for youth of Lebanese descendants shall be a member of the presidential council in the capacity of vice president having right to discussion and voting. He shall be ,also, a member of the world council.

### **Chapter seven- Amendment of the Internal Regulations:**

**Article 68** - The same procedure applied for amending the basic constitutional law shall be followed for amending the internal regulations.

### **Chapter Eight - Agreements:**

**Article 69** - 1 - Through its convened presidential council, WLCU may conclude a cooperation agreement with the State of Lebanon represented by the concerned ministries for coordinating the common work in the fields of emigration affairs.

2 - Through a decision of its presidential council, WLCU has the right to conclude agreements with any group or union of emigration clubs not affiliated to WLCU but fulfilling all conditions for affiliation.

3 - Through a decision of its presidential council, WLCU may conclude , within the scope of its aims and objectives and in accordance with these regulations, educational, technical, social, economical or sports agreements with any national or world organization or with an international institution.

4 - Through a decision of its presidential council, WLCU has the right to cooperate with any similar organization in any country for mutual interest and for the benefit and good of the Lebanese citizens in Lebanon and in the Diaspora.

5 - Through a decision of its presidential council, WLCU has the right to sign contracts.

6 - In accordance with these regulations and after the approval of the central secretariat general, continental committees, national councils, branches and institutions affiliated to WLCU in the Diaspora have the right to conclude cooperation agreements among themselves and with other institutions, clubs and societies for achieving the aims and objectives of WLCU.

### **Chapter nine - Transition regulations:**

**Article 70** - The president of WLCU together with its administrative board and secretary general shall stay in their positions of responsibility until the tenth world conference convene within six months in principle. They are entitled to dismiss any member who does not abide by the laws and regulations of WLCU.



**Article 71** - The first elections for the presidential council shall be held during the convention of the tenth world conference if appropriate conditions for holding such elections in the geographical regions cannot be provided.

**Article 72** - Should any of the geographical regions fail, before the convention of the tenth world conference, in adjusting the positions of its organizations in accordance with the jurisdiction of the basic constitutional law and of these regulations, the members of the presidential council shall appoint, by absolute majority, a temporary representative to that geographical region.

**Article 73** - A- The union of Lebano-Brazilian clubs and institutions undertake to hold, before the convention of the tenth world conference, comprehensive statistics of the Lebanese emigrants and their descendants, and to ensure the affiliation of a number equivalent to, at least, the third of those affiliated all over the world, and thus justify the distinguished right granted to Brazil to be credited with one third the votes in the conferences and meetings of the world council only with regard to decisions taking, with no change in the number of members of the presidential council.

B - The affiliation of all branches and organizations in Brazil to WLCU shall be made through the union of of Lebano - Brazilian clubs and institutions with the consent of its president.

**Chapter ten- General Regulations:**

**Article 74** - No person is allowed to hold two positions with the exception of the president of a national or state council who must be, in the same time, president of a branch, club, society, confederation, institution or union.

**Article 75** - These regulations shall be attached to the basic constitutional law and are considered a complementary and integrated part of it.

**Article 76** - These internal regulations have been approved in the exceptional world conference held at San Paulo in Brazil between 20 - 22 May 1993. It is considered an integrated part of the basic constitutional law that was , also, approved in this conference and became effective in accordance with the contents of that said law.

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