

RABITA-AL-ALAM-AL-ISLAMI (MAURITIUS BRANCH) ACT

Act 15 of 1981 – 27 June 1981

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Short title | 7. Restriction on powers of Board |
| 2. Interpretation | 8. Donations and legacies |
| 3. Establishment of Rabita | 9. Exemptions |
| 4. Objects of Rabita | 10. Rules |
| 5. The Board | 11. Dissolution |
| 6. Execution of documents | 12. — |
-

RABITA-AL-ALAM-AL-ISLAMI (MAURITIUS BRANCH) ACT

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Rabita-al-Alam-al-Islami (Mauritius Branch) Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“Board” means the Board referred to in section 5;

“Rabita” means the Rabita-al-Alam-al-Islami (Mauritius Branch) established under section 3.

3. Establishment of Rabita

(1) There is established for the purposes of this Act the Rabita-al-Alam-al-Islami (Mauritius Branch).

(2) The Rabita shall be a body corporate.

4. Objects of Rabita

The objects of the Rabita shall be to—

- (a) help in the fulfilling of the duty imposed on all Muslims by God Almighty to propagate, by all peaceful and lawful means, the message of Islam;
- (b) do all such acts as may be necessary and conducive towards spiritual upliftment and the consciousness of God Almighty among mankind in general and Muslims in particular;

- (c) deal with Islamic issues and problems in such lawful manner as will safeguard the interests of Muslims, realise their aspirations and solve their problems.

5. The Board

(1) The Rabita shall be managed by a Board which shall consist of—

- (a) the accredited representative in Mauritius of the Rabita-al-Alam-al-Islami of Mecca, as Chairperson; and
- (b) 2 other members to be appointed by the Chairperson from among Mauritian Muslims.

(2) The members appointed under subsection (1) (b) shall hold office for 3 years and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(3) Subject to this Act, the Board shall regulate its meetings and proceedings in such manner as it thinks fit.

6. Execution of documents

No document shall be executed by or on behalf of the Rabita unless it is signed by the Chairperson and one other member.

7. Restriction on powers of Board

The Board shall not sell, exchange or mortgage any property of the Rabita without the written consent of the Rabita-al-Alam-al-Islami of Mecca.

8. Donations and legacies

Article 910 of the Code Civil Mauricien shall not apply to the Rabita.

9. Exemptions

Notwithstanding any other enactment—

- (a) the Rabita shall be exempt from the payment of any duty, rate, charge, fee or tax;
- (b) no stamp duty or registration fee shall be payable in respect of any document under which the Rabita is the sole beneficiary.

10. Rules

(1) The Board may make such rules as it thinks fit for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, rules made under subsection (1) shall not be—

- (a) approved by the Minister;
- (b) laid before the Assembly; or
- (c) published in the *Gazette*.

11. Dissolution

(1) The Rabita may, on the unanimous decision of the Board, be dissolved in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) Where the Rabita is dissolved, all assets remaining after the winding-up shall be transferred to or used for a charitable or religious Islamic institution in Mauritius designated by the Rabita-al-Alam-al-Islami of Mecca.

12. —
