

ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION ACT

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1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the English-speaking Union Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“Committee” means the Executive Committee referred to in section 6;

“Fund” means the General Fund established under section 8;

“Union” means the English-speaking Union established under section 3.

3. Establishment of Union

(1) There is established for the purposes of this Act a body corporate to be known as the English-speaking Union.

(2) The Union shall have its registered office at the British Council, Rose Hill, or at such other place as the Committee may determine.

(3) The Union may be affiliated to an organisation in another country whose objectives are similar to those of the Union.

4. Objects of Union

The objects of the Union shall be to—

- (a) promote the English language both in its written and spoken forms;
- (b) promote understanding and friendship between the English-speaking peoples of the world and to engage in any educational work designated to further that objective;

- (c) provide facilities for the interchange of views and discussion concerning any question affecting the interests, well-being, development, relationships and common problems of the English-speaking peoples of the world;
- (d) promote and encourage education in any form amongst English-speaking peoples, for the benefit of both adults and young persons, but with special reference to the historical, cultural, artistic, economic, diplomatic and social development of those peoples;
- (e) provide facilities for exchange programmes and the exchange of views and social intercourse between the Union and other organisations;
- (f) promote and organise the interchange of books, pamphlets, periodicals and other information between colleges, schools and other educational establishments or group of members of the Union or persons situated in another country;
- (g) promote and encourage correspondence, debates, visits and other activities between universities, colleges, schools, and other bodies situated in Mauritius and in another country;
- (h) promote the joint celebration of any national festival.

5. Patron of Union

- (1) The Committee may appoint a suitable person to be the Patron of the Union.
- (2) —

6. Executive Committee

- (1) The Union shall be managed by an Executive Committee composed of not less than 11 nor more than 25 members.
- (2) The members of the Committee shall elect from among themselves a President, 3 Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer and a Deputy Treasurer.
- (3) The Committee may fill any vacancy arising in its membership or in any Office thereof.
- (4) —
- (5) Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

7. Execution of documents

- (1) Every document issued by or on behalf of the Union shall be signed by the President of the Committee and either the Treasurer or the Secretary.
- (2) Where the President of the Committee, the Treasurer or the Secretary is absent or for any other reason unable to act, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Committee, the Deputy Treasurer or the Assistant Secretary, as the case may be, shall act in his stead.

8. General Fund

(1) There shall be a General Fund into which shall be paid all monies accruing to the Union, including the fees that may be levied from its members.

(2) The Committee may pay out of the Fund any sum that is lawfully due by the Union or to be spent for achieving the objects of the Union.

9. Audit

(1) The Committee may appoint a qualified person who shall, not later than the end of February in every year, furnish to the Patron of the Union and to the Committee, a report on an audit of the accounts of the Union for the previous year.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the first auditor of the Union shall be the Director of Audit.

10. Donations

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

11. Rules

(1) The Committee may, for the purposes of this Act, make rules for the Union which shall be binding on its members.

(2) Rules made under this section shall not be required to be—

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