

WOMEN'S SELF HELP ASSOCIATION ACT

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WOMEN'S SELF HELP ASSOCIATION ACT

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Women's Self Help Association Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“Association” means the Women's Self Help Association established under section 3;

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

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of social security is assigned.

3. The Association

There is established for the purposes of this Act the Women's Self Help Association which shall be a body corporate.

4. Objects of Association

The objects of the Association shall be to promote—

- (a) local crafts;
- (b) the social progress of Mauritian artisans.

5. Association to furnish information

The Association shall furnish to the Minister such information with respect to its activities, in such manner as the Minister may require.

6. The Committee

(1) The Association shall be managed by a Committee constituted in accordance with regulations made under this Act.

(2) No member of the Committee shall receive any fee or remuneration for her services.

(3) (a) Subject to paragraph (b), the Committee shall meet at least once every month.

(b) The Committee shall be convened by the President of the Committee at such time and place—

- (i) as she thinks fit; or
- (ii) as may be requested by 2 members.

(4) The quorum of the Committee shall be 5.

7. Membership

Membership of the Association shall be—

- (a) open to women; and
- (b) determined in accordance with regulations made under this Act.

8. Donations and legacies

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

9. Exemptions

Notwithstanding any other enactment—

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

10. Submission of accounts

The Committee shall, on or before 1 April in every year, submit to the Minister an audited statement of its accounts in respect of the 12 months ending on 31 December in the preceding year.

11. Dissolution of Association

(1) The Association may be dissolved by the decision of two thirds of the members of the Association.

(2) Where the Association is dissolved, all assets remaining after winding up shall be transferred to a body designated by the Minister after consultation with the Committee.

12. Regulations

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

(2) Notwithstanding the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, regulations made under subsection (1) shall not be laid before the Assembly.