

BYLAW OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOUSES SOLIDARITY ASSOCIATION

Name and Headquarters of the Association

Article 1 - The name of the Association is "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spouses Solidarity Association". The abbreviated name of the Association is DMEDD. It was founded on September 24, 1981. DMEDD gained the status of "Public Benefit Association" in 1984 with the decision of the Council of Ministers dated 12.11.1984 and numbered 84/8751. The headquarters of the Association is in Ankara. No other branch of the Association shall be founded elsewhere.

The Purpose of the Association, Main Areas of Work & Format to be carried out by the Association and Field of Activity

Article 2 - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spouses Solidarity Association was founded to carry out the following objectives:

- 2.1.To support the spouses and children of the members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and public officials martyred in our representations abroad, and to contribute to the education expenses of their children,
- 2.2.To provide educational assistance, in case of need, to the successful children of all officials and employees working in the central organization of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and if necessary, to support the families of the aforementioned officials and employees in the event of their death during their duty,
- 2.3.To provide, when necessary, financial assistance to the families of the members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in case of their death during their duty,
- 2.4.To ensure solidarity and cooperation among the members of the Association, to carry out cultural activities to introduce Türkiye and Turkish culture to the spouses of foreign diplomats in Türkiye, to ensure social contacts between the spouses of foreign diplomats working in Türkiye and the members of the Association and to carry out activities to provide income to the Association,
- 2.5.To carry out all kinds of charitable activities for the public benefit at home and abroad according to the conditions of the day and to realize social, cultural, and economic projects.

Main Areas of Work & Format to be carried out by the Association

To meet the objectives written under Article 2, the Association:

1. Provides a healthy working environment in meeting the purpose, supplies all kinds of technical tools and equipment, fixtures, and stationery materials.
2. Organizes all kinds of social and cultural events (publications, conferences, panels, seminars, charity bazaars, balls, dinners, tea parties, excursions, and courses, etc.).

3. Engages in fundraising activities and accepts donations from within the country and abroad provided that the necessary permissions are obtained.
4. Establishes clubs, organizes social and cultural facilities for its members to benefit from and to spend their leisure time.
5. Organizes dinner meetings, concerts, balls, theatre performances, exhibitions, sports events, excursions, and recreational events, etc. so as to develop and maintain good relations among its members.
6. Purchases or rents movable and immovable property needed for its activities, leases them, and establishes real rights on immovable property.
7. If needed, it establishes foundations, federations at home and abroad, joins already established federations, and runs facilities in line with the legislation by obtaining the necessary permissions.
8. Engages in international activities, becomes member of associations or organizations abroad and engages in joint work and charitable activities with these organizations.
9. Submits applications to funding institutions and organizations for the projects to be prepared within the scope of its areas of activity.
10. If deemed necessary, carries out joint projects with public institutions and organizations on issues within their fields of responsibility without prejudice to the provisions of the Law No. 5072 on the Relations of Associations and Foundations with Public Institutions and Organizations.
11. Opens representative offices wherever deemed necessary.
12. Creates platforms for a common purpose with other associations or foundations, unions and similar non-governmental organizations in areas that are related to the purpose of the association and that are not prohibited by law.

The Association conducts these activities through the committees formed by its Board of Directors.

Field of Activity

The Association operates both at home and abroad in the social arena within the objectives set in the bylaw.