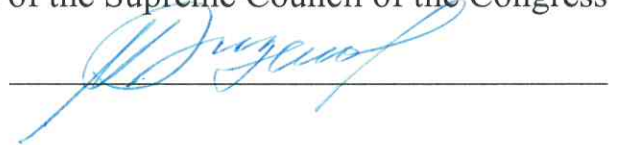


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Public organization "World Abaza Congress",

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Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Congress



**REGULATIONS ON THE MEMBERSHIP IN  
THE PUBLIC ORGANIZATION  
"World Abaza Congress"**

## **1. General provisions.**

1.1. These Regulations are developed in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Abkhazia, the Charter of the Public Organization "World Abaza Congress" (hereinafter - the Congress) and determines the procedure for admission to Congress, registration of members of Congress, termination of membership in the Congress, payment of membership fees.

1.2. Admission to the Congress and the withdrawal from it is carried out on a voluntary basis.

1.3. Members of the Congress may be representatives of the Abkhaz-Abaza (Abaza) and Ubykh peoples who have come of age in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Abkhazia, regardless of their place of residence and the citizenship of a foreign country, recognizing the Charter of the Congress, wishing to participate in the activities of the Congress, the implementation of Charter goals and tasks of the Congress and regularly paying membership fees.

1.4. Members of the Congress – natural persons having equal rights and bearing equal duties.

## **2. The goal of joining the Congress.**

2.1. The goals of joining the Congress are activities aimed at:

- Revival of the ethno-cultural unity of the Abkhaz-Abaza (Abaza) and Ubykh peoples;
- Creation of necessary conditions for the return of representatives of the Abkhaz-Abaza Diaspora to their historical homeland;
- Participation in the economic, social and cultural development of the Republic of Abkhazia;
- Restoration of true history, preservation of national identity, traditions and customs of Abkhaz-Abaza (Abaza) and Ubykh peoples.

2.2. Objectives of the Congress:

- Assistance to the socio-economic and cultural development of the Abkhaz-Abaza (Abaza) and Ubykh peoples;
- Contribute to the preservation and study of the native language by the representatives of the Abkhaz-Abaza Diaspora;
- Facilitating the restoration and strengthening of kinship ties, the expansion and strengthening of ties between the Abkhaz-Abaza Diaspora and the historical Motherland;
- Assistance in establishing contacts between Abkhaz-Abazins living in different countries, strengthening their unity;
- Provision of material and other necessary assistance by representatives of the Abkhaz-Abaza Diaspora, wishing to return to their historical homeland;
- Provision of legal and other necessary assistance to persons of Abkhaz-Abaza nationality regardless of their place of residence;

- Organization and participation in scientific developments on issues of politics, economy, law, history, demography, culture, education and other aspects related to Abkhaz-Abaza (Abaza) and Ubykh peoples, assistance to legal entities and individuals carrying out such developments;
- Publication and distribution of literature on the life, traditions and customs of the Abkhaz-Abaza (Abaza) and Ubykh peoples;
- Assistance in the return to the historical homeland of Abkhaz-Abaza historical, cultural and other values that have appeared abroad;
- Assistance in solving the demographic problems of the Abkhaz-Abaza (Abaza) and Ubykh peoples;

### **3. The procedure for admission to the Congress.**

3.1. Admission to the Congress is carried out on the basis of a written application of a candidate meeting the requirements specified in clause 1.3 of these Regulations and clause 4.1. of the Charter of the Congress.

3.2. Application for admission to the Congress can be submitted:

- To the Supreme Council of the Congress,
- To the Council of the regional or local branch of the Congress.
- An authorized representative of the Congress in the relevant territory or in the relevant state or administrative-territorial entity, with the subsequent transfer to the High Council of the Congress of such an application.

A candidate for membership of the Congress must indicate in the application information about himself: name, first name, patronymic, date of birth, address of residence, citizenship, nationality.

3.3. The decision on admission to the Congress is made by the Supreme Council of the Congress, or by the Council of the regional or local branch of the Congress (depending on where the application was submitted) by a simple majority of votes, and is executed in writing.

The person who submitted the application shall be notified of the decision within 10 days after the decision is made.

3.4. A candidate who applies for membership in the Congress may be refused admission to the Congress if:

3.4.1. The candidate does not meet the requirements specified in clause 1.3 of this Regulation and clause 4.1. of the Charter of the Congress.

3.4.2. If the Candidate has committed acts discrediting the Congress (under which, including actions that discredit a member of the Congress directly) and (or) are contrary to the goals and objectives of the Congress, and its Charter.

3.4.3. Indication by the Candidate of information about himself that is not true;

3.4.5. Candidate's incapacitation in accordance with the procedure established by law.

3.5. The decision to refuse admission to the Congress can be made by the Supreme Council of the Congress or by the Council of the regional or local branch of the Congress.

3.6. The decision of the Council of the Regional or Local Office to refuse admission to the Congress can be appealed by the person who submitted the application to the Supreme Council of Congress within 30 days from the date of refusal to admit to membership in the Congress.

3.7. The High Council of Congress takes a reasoned decision on the complaint, which is final. The decision on the complaint is taken in the Supreme Council by a simple majority of votes.

The person who submitted the application shall be notified about it within 10 days after the decision has been taken.

3.8. A member of Congress is issued a Certificate of Establishment, which is signed by the Chairman of the Supreme Council of Congress or the head of the Regional or Local Council of Congress.

3.9. Members of the Congress are registered with the relevant Councils of the Regional or Local branches of the Congress. In the absence of offices of the Congress on the territory, in the administrative-state or state education of the Congress, the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the Congress presides.

A single register of members of the Congress is presided over by the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the Congress.

3.10. A single register of members of the Congress must include information: surname, name, patronymic, date of birth, address of residence, number of certificate, date of admission to the Congress, date of withdrawal.

3.11. A member of the Congress, in case of change of residence or registration, must notify the branch of Congress in which he is registered, and register with the office of the Congress at the place of his new residence or registration.

#### **4. Rights and duties of members of the Congress**

4.1. Members of the Congress have equal rights and bear equal responsibility in accordance with the Charter of the Congress and decisions of the governing bodies of the Congress, regional and local branches of the Congress, adopted by them within the limits of their competence, in accordance with the procedure provided for by the statutory documents of the Congress.

4.1. A member of the Congress has the right to:

- a) Take part in the activities of the Congress;
- b) Participate in the General Meeting of the Office of the Congress;
- c) Be elected as a delegate to the Congress forum;
- d) Elect and be elected to the elected bodies of the Congress and relevant branch;
- e) Make suggestions on improving the activities of the Congress in all its bodies;
- e) Apply to any organ of Congress and receive a response on the essence of his application;

g) Leave the Congress at his discretion.

4.2. A member of the Congress shall:

a) Comply with the requirements of this Charter, decisions of the governing bodies of the Congress adopted within the limits of the competence established by this Charter;

b) Take a direct part in the work to achieve the goals and objectives of the Congress;

c) Pay entrance and membership fees;

d) Not allow actions that discredit the Congress.

4.3. Members of the Congress can provide material support to organizations, sections of the Congress in the form of targeted funding for certain socially useful activities, charitable contributions and donations.

4.4. The rights and duties of a member of the Congress cannot be used to the detriment of the interests of the Congress.

## **5. The procedure for payment of membership and other fees.**

5.1. Membership fees are a mandatory, regular monetary contribution of the Congress members, aimed at implementing the main directions of the charter activities, the development of the material and technical base of the Congress.

5.2. Members of the Congress pay annual membership fees, voluntary contributions and donations.

### **5.3. Membership fees**

Members pay annual membership fees. Contributions are paid in cash once a year.

Membership fees are paid by members of the Congress personally or to the account of the Congress.

According to the decision of the High Council of the Congress, a preferential membership fee may be established for the poor and socially vulnerable groups of the population.

The following categories of members of the Congress have the right to pay membership fees in a preferential amount:

- Students;

- Pensioners (unemployed);

- Persons recognized in accordance with the procedure provided for by the current legislation, incapacitated or whose work capacity is limited due to disability;

- Persons recognized in accordance with the procedure provided for by the current legislation, the needy.

Collection of contributions paid in cash is carried out at the location of the local, regional branch of Congress, which is a member of Congress.

In each regional, local branch of the Congress, the responsibility for organizing the collection of contributions, the procedure for their recording and use, is assigned to the financial officer (accountant) who is the financially responsible person in the structural division of the Congress. In the event that there is no financial worker (accountant) in the regional or local branch, an authorized person responsible for organizing the

collection of contributions, the procedure for their recording and storage is appointed by the decision of the Presidium of the Supreme Council from among the members of the Council of the regional or local branch of the Congress, who organizes the collection contributions and is accountable to an authorized person of the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the Congress.

The authorized person accepts annual membership dues from members of the Congress, maintains a register of membership fees and draws up appropriate statements on the acceptance of contributions.

A member of the Congress signs in the register of payment of the membership fee.

In case of evasion of payment of membership fees (non-payment of contributions for more than two years without valid reasons), the decision of the Supreme Council to exclude this member of the Congress from Congress may be taken.

In case of termination of membership in the Congress, membership fees are not returned.

The amount of the annual membership fee is set in the amount established by the Resolution of the High Council of Congress.

In the event that a natural or legal person is entrusted with the functions of the regional representation of the Congress, this person is also responsible for collecting membership fees, if expressly provided for in the relevant agreement. The agreement may establish certain features for the collection of contributions for these individuals.

#### **5.4. Voluntary contributions**

Payment of membership fees does not prevent members of the Congress from making voluntary contributions and all kinds of donations for the needs of the Congress or providing it with other material assistance for solving statutory tasks.

Each member of the Congress has the right to make a voluntary contribution to the Congress in a non-fixed and unlimited amount repeatedly throughout the year.

A voluntary contribution can be made by a member of Congress, in addition to making a mandatory annual membership fee - money, securities, other things or property rights that have a monetary value.

In order to achieve the statutory goals of the Congress, voluntary contributions (donations, charitable contributions) can be accepted from any individuals and legal entities.

#### **5.5. Procedure for accepting contributions**

An authorized person accepting membership and voluntary contributions accepts contributions and maintains a register of contributions.

An authorized person accepting membership fees, voluntary contributions and donations in the regional, local branch, the Presidium of the Supreme Council of Congress, transfers the proceeds from contributions to the account of the Congress before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the expired quarter.

Members of the Congress can pay contributions personally by transferring funds to the settlement account of a regional or local office (if such accounts are open) or to a Congressional account through a credit institution. In this case, a member of the Congress informs in writing the regional, local branch, the High Council of the Congress

on the payment of contributions with the provision of a copy of the payment document confirming the operation. A copy of the payment document is used for the reports of the regional, local department, the High Council of the Congress on the payment of contributions.

Membership and voluntary contributions are spent for organizing the work of the Councils of regional, local branches and other bodies of the Congress, on the statutory activities of the Congress.

#### **5.6. Reporting on payment and expenditure of contributions**

Councils of the regional and local branches of the Congress provide a written report on the payment of membership and voluntary contributions received for the year to the Presidium of the High Council of the Congress in the timeframe established for reporting.

The report on the payment and expenditure of contributions received for the year is signed by the head of the relevant Council of the Congress.

The Presidium of the Supreme Council of the Congress provides organizational and methodological assistance to the Councils of the regional and local branches of the Congress in the correct acceptance and recording of contributions.

The Audit Commission of the Congress ensures control over the timely payment and accounting of membership fees, as well as the expenditure of funds in accordance with the statutory goals and tasks of the Congress.

The Audit Commission of the Congress is entitled to request from the regional and local branches of the Congress any documents relating to the payment of contributions.

### **6. Termination of membership in the Congress.**

6.1. The grounds for termination of membership in the Congress are:

- Written statement by a member of the Congress on the termination of membership in the Congress;
- Decision to expel members of the Congress.

6.2. A member of the Congress has the right to terminate his membership in the Congress at his own request by submitting a written application.

An application for withdrawal from the Congress may be submitted to the Supreme Council of the Congress, or to the Council of the regional or local branch of the Congress. Decisions of the High Council of the Congress or the Council of the Congress branch on this matter are not required.

6.3. A member of the Congress may be expelled from the Congress by decision of the High Council of the Congress for:

- a) Non-compliance with the Constitution of the Congress;
- b) Failure to comply with the decisions of the governing bodies of the Congress adopted within the limits of the competence established by this Charter;
- c) Committing actions that discredit the Congress (which may include actions that discredit a member of Congress directly) and (or) contradict the goals and objectives of the Congress.

- d) Non-payment of membership fees (more than two years);
- e) Recognizing him incompetent in the manner prescribed by law.

The decision of the Supreme Council of the Congress to expel members of the Congress is final and deprives a member expelled from Congress of the right to regain Congressional membership.

6.4. A member of the Congress is deemed to be excluded from it from the moment the relevant decision is made by the High Council of the Congress.

## **7. Final provisions**

7.1. This Regulation is approved by the decision of the Supreme Council of the Congress in the manner prescribed by the Charter of the Congress.

7.2. All changes and additions to these Regulations are made by the Supreme Council of the Congress in the manner prescribed by the Charter of the Congress.

7.3. The present Regulation comes into force from the moment of its approval by the Supreme Council of the Congress.

7.4. In the period between sessions of the Supreme Council of the Congress, the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the Congress, if necessary, makes decisions on the arising operational issues of payment, accounting and transfer of membership fees.



**Appendix No. 1**  
***A sample application for membership in the Public Organization***  
***"World Abaza Congress"***

To Chairman of the Supreme Council or \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of the regional,

\_\_\_\_\_ or local branch)

Public organization "World Abaza Congress"

\_\_\_\_\_  
(surname, initials)

From \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
(full name)

Historical surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth " \_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_  
residing at the address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of registration and actual place of  
residence with a postcode)

Contact information:

Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application**

I hereby apply for membership in the Public Organization "World Abaza Congress."  
I am acquainted with the Charter of the Congress and undertake to fulfill its  
requirements and timely pay membership fees.

" \_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
*(personal signature) (surname and initials)*

**Appendix No. 2**  
**Public organization**  
**"World Abaza Congress"**

**CERTIFICATE No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Patronymic \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of joining the public organization "World Abkhaz-Abaza  
Congress" \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the issuing Council

\_\_\_\_\_

Seal Chairman of the Council \_\_\_\_\_

" \_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_ 20

