



### **Constitution for the Sounio Camp**

We, the people of the Camp in Sounio, declare the following rules as binding to us, to create an atmosphere in the Camp that is convenient for everyone.

Peace, respect, equality and solidarity are our guidelines in all our actions. Any rules in this Constitution and any actions taken from anyone in or related to the camp fall under the law of the Hellenic Republic, the Laws of the European Union and under the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and must be respected by all of the previous named.

The Facilities belong to the Ministry of Agriculture and have been passed to the Ministry of Defense and the Navy.

The Navy is responsible for maintaining the Camp.

The NGOs have official permission to operate in the Camp.

The Camp serves as a temporary place to live and find shelter for people considered being refugees.

### **Chapter I: Fundamental Rights**

#### **Art. 1 Human Dignity**

(1) The Human dignity is inviolable.

(2) Everyone in this camp, including the residents, all non-governmental organizations (NGOs), their staff members and recruited volunteers and all governmental staff members (Officials) and anyone else involved in the work or life of this camp (community) declares to accept the fundamental human rights, to respect the rules of peace and fairness, and to bring in himself to provide a harmonious atmosphere in the camp.

(3) Everyone who belongs to the community declares to treat others with respect.

#### **Art. 2 Right of Free Expression**

(1) Everyone has the right of free expression of his personality, as long as he does not harm the rights of others and does not violate the rights of this constitution or violate the moral laws of the Hellenic Republic.

(2) <sup>1</sup>Everyone has the right to live. <sup>2</sup>Everyone has the right that his body and health are not harmed. These rights can only be interfered due to the law of the Hellenic Republic.

#### **Art. 3 Equality and Non-Discrimination**

(1) <sup>1</sup>Every human being is equal. <sup>2</sup>Every human being has the same value.

(2) Men and women have the same rights.

(3) <sup>1</sup>No one may be discriminated in a positive or negative way due to reasons of sex, descent, race, language, home country or origin, believe, religious or political opinions or believes. <sup>2</sup>No one may be discriminated due to his obstruction.

(4) The different backgrounds, origins, cultures or similar of all members of the community have to be taken into consideration and always must be respected.

#### **Art. 4 Freedom of Belief**

(1) The freedom to believe, of conscience and the freedom to express religious belief or philosophy of life is inviolable.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The freedom to express belief or religious belief is warranted. <sup>2</sup>This right might only be restricted due to reasonable circumstances.

#### **Art. 5 Freedom of Opinion**

(1) <sup>1</sup>Everyone has the right to have and express his opinion and to share it. Everyone has the right to get access to sources which are accessible to the public. <sup>2</sup>The right to express oneself in art is free.

(2) Those rights are limited when they touch the rights of others, the rights of the youth or the rights of another's reputation.

#### **Art. 6 Special Protection for Vulnerable Persons and Groups**

<sup>1</sup>Families and children have to be especially protected and deserve the protection of the whole community and any other party. <sup>2</sup>Single women and women with children, deserve special protection and support. <sup>3</sup>Unaccompanied minors deserve the protection and support of the whole community.

<sup>4</sup>Persons with disabilities, either physical or intellectual, deserve special protection and support.

#### **Art. 7 School for Children**

<sup>1</sup>Children have to attend the school lessons provided by the Greek state. <sup>2</sup>They should attend the lessons provided by the NGOs.

#### **Art. 8 Right of Assembly**

<sup>1</sup>Everyone in this camp has the right to assemble together for peaceful reasons. <sup>2</sup>This right can be interfered due to the law of the Hellenic Republic.

#### **Art. 9 Right of Property**

<sup>1</sup>Everyone has the right to have, keep and gain property. <sup>2</sup>These rights can be restricted by the law of the Hellenic Republic.

#### **Art. 10 Housing**

(1) The houses are and remain public property.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The housing provided to a resident, a family, or a group of residents has to be protected. <sup>2</sup>It might not be destroyed or damaged by anyone.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The housing might not be entered by anyone who is not living in the housing against or without the will of the persons living in it. <sup>2</sup>This right might only be interfered by a decision of the Court.

<sup>3</sup>In cases of exigent circumstances, serious danger or similar the right might also be interfered by a member of the officials or a member of an NGO or a resident; in the last case the resident shall get permission of a member of the officials or a member of an NGO or a resident if possible. <sup>4</sup>In the cases of Sentence 3 the affected resident or one of the affected residents may request the court to decide, if the action held was reasonable.

#### **Art. 11 Requests and Complains**

Everyone has the right to write a request or to complain in writing to the responsible institution, which may be the Officials or an NGO.

#### **Art. 12 Democracy and Law of Constitutional States**

This Camp follows the general rules of democracy and the laws of constitutional states.

#### **Art. 13 Commitment and Guarantee of Eternity**

(1) The above expressed fundamental rights are binding all the following articles, rules passed by the Parliament, sentences made by the Courts, and actions from the executive.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The Articles of this chapter cannot be changed or be disposed. <sup>2</sup>Art. 14 cannot be changed or be disposed.

(3) All following rules can be changed, renewed or be added with extra rules by a two-thirds majority of the parliament.

- (4) Rules passed by the parliament can be changed, renewed or be added with extra rules by a simple majority.

## **Chapter II: Camp Construction**

### **Art. 14 Institutions**

The camp will contain a parliament, an executive, and a court system.

#### ***Sub-Chapter 1: The Parliament***

### **Art. 15 Parliament**

The Parliament has the function to bring in ideas, discuss and implement new tasks or rules.

### **Art. 16 Parliament**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The parliament contains a total number of 12 persons. <sup>2</sup>Four persons will be chosen by the Officials out of their staff. <sup>3</sup>Three persons will be chosen by the present NGOs out of their staff. <sup>4</sup>Another five people will be elected by the residents of the camp out of their own community.
- (2) From the chosen officials more than 50% have to have their permanent place of residence in the camp.
- (3) The people chosen by the NGOs have to have their permanent place of residence in the Camp.
- (4) <sup>1</sup>To be elected into the parliament out of the number of residents the following requirements are mandatory:
- (a) The person must have his permanent place of residence in the camp.
  - (b) The person must have a minimum age of 30 years on the day the parliament gets together for the first time.
- <sup>2</sup>At least one woman must be selected for the parliament.

### **Art. 17 Elections**

<sup>1</sup>A new parliament will be selected every three months. <sup>2</sup>The elections to choose the representatives for the residents will be held one week in advance. <sup>3</sup>The elections and the counting will be organized by the NGOs under the supervision of the Officials.

### **Art. 18 Election Process**

- (1) The representatives are elected in general, direct, free, equal and secret elections.
- (2) Every resident in the camp who has reached the age of 16 on the day the election takes place has one vote.
- (3) The representatives are elected with simple majority.

### **Art. 19 Candidates for the Elections**

<sup>1</sup>Residents who want to be elected must present themselves to the community three days before the elections in a speech of 10 minutes each. <sup>2</sup>The presentation is organized by the NGOs and under the supervision of the Officials. <sup>3</sup>The presentation should include a short introduction of the person and his ideas for a better future of the camp and its community.

### **Art. 20 Shortfall of a Member of the Parliament**

- (1) In case a member of the Parliament who is a representative of the Officials or an NGO is leaving the camp for a period longer than six weeks, the Officials respectively the NGO has to name a new person to become a representative.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>In case a member of the Parliament who is a representative of the residents is leaving the camp for a period longer than three weeks the other members of the Parliament vote for a new representative out of the residents in the camp with simple majority. <sup>2</sup>The results of the previous election have to be taken into consideration for their voting.

#### ***Sub-Chapter 2: The Court and Criminal Law***

### **Art. 21 General Rules; Criminal Law of the Hellenic Republic**

- (1) Every member of the community understands that he falls under the criminal laws of the Hellenic Republic.

- (2) Crimes, especially such as murder, manslaughter, rape, abuse, violation, offence, theft, fraud, and similar actions will be reported to the police of the Hellenic Republic and are only pursued by the judiciary of the same.
- (3) Vigilantism is forbidden and a crime.

#### **Art. 22 Protection of Women and Children; Domestic Violence**

<sup>1</sup>Women and children deserve special protection. <sup>2</sup>Domestic violence is a crime.

#### **Art. 23 Prohibition of Building Gangs**

<sup>1</sup>No gangs may be built. <sup>2</sup>This includes especially the building of gangs for actions related to violence, human trafficking drugs, intimidation, manipulation or other serious crime related actions. <sup>3</sup>Any action against this rule might lead to the exclusion from the Camp.

#### **Art. 24 Drug misuse**

<sup>1</sup>Drugs, other than alcohol or tobacco, are not allowed inside the Camp. <sup>2</sup>Misuse has to be reported to the Officials who will decide about any further action. <sup>3</sup>Children deserve special protection and prevention from all kinds of drugs.

#### **Art. 25 Court**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>A court inside of the camp will be created. <sup>2</sup>The court must not be in conflict with the Laws and Judiciary of the Hellenic Republic. <sup>3</sup>The court has only the function to judge about conflicts which are not ruled by the Criminal Law of the Hellenic Republic. <sup>4</sup>In conflicts regarding the Private Law each party of the conflict still remains the right to hand in the case to the official judicial system.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>Conflicts between members of the residents, groups of residents or members and groups, which are not a crime according the Criminal Law of the Hellenic Republic shall be brought to the Camp Court. <sup>2</sup>Conflicts between members of an NGO or a group of members of an NGO and residents or a group of residents can be brought to the Camp Court.

#### **Art. 26 Court Construction**

- (1) The court consists of each one member (judges) from the Officials, one member of an NGO and one resident.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>The judge coming from the officials has the leadership of the court. <sup>2</sup>He is selected by the Officials. <sup>3</sup>He is not allowed to be a member of the parliament at the same time.
- (3) <sup>1</sup>The judge coming from the NGOs is selected by the NGOs which are active in the camp. <sup>2</sup>He must not be a resident of the camp and he is not allowed to be a member of the parliament at the same time.
- (4) <sup>1</sup>The judge coming from the residents is elected every 6 months. <sup>2</sup>Art. 17 Sentences 2 and 3, Artt. 18, 19 and 20 Clause 1 Alternative 1, Clause 2 are analogously applicable. <sup>3</sup>He is not allowed to be a member of the parliament at the same time.

#### **Art. 27 Decisions and Appeal Court**

- (1) The court decides with simple majority.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>If the Court decides with two votes against one, each party has the right to appeal within one week by handing in his appeal with an explanatory statement in written or oral to the Head of the Court. <sup>2</sup>In case the appeal is handed in orally, the Head of the Court has to take down notes and write the appeal for the party together with a translator; the notes must be read out to the party and afterwards approved with signing.
- (3) The Head of the Court has to forward copies of the appeal to the other two judges in written form without delay.
- (4) <sup>1</sup>The Appeal Court has to get together within one month after the appeal was handed in to the Head of the Court. <sup>2</sup>The Appeal Court consists of the three previous judges plus two additional judges from the Officials, one additional judge of the NGOs and one additional resident. <sup>3</sup>If the judge selected by the residents for the First Instance was male, the judge selected for the Appeal Court must be female. <sup>4</sup>The Head of the Court of the First Instance remains the Head of the Court of the Appeal Court. <sup>5</sup>Artt. 26 Clause 2 Sentences 2 and 3, Clauses 3 and 4 are analogously applicable. <sup>6</sup>The elections for the additional judges take place at the same time as the judge for the First Instance is elected.

- (5) The Appeal Court decides with simple majority.
- (6) The decision of the Appeal Court is final and has to be respected by each member of the community.

### ***Sub-Chapter 3: The Executive***

#### **Art. 28 Construction**

- (1)<sup>1</sup>Every resident and each member of the NGOs who has his permanent or short-term residence in the Camp should take part in executive activities in consideration of his capability. <sup>2</sup>Taking part can include actually taking action in projects, events or similar or by bringing up ideas for the same.
- (2)<sup>1</sup>Executive Committees not mentioned in this Sub-Chapter can be created by the Parliament with simple majority. <sup>2</sup>Executive Committees mentioned in this Sub-Chapter can be reorganized by a simple majority or disposed by a two-thirds majority.

#### **Art. 29 Cleaning Administration**

<sup>1</sup>A Cleaning Administration (CA) of eight residents assisted by two volunteers of the NGOs has to be created. <sup>2</sup>A camp cleaning schedule, being formulated and published by the parliament, has to be created and the CA will be responsible for the realization of the same. <sup>3</sup>The schedule should especially contain information about how often the cleaning should be done, which areas need to be cleaned and which tasks the cleaning consists of.

#### **Art. 30 Children Activities Organization**

<sup>1</sup>Arabic Class and Cinema Night for the children have to be organized by a Children Activities Organization (CAO) assisted by one volunteer. <sup>2</sup>The CAO should consist out of four residents. <sup>3</sup>Details, such as times, exact tasks or similar have to be formulated and published by the parliament.

#### **Art. 31 Women's Committee**

- (1)<sup>1</sup>A Women's Committee should be created in which every woman and girl in the Camp can participate. <sup>2</sup>One female member of the NGOs and one female member of the community should lead the meetings.
- (2)The meetings have the purpose to give women the chance to talk about any special topics, problems or similar regarding to them.
- (3)The meetings have to put in consideration the rights of women as well as cultural background and differences from all sides.

#### **Art. 32 Distribution Committee**

<sup>1</sup>A Distribution Committee to prepare, organize and undertake the Distribution of items has to be created.

#### **Art. 33 Education Committee**

<sup>1</sup>An Education Committee has to be created to organize education and educational activities for the children and adults in the Camp. <sup>2</sup>This should include especially English, Arabic, Arts and Crafts, and Sports for the children, and English and preparation for the European Labour Market.

#### **Art. 34 Housing and Shelter Committee**

<sup>1</sup>Arabic Class and Cinema Night for the children have to be organized by a Children Activities Organization

#### **Art. 35 Recreation Committee**

<sup>1</sup>A Recreation Committee should be created which is responsible for bringing up ideas for events such as tea parties, plan, organize and undertake them.

#### **Art. 36 Food Committee**

<sup>1</sup>A Food Committee has to be created which is responsible for the kitchen.

#### **Art. 37 General Organization**

<sup>1</sup>A General Organization Team (GOT) is responsible to set up events like tea parties, dancing for women, football. <sup>2</sup>The GOT will consist out of ten residents, including five women. <sup>3</sup>They will be

assisted by two volunteers. <sup>4</sup>Tasks of the team members, events or similar have to be formulated and announced by the parliament.

### **Chapter III: Camp Organisation**

#### **Art. 38 Hours to stay in the Camp**

<sup>1</sup>Between 11:00pm and 9:00am the residents of the Camp have to stay inside the camp. <sup>2</sup>Residents who are outside the camp during this time can only go back inside after 9am.

#### **Art. 39 Distribution**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>Distribution is organized and shall be undertaken each Saturday by the NGOs at a time that will be announced on the same day. <sup>2</sup>Which items are going to be distributed is decided by the NGOs.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>Residents have to wait in line and wait calmly until it is their turn to receive their items. <sup>2</sup>In order to undertake the distribution in a fast and organized manner and to have an atmosphere convenient for everyone, residents shall take their items after receiving them and immediately leave the area of distribution without discussions and complaints. <sup>3</sup>If there are questions or complaints they can ask for an appointment with the Camp Coordinator of the NGO for the next day.
- (3) In case it is not possible to undertake the distribution in an organized manner, the Camp Coordinator has the right to quit the distribution at any time.

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